

RESOLUTION NO. 53-2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM AND EXECUTION OF THE SUB-RECIPIENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, TEXAS HOMELAND SECURITY - STATE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00; DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER AS THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE GRANT; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS AND EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite, Texas (the “City”), was awarded funding as part of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Homeland Security Grant Program in the amount of \$20,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the City agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the City will return the funds to the Office of the Governor in full; and

WHEREAS, the Grant is divided into the following four projects:

(1) Build and sustain NIMS-typed resources Special Weapons and Tactics (“SWAT”) teams throughout the NCTCOG region specifically to address operational communications issues. Additionally, the project will enhance SWAT response to terrorism and criminal activity by funding communications gear. The purchase of this communication equipment will allow individual tactical officers to coordinate and converse with other team members using their issued police radios.

(2) Purchase of new communications systems. The Mesquite SWAT team currently DOES NOT have an effective communications capability necessary for covert communications on-scene, which is necessary to support SWAT operations especially during on-scene incident management and coordination among team members as well as mutual aid SWAT Teams. SWAT Team’s current communications headsets are outdated, and the majority have reached their end-of-life cycle. In addition, the existing units are not compatible with our department issued P25 compliant portable radios.

(3) Develop and maintain critical information technology and communications capabilities to connect local, regional, and state operations centers and enable data sharing with partner organizations at all levels.

(4) Remedy of capability gaps. The new communication equipment will improve noted communication equipment deficiencies in response to Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks. Additionally, this Grant will provide interoperable communications between eight teams closing a critical response gap. Currently, the Mesquite SWAT team cannot establish secure interoperable communications within its own team due to ineffective, faulty, and out-of-date communications equipment.

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grants Division, has requested that the City’s resolution identify designated official(s) authorized by the City Council to apply for, accept, reject, amend, or terminate the grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby authorizes acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Homeland Security Grant Program from the Office of the Governor, Texas Homeland Security - State Administrative Agency, in the amount of \$20,000.00.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby designates the City Manager as the official representative of the City in connection with the Grant and authorizes the City Manager to take all actions and execute all documents with the State of Texas Department of Homeland Security.

SECTION 3. The following individuals are authorized to perform the following with respect to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Homeland Security Grant Program:

(A) Emergency Management Coordinator is the “Authorized Official” to apply for, accept, reject, amend, and terminate the grant in accordance with City policies, and receive all grant correspondence from the State Administrative Agency including quarterly reports, project updates, information bulletins, and other administrative paperwork.

(B) Emergency Management Specialist is the “Project Director” for the grant and responsible for all day-to-day grant operations. The Project Director is responsible for all programmatic reporting, grant maintenance, and ensuring purchasing procedures align with audit compliance.

(C) Director of Finance is the “Financial Officer” for the grant and responsible for maintenance of all financial records related to the grant funding. The Financial Officer is responsible for requesting funds and completion of required quarterly financial reporting in the grant management system.

(D) Grants Administrator is the “Grant Writer” and authorized to view the grant information. The Grant Administrator is also responsible for requesting funds and completion of required quarterly financial reporting in the grant management system.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 16th day of October 2023.

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