

# Upcoming Council Agenda Items

# Memorandum



DATE January 6, 2012

TO Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT FY2011 Homeland Security Grants Award Acceptance

In May of 2011, the Department of Homeland Security announced its grant funding for the 2011 award year, totaling nearly \$1.2 billion for the nation. As a designated recipient of this funding, **the City of Dallas has applied for and been awarded \$9,685,970 to build our capacity to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from a terrorist attack or natural disaster.** There is no local match requirement for this grant.

The Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) is comprised of several grant programs and we received awards under two of those categories. Together, these grants fund a range of preparedness activities, including planning, salaries, equipment purchase, training, exercises, and management and administration costs.

Under the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI), the City of Dallas has been awarded \$9,418,362. UASI focuses on the unique planning, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density urban areas. It assists us in building sustainable capacity to prevent, protect, respond, and recover from acts of terrorism.

Under the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS), the City of Dallas has been awarded \$267,608. MMRS funds support local preparedness efforts to respond to all-hazards mass casualty incidents, including terrorism, epidemic disease outbreaks, natural disasters and large-scale hazardous materials incidents.

Since 2003, the Department of Homeland Security has awarded the City of Dallas nearly \$56 million in grant funds under the Homeland Security Grant Program. These funds are awarded based on an analysis of a region's risk level and the effectiveness of the grant application. Funds from these grants have been used to:

- Purchase handheld radios and equipment to aid in the City's upgrade to P25 compliant radio interoperability
- Development of the Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team, which has been designated Texas Task Force 2 by the State and is available for statewide deployment
- Fund training, exercises, and equipment for specialized response teams such as HazMat, USAR, Bomb Squad and SWAT
- Increase information sharing and intelligence gathering capabilities through the creation of the City of Dallas Fusion Center
- Fund Information Technology projects such as upgrades to Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management Systems


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- Renovate and make upgrades to the Emergency Operations Center
- Implement Reverse 9-11, a system that alerts citizens of severe weather or other incidents in their area
- Improve on-scene incident response with the purchase of a Mobile Command Post and video-sharing equipment for the Helicopter Unit
- Community Preparedness initiatives such as the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program
- Generators and water quality monitoring stations to ensure the safety and availability of the City of Dallas's water supply

In addition the City has supported regional projects such as:

- KnoWhat2Do, an award winning regional public education campaign
- Digital Sandbox, homeland security specific risk management software for critical infrastructure
- E-team Incident Command Software, which allows multiple jurisdictions to collaborate through a single operating platform during an incident

We request your acceptance of this award which will be placed on the consent agenda (agenda item #15) on January 11, 2012 for full council approval. Please let me know if you have any questions.



A.C. Gonzalez  
First Assistant City Manager

C: Mary K. Suhm, City Manager

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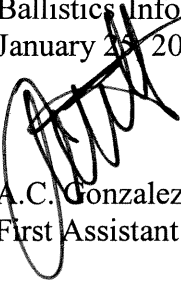
SUBJECT: Acceptance of City of Dallas National Integrated Ballistics Information Network Program

The Dallas Police Department has been awarded \$275,184.85 in funding for the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) program. The grant includes equipment, professional services, a full time Police Officer and overtime for the NIBIN Team to enhance evidence processing. There is no cash match requirement.

The program is administrated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) for federal, state and local law enforcement agency partners. The NIBIN program allows forensically trained personnel to enter digital images of the markings made on recovered spent cartridge casings and from test fired weapons, providing a link to criminal offenses. The images are correlated and searched in local, regional and national databases; potential matches are confirmed by a forensic specialist and the intelligence is provided to detectives in a timely manner.

The Dallas Police Department implemented the NIBIN program through grant funding in February 2004, as part of the Project Safe Neighborhood Program. To date, the Dallas Police Department's NIBIN Team has acquisitioned over 22,000 casing images and made over 470 case identifications.

Seeking favorable recommendation, acceptance of the City of Dallas National Integrated Ballistics Information Network Program, will be placed on the City Council Agenda for January 23, 2012.

  
A.C. Gonzalez  
First Assistant City Manager

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE: January 6, 2012

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Dallas Police Department Lease Renewal 3611 Swiss Avenue

In February 1996 the Council authorized, under Resolution # 96-0677, the Dallas Police Department to enter into a 5 year lease agreement with the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center. This lease includes approximately 3,731 square feet of office space and five parking spaces to be used by the Police Department's Youth and Family Crimes Division while working with the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center on child abuse cases. The monthly rental during the one-year extension period of the lease agreement will remain at the current rental rate of \$4,104.10.

This item will be a fourth amendment to the lease agreement with the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center for an additional one-year period. This extension of the lease term will provide for the continued use of this facility by the Dallas Police Department's Youth and Family Crimes Division to address the special needs of child abuse victims. This facility has been specially designed for this purpose and will continue to be used in this manner.

Seeking favorable recommendations, this fourth amendment to the lease agreement will be placed on the City Council Agenda for February, 8, 2012

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A. C. Gonzalez  
First Assistant City Manager

# Memorandum



DATE: January 6, 2012

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee


SUBJECT: Project Safe Neighborhoods Anti-Gang Initiative Grant

The Department of Justice has awarded \$5,000 for the Project Safe Neighborhood Anti-Gang Initiative Grant contract number 2011-GP-BX-0060. The contract requires a \$1,448 match from the City of Dallas comprised of \$1,375 in Pension contributions and \$73 in FICA. The contract provides for the reimbursement of overtime salaries for the officers and supervisors to enhance anti-gang efforts.

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is a comprehensive, strategic approach to reducing gang and gun crime in America. By linking together federal, state, and local law enforcement, prosecutors, and community leaders, PSN provides a multifaceted approach to deterring related activities gang and gun crime. The U.S. Attorney in each of the 94 federal judicial districts, working side by side with local law enforcement and other officials, has tailored the PSN strategy to fit the unique gun crime problem in that district. Criminals who use guns are prosecuted under federal or state laws, depending on which jurisdiction can provide the most appropriate punishment.

Gang Unit officers will work the overtime in designated target areas; specifically, South Dallas, North Oak Cliff, Ferguson/Buckner area and Pleasant Grove. The additional man hours would allow Gang Unit officers to utilize their expertise in combating gangs, guns and drug activity in the neighborhoods of these areas. The goal of this project is to realize a 10% decrease in Homicides, Aggravated Assaults, and Robberies in the selected target areas.

Seeking favorable recommendation, acceptance of the Dallas Police Department Project Safe Neighborhoods Anti-Gang Initiative Grant, will be placed on the City Council Agenda for January 25, 2012.



A. C. Gonzalez  
First Assistant City Manager