



City of Newark

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Legislation Text

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Dept/ Agency: Police

Action: (X) Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending

Type of Service: Acceptance of Grant Funds

Purpose: To enhance the City of Newark and the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) region's ability to build, maintain and sustain national preparedness capabilities by funding a Communications Planner

Entity Name: Newark Police Department

Entity Address: 480 Clinton Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07108

Grant Amount: \$12,500.00

Funding Source: State of New Jersey, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness

Total Project Cost: \$12,500.00

City Contribution: \$0

Other Funding Source/Amount: N/A

Contract Period: September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2016

Contract Basis: () Bid () State Vendor () Prof. Ser. () EUS

() Fair & Open () No Reportable Contributions () RFP () RFQ

() Private Sale (X) Grant () Sub-recipient () n/a

Additional Information:

WHEREAS, the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program's mission is to enhance regional preparedness in major metropolitan areas through direct assistance to participating jurisdictions in developing an integrated regional system for prevention, protection, response and recovery from terrorist events or natural catastrophes; and

WHEREAS, the Newark Police Department has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$12,500.00, from the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness FY'14 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant to fund a Communications Planner position for the period commencing September 1, 2014 and terminating on August 31, 2016 toward the salary for the position of Communications Manager in the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, this represents reimbursement from the State's share of the FY'14 UASI grant for the time dedicated to UASI-related projects and New Jersey Frequency Coordinator APCO NJ Advisor, which is expected to be twenty percent (20%) of the time; and

WHEREAS, this is the second time that the City is being awarded a \$12,500.00, grant by the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness from its 20% share of the FY'14 UASI grant and there was no grant application submitted by the City for this grant; and

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Understanding must be fully executed between the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness and the City of Newark Police Department

concerning the use of federal Homeland Security Grant funds to pay for the services of a Communication Planner; and

WHEREAS, the funding allocated for this position provides financial assistance to address the unique multi-discipline planning, operations, equipment, training and exercise needs of the New Jersey Interoperable Communications System; and

WHEREAS, these efforts include interoperability planning and infrastructure build out and the development of policies, plans, procedures, mutual aid agreements, strategies and other program administrative functions; and

WHEREAS, it is explicitly permissible to use planning funds to hire government and/or contractor personnel to conduct these planning activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

1. The Mayor and/or his designee, the Director of the Newark Police Department are hereby authorized to enter into and execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness to receive and expend the grant award in the amount of \$12,500.00, from the FY'14 UASI Grant State Share monies to fund the position of Communication Planner for the Newark Police Department. No municipal funds are required to fund this position.
2. The Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Newark Police Department and the State of New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness is hereby ratified from September 1, 2014 to the date of this authorizing resolution.
3. The Director of the Newark Police Department shall file a fully executed copy of the Memorandum of Understanding and the grant award letter in the Office of the City Clerk.

STATEMENT

This resolution hereby ratifies and authorizes the Director of the Newark Police Department to enter into and execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness to receive and expend the grant award in the amount of \$12,500.00 from the UASI Grant State Share to fund the position of Communications Planner for the Newark Police Department commencing on September 1, 2014 and terminating August 31, 2016. No municipal funds are required to fund this position.