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ACCEPT STATE BAY AREA URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) GRANT FUNDING AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PURCHASE OF SOLAR POWERED CAMERA TRAILERS FROM QPCS - Authorize the Police Department to Purchase Solar Powered Camera Trailers from QPCS Utilizing the Bay Area Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Award and Appropriate Grant Funds

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Executive Summary: On November 30, 2017 the Fremont Police Department submitted a 2018 Bay Area Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Application for the purchase of four (4) solar powered camera trailers each with a 30ft telescopic mast, multiple video surveillance cameras and a speaker. The primary purpose of the quick deployment camera trailers is for regional event security.

The City of Fremont Police Department FY18 Bay Area UASI Grant Application was awarded a total amount of \$182,056 for this purchase. The stated project completion date is December 31, 2019. Accepting the grant and purchasing the four (4) solar powered camera trailers will allow the Police Department to provide additional monitoring, investigation and prevention capabilities at public events and public spaces in general.

BACKGROUND: The Fremont Police Department has been using video surveillance cameras around the city to help monitor public events, deter criminal activity, identify suspects and locate missing persons. The value of cameras to efficient and effective policing has proven itself time and again. The current camera systems need to be installed on street lights which is time intensive, as such the need for portable self-contained cameras systems has become evident.

Every year, the City of Fremont hosts a variety of large public events. These include parades, festivals and fairs. The Police Department is directly involved in the design of the parade routes, street closures and event set up and take down. The Department's primary goal is the safety and security of the public attending the events, the event staff and vendors. Over the last five years, police personnel have spent many hours planning and setting up surveillance cameras for these events. This experience has shown the need for a series of cameras that can be deployed quickly, not require a dedicated power hookup and can be monitored remotely.

Due to the nature of the system design these cameras will be a resource to the UASI region and can be picked up from Fremont and deployed to large events or crime scenes.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS: The Fremont Police Department is continually striving to utilize technology to help prevent, deter or investigate criminal activity. For large public events,

technology, such as video surveillance, can prove to be an effective resource to protect our community and the region as a whole. The Police Department has been awarded a FY18 Bay Area UASI grant to fund the purchase of four (4) solar powered camera trailers for regional use at large public events and other instances that would benefit from an easily portable, self-contained video surveillance solution.

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FISCAL IMPACT: The estimated project cost for the four (4) solar camera trailers is \$182,056.21 based on a quote in 2017. This purchase will be funded utilizing a recently awarded Bay Area UASI Grant. There have been no price increases on the equipment since the time of the quote. The purchase will comply with all applicable Federal Regulations, Federal Program Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO), California Supplement NOFO and Federal and State Grant Program Guidelines as outlined in the attached California Office of Emergency Services Standard Assurances.

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager or his designee to accept the UASI Grant Program award of \$182,056.21 and appropriate it for the purchase of the solar camera trailers in the Miscellaneous Federal Grants Fund (Fund 199).

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: The purchase of this equipment is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15061 in that the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to project which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY18 UASI 07895 Application Final
- 2018 UASI MOU FremontPD_rev
- Camera Trailers quote final UASI 2018

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Authorize the City Manager or designee to accept the Bay Area UASI Grant Program award of \$182,056.21 and authorize the purchase of four (4) solar camera trailers for regional use to be maintained and stored by the Fremont Police Department.
2. Recognize and appropriate the UASI Grant Program award of \$182,056.21 in the Miscellaneous Federal Grants Fund (Fund 199).