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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Kerry Whitney for Minh Tran - County Executive Officer  
County Executive Office

**REPORT BY:** ALEXANDRA BENETTI, STAFF SERVICES ANALYST II -

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Approving FY2019 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant and Agreement

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

County Executive Officer and Risk & Emergency Services Manager request the following actions regarding Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) 2019 grant funding:

1. Approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a revenue agreement with the City and County of San Francisco, as the distribution agent for UASI grant funds, for a maximum of \$38,700 for the term of November 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020, to purchase seven (7) interoperable, multiband portable radios to improve interoperable communications capabilities; and
2. Adopt a resolution under the 2019 Urban Area Security Initiative authorizing the County Executive Officer and the Risk & Emergency Services Manager to take the action necessary to accept and administer this grant and to sign associated modifications and reimbursement forms.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The City and County of San Francisco (San Francisco) as the fiscal agency for the San Francisco, San Jose and Oakland Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) group, invited UASI group members to submit sub-grant proposals. To enhance Napa County Operational Area's ability to prevent, protect, respond to and recover from terrorist activity, the Napa members identified the need to purchase communications equipment to enhance the region's radio interoperability. The Napa Operational Area consists of the County and all of its cities. To this end, Napa County initially applied for and after review of its submission, was notified by San Francisco that the County's proposal to purchase and install base station radios was approved; however, during the UASI application process, Napa County OES in conjunction with Napa County Communications procured the final complement of base station radios using 2018 Homeland Security grant funds and no longer needs additional base station radios. Napa County OES notified the City and County of San Francisco of this change, and submitted a change request to San Francisco to instead purchase interoperable, multiband portable radios. This request was accepted and

approved. Execution of the sub-grant agreement is necessary to secure \$38,700 in 2019 UASI funds.

### **FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No
What is the revenue source?	FY2019 UASI Grant Funds will reimburse the grant budget a maximum of \$38,700.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	The purchase of the portable radios will strengthen interoperable communications capabilities. Previous critical incident and exercise After Action Reports consistently highlighted the need to improve the County's interoperable communications capabilities.
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	None.
Consequences if not approved:	Interoperable portable radios enable first responders to communicate across disparate radio systems. Too few portable radios magnifies this communications short-coming.
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:	Healthy, Safe, and Welcoming Place to Live, Work, and Visit
Additional Information:	

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

UASI is a program under the Homeland Security Grant Program to enhance regional preparedness in major metropolitan areas throughout the United States. The UASI program directly supports expanding regional collaboration and is meant to assist participants in their creation of regional systems for prevention, protection, response, and recovery. The San Francisco Bay Area has been designated as one of the ten high-risk areas (Tier 1) in the United States. As a surrounding county, Napa County is included as a Bay Area UASI regional partner and is eligible to receive funds under this program. The City and County of San Francisco is the grantee for these funds and is responsible for executing subgrant agreements for the distribution of the funds to jurisdictions within the Region that apply by submitting project requests.

Napa County applied for and was awarded grant funds in the amount of \$38,700 to purchase base station radios; during San Francisco/UASI's application process, Napa County OES in conjunction with Napa County Communications procured the final complement of base station radios using 2018 Homeland Security grant funds and no longer needs additional base station radios. Napa County OES notified the City and County of San Francisco of this change, and submitted a change request to San Francisco to instead purchase interoperable,

multiband portable radios. This request was accepted and approved. Previous critical incident and exercise After Action Reports consistently highlighted the need to improve the County's interoperable communications capabilities. The purchase of the seven (7) multi-band portable radios will greatly enhance the operational areas ability to respond to emergency/disaster situations by providing interoperability capability with other agencies in the region and with the State. County Communications was consulted prior to applying for the grant funds and is in complete agreement and is fully prepared to optimize the portable radios.

The grant terms require the County to pay for and complete procurement prior to receiving reimbursement from the UASI grant funds.

Staff requests approval of and authorization for Chair to sign the agreements and authorization for the Risk & Emergency Services Manager to execute reimbursement claim forms and any subsequent documentation that may be required following approval of the UASI agreement.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

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CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi