

MEMORANDUM

TO: Claire Powell, City Manager

FROM: Mark McNeal, Fire Chief

DATE: August 17, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lewisville, Texas, Accepting a Grant Award From the Texas Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grant Program, Egrant Number 5602301, FY2025 Urban Area Security Initiative - City of Lewisville Mobile Barrier System Project; Designating the Fire Chief, or His Designee, to Accept, Reject, Alter, or Terminate the Grant; Designating the Director of Finance, or His Designee, to Submit Financial and/or Performance Reports or Alter the Grant; Affirming That in the Event of Loss or Misuse of Grant Funds, the Grant Funds Shall be Returned; and Providing an Effective Date.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) is to support state and local efforts to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events and to prepare the Nation for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States. One initiative of the HSGP is the administration of Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grants. UASI grants support programs that address the unique multidiscipline planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density urban areas in efforts to build and sustain the capabilities necessary to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism. Urban areas must employ regional approaches to overall preparedness and are encouraged to adopt regional response structures whenever appropriate.

This year's grant application requested funding for a Meridian Archer Trailer Kit. The trailer carries eight Meridian barriers, which are a critical public safety resource designed to protect pedestrians and secure public spaces from accidental and intentional vehicle threats. During emergencies and planned events, they provide a rapidly deployable, crash-rated barrier system that establishes secure perimeters around outdoor events, concerts, festivals, parades, demonstrations, and other mass gatherings. In addition to supporting the City of Lewisville's public safety and emergency operations, the barriers can also be deployed through regional mutual aid, enhancing crowd protection capabilities for partner jurisdictions during special events, emergency incidents, and other operations requiring temporary vehicle mitigation measures.

The need for additional barriers was identified through an assessment of the City's current protective capabilities. At the time this grant application was submitted, the City's available vehicle mitigation resources consisted primarily of Type III barricades and concrete barriers, which provide limited protection against vehicular intrusion. Since then, the City has acquired one

Meridian Archer Trailer Kit containing eight barriers and a second trailer kit is included in the FY 2026-27 budget proposal. This grant represents the City's second procurement of barrier trailer kits. If the FY 2026-27 budget request is approved, the City will procure a third trailer kit, bringing our inventory to 24 barriers. This additional capacity will enhance the City's ability to secure multiple access points simultaneously, improve protection at special events and other high-occupancy locations, and strengthen preparedness for potential mass casualty incidents.

ANALYSIS

The City of Lewisville has been awarded \$127,785.27 through the Texas Office of the Governor's FY2025 Urban Area Security Initiative to purchase a Meridian Archer Trailer Kit.

The addition of this equipment will enhance security at special event venues, schools, downtown areas, and other locations where large numbers of people gather. As a physical protection measure, the Meridian Archer Trailer Kit will reduce the City's current capability gap, improve operational readiness, and strengthen its ability to safeguard residents and visitors during planned events and emergency incidents.

This grant does not require a local funding match. Funding through the Homeland Security Grant Program enables the City to acquire a critical emergency response asset without the use of local funds. Acceptance of the award will enhance the City's emergency response capabilities and operational readiness while strengthening regional mutual aid capabilities throughout North Central Texas.

CITY STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council approve the resolution as set forth in the caption above.