

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Claire Powell, City Manager

**FROM:** Mark McNeal, Fire Chief

**DATE:** April 6, 2026

**SUBJECT: Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the Texas Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Grant Program, eGrant Number 5906301, FY2026 State Homeland Security Program Regular Projects – City of Lewisville Mobile EOC Support Unit Technology and Equipment Upgrades, and Designating the Fire Chief or His Designee to Accept, Reject, Alter, or Terminate the Grant, if Awarded.**

### 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. The HSGP provides funding to implement investments that build, sustain, and deliver the 31 core capabilities essential to achieving the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation. The development, sustainment, and delivery of these core capabilities require a coordinated effort across all levels of government, organizations, and the whole community.

### ANALYSIS

Authorization is requested to submit a grant application to the Texas Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division under the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP). The proposed application seeks \$37,500 to modernize and replace aging equipment within the City of Lewisville's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Support Unit, commonly referred to as the EOC in-a-box.

The EOC in-a-box is a self-contained, deployable trailer designed to rapidly establish and support a fully functional EOC during terrorism incidents and other large-scale emergencies. Originally acquired through grant funding in 2015, the unit has been in service for more than a decade. Several technological components within the trailer have reached the end of their useful life, are no longer supported by manufacturers, or have become unreliable for operational use.

Grant funding would allow the City of Lewisville to replace critical equipment, including projectors, display monitors, computers, printers, and wireless presentation systems essential for maintaining situational awareness and supporting operational coordination during emergency incidents. The project would also enhance the Mobile EOC's capabilities through the addition of a large-format plotter and deployable tablets, enabling personnel to produce operational maps,

share real-time information, and conduct rapid damage assessments during response and recovery operations.

Maintaining reliable Mobile EOC capabilities is critical to supporting coordinated response efforts during complex emergencies. The Mobile EOC allows emergency management personnel and partner agencies to quickly establish an operational command environment capable of supporting multi-agency coordination, incident planning, and information sharing in the field when the primary EOC is unavailable or when an on-site coordination location is needed.

In addition to supporting local response operations, the Mobile EOC serves as a regional emergency management asset that may be deployed through mutual aid to assist neighboring jurisdictions within the NCTCOG region during large-scale incidents. Modernizing the unit will ensure it remains a reliable and deployable resource capable of supporting coordinated emergency response efforts throughout the City of Lewisville and the surrounding region.

The total grant request is \$37,500 and does not require a local funding match. Due to grant timeline constraints, the application was submitted with a request for an extension to allow time for City Council approval, which is required for final consideration. If awarded, the City of Lewisville will incorporate the equipment into its emergency management inventory and maintain it using existing operational resources and established maintenance practices. The application has been reviewed and approved by the Grant Review Committee.

### **CITY STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION**

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