

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Claire Powell, City Manager

**FROM:** Mark McNeal, Fire Chief

**DATE:** May 6, 2024

**SUBJECT:** **Approval of a Resolution for the Acceptance of the 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program's Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Award in the Amount of \$139,483.43 and Approval of a Supplemental Appropriation to the Grant Fund in the Amount \$139,483.43.**

### **BACKGROUND**

The Office of Emergency Management received notice from the State of Texas Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division that the City of Lewisville has been awarded a grant in the amount \$139,483.43. Funding for this grant was given under the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant program. The intent of the UASI grant program is to support local efforts in preparing for threats and hazards that pose risk to the community, and to improve the regional ability to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) establishes national priorities for the UASI grant program each year and one of the prescribed priorities for 2024 is election security. Camera trailers that can be set up to provide added security at polling locations qualifies under this priority. In addition to polling site security, the City will be able to use these camera trailers at our special events or any other outdoor area where situational awareness would enhance public safety.

The City has been a recipient of the UASI grant annually since 2004. As per grant guidelines, the jurisdiction receives reimbursement of funds after authorized expenditure. The UASI grant is 100% federally funded and does not require the City to match any costs. The performance period for the FY 2024 UASI grant is through September 30, 2024. This grant was not budgeted in the FY 2023-24 budget. Therefore, a supplemental appropriation to the Grant fund is needed in order to expend the funds.

### **ANALYSIS**

The grant funding of \$139,483.43 will be used to purchase security camera trailers.

**CITY STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION**

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