



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: April 15, 2008
Item Number: F-12
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: David L. Snowden
Subject: **RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
APPLYING FOR A GRANT IDENTIFIED BY THE STATE OFFICE OF
HOMELAND SECURITY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES
RELATED TO THE UNITE PROGRAM**
Attachments: 1. Resolution
2. Identification of Funds Letter

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the resolution appointing the City Manager or his designee to apply for and accept grant funding in the amount of \$300,000 from the California Office of Homeland Security (OHS) for reimbursement of expenses related to the UNITE program.

INTRODUCTION

In 2007, the City developed the Unified Network of Interoperable Technology Enhancements (UNITE) homeland security proposal. This purpose of this proposal was to forge economic partnerships with state and federal agencies to create a state-of-the-art interoperable system and obtain funding for the City's homeland security needs. In February 2008, the City received a \$200,000 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) allocation from OHS that was used to purchase Automated License Plate Recognition equipment. The OHS has identified an additional \$300,000 for reimbursement of expenses that the City has already incurred that are related to the UNITE program.

DISCUSSION

Protecting the nation is a shared burden in which all public safety partners have a significant stake and role. To that end, the City of Beverly Hills has assigned the highest level of priority in advance of the need. The City proactively assessed the adequacy of existing security measures and developed solutions to bridge the gaps in interoperable interagency communication and information transfer. The result of this assessment was

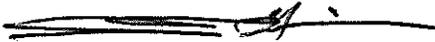
the creation of the Unified Network of Interoperable Technology Enhancements (UNITE) program.

UNITE is a prevention-based program that focuses on the need to link intelligence, communication and information, so as to identify those activities that are pre-cursors or indicators of an emerging threat. The timely transferability of information aids and augments prevention efforts, strategic planning, risk analysis, protection, deterrence, response, and disaster recovery.

The proposal and funding plan for the UNITE program will serve as an easily replicated national model for local, state and federal agencies to develop a highly effective, anti-terrorism resource that crosses multiple disciplines, collaborates with allied agencies and enhances inter-agency coordination and communication. While additional funding of \$300,000 has been identified with OHS, the City will continue to pursue additional funding and partnership opportunities at the state and federal level.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City will be reimbursed for \$300,000 of expenses related to the UNITE program that have already been incurred. No appropriation is requested.



Scott G. Miller, Director
Finance Approval

ASST. CHIEF
for Robert P. Curtis

David L. Snowden, Chief of Police
Police Approval

RESOLUTION NO. 08-R-

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS APPLYING FOR A GRANT IDENTIFIED BY THE STATE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES RELATED TO THE UNITE PROGRAM

The Council of the City of Beverly Hills does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. The California Office of Homeland Security (OHS) has identified FY 2005 Homeland Security Grant program funds in the amount of \$300,000 to reimburse the City for expenses related to the UNITE program.

Section 2. The City hereby appoints the City Manager or his designee as agent of the City of Beverly Hills to apply for and accept a \$300,000 grant from OHS, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for administration of the Grant.

Section 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of the Resolution and shall cause the Resolution and his certification to be entered in the Book of Resolutions of the Council of the City.

Adopted:

BARRY BRUCKER
Mayor of the City of
Beverly Hills, California

ATTEST:

_____(SEAL)
BYRON POPE
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


LAURENCE S. WIENER
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

RODERICK J. WOOD
City Manager


SCOTT G. MILLER
Director of Administrative Services/
Chief Financial Officer

for Robert J. Curtis
DAVID L. SNOWDEN ASST. CHIEF
Chief of Police