



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** December 11, 2023

SUBJECT: Authorize purchase from Safeware, Inc., for X-Ray equipment utilizing the 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant in the amount of \$71,409.32, through Omnia Partners (formerly the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance) Contract No. 4400008468.

PRESENTER: Raelyn Darnell, Emergency Management Coordinator

SUMMARY:

The City of North Richland Hills has been awarded funds from the 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant in the amount of \$71,409.32 for the purchase of an X-Ray system. This equipment is for the Northeast Explosives Response Team (NERT).

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Northeast Fire Department Association (NEFDA) is comprised of fourteen jurisdictions in Northeast Tarrant and Southern Denton counties. The cities in NEFDA are North Richland Hills, Richland Hills, Haltom City, Hurst, Grapevine, Southlake, Colleyville, Keller, Watauga, Bedford, Euless, Roanoke, Westlake, and Trophy Club. This grant is for the NERT. This purchase will replace and upgrade the current X-Ray system which is outdated and obsolete. This system will be placed on the NERT response unit housed in North Richland Hills.

The grant requires no matching funds. Equipment will be purchased through Omnia Contract No. 4400008468. The Local Government Code states that purchases made through a cooperative purchasing agreement satisfy any state law that would require the city to solicit competitive bids. Safeware, Inc. is an approved vendor through the Omnia Purchasing Contract No. 4400008468.

RECOMMENDATION:

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