



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** February 13, 2023
SUBJECT: Consider Resolution No. 2023-014, authorizing submission of the grant application and acceptance of allocated funds if awarded for the Homeland Security Grant Program FY23 Urban Areas Security Initiative.
PRESENTER: Stan Tinney, Fire Chief

SUMMARY:

The Homeland Security Grant Program has announced the FY23 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI). The purpose of the program is to provide financial assistance to address unique planning, equipment, training, and exercise needs and to assist in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism. The Fire Department is seeking authorization to apply for FY23 grant funding to fund an X-Ray system.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Northeast Fire Department Association (NEFDA) is comprised of 14 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 NEFDA Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) team. This purchase will replace and upgrade the current X-Ray system which is outdated and obsolete. This equipment is used as a diagnostic tool to give the team the ability to see inside suspicious packages and determine the presence of explosives or hazardous materials. Having this information allows the bomb technician to determine the appropriate course of action to safely mitigate the hazard. This item will be placed on the NEFDA EOD vehicle housed in North Richland Hills.

Staff will bring back specific information on selection and approval of an equipment vendor to City Council following the required procurement process. The total grant application is for \$55,000. The grant requires no matching funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

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