


COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 5, 2019 (BOS Mtg. 11/19/19)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Neil Morgan, County Administrator 

SUBJECT: Acceptance and Appropriation of Homeland Security Grant Program Urban Area Security Initiative funds

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) receives funds each year from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for distribution to high-density, high-threat Urban Areas in order to enhance terrorism preparedness in accordance with the country's National Preparedness Goal.

The York County Department of Fire and Life Safety is heavily involved in several regional security initiatives, and is widely viewed as a leader in public safety Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS). In addition to being one of two state UAS teams, F&LS serves as the Chair of the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Urban Areas Working Group (UAWG), and collaborates closely with the Hampton Roads Regional UAS Working Group.

Fire and Life Safety, acting as the lead agency and fiscal agent on behalf of the Hampton Roads Regional UAS Working Group, has applied for funding from VDEM to purchase a video streaming platform that will be used across the Hampton Roads region by participating agencies. This integrated video platform will provide on-scene commanders with timely video data from multiple sources and will allow for better coordination between local agencies during regional operations.

The Department of Fire and Life Safety has been allocated \$300,000 in Homeland Security Grant Program Urban Areas Security Initiative funds for FY2020. Board approval is required for all grants greater than \$50,000.

Proposed Resolution R19-148, if adopted, would accept the grant from VDEM and authorize the County Administrator to execute grant agreements/arrangements for this purpose and to appropriate the funds in the Grant Fund.

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Attachment:

- Proposed Resolution R19-148