A RESOLUTION

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BY PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

A REOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A SUBGRANT FROM THE GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $800,000 AS PART OF THE FY 2005 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BUFFER ZONE PROTECTION PROGRAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Homeland Security has awarded the Georgia Emergency Management Agency funding under the Fiscal Year 2005 Buffer Zone Protection Program, with the provision that such funds are to be subgranted to local governments for protecting potential terrorist targets within their jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Homeland Security has identified some sixteen such sites in the City of Atlanta that require security measures around the perimeter of these locations, such that an on-site survey of the locations is to be made and security measures implemented to harden the targets, so as to make these locations less accessible to terrorists and less vulnerable targets for terrorists, and

WHEREAS, homeland security personnel in the Atlanta Police Department are prepared to implement grant funded security measures

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Section one: that the Mayor is hereby authorized to accept a subgrant from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency to implement a Buffer Zone Protection Program at selected sites in the City of Atlanta to protect said locations from terrorist attacks.

Section two: that the Mayor is further authorized to execute all related grant award documents required to accept this subgrant.

Legislative White Paper

Committee of Purview: Public Safety and Legal Administration

Caption A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A SUBGRANT FROM THE GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $800,000, AS PART OF THE FY2005 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BUFFER ZONE PROTECTION PROGRAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Council Meeting Date: May 2, 2005

Legislation Title: FY2005 Buffer Zone Protection Grants

Requesting Dept.: Police

Contract Type: Grant

Source Selection: Not applicable

Bids/Proposals Due: Not applicable

Invitations Issued: Not applicable

Number of Bids/ Not applicable
Proposals Received: Not applicable

Bidders/Proponents: Not applicable

Justification Statement: The Georgia Emergency Management Agency has announced that it will be offering grants to local governments as part of the fiscal year 2005 Buffer Zone Protection Program. These grants are funded by the United States Department of Homeland Security and will be used to survey the areas around potential terrorist targets to identify vulnerabilities within the perimeter of these sites and recommend and implement measures to reduce those vulnerabilities.

Background: The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 raised security concerns in all major metropolitan areas and pointed up the need to take preventive measures to head off attacks. The grant contemplated by the Atlanta Police Department will serve to reduce the vulnerability of potential targets in the City. For security reasons, the locations to be secured and the specific measures planned to enhance security will not be publicly disclosed.

Fund Account Center: To be assigned by the Department of Finance upon award of the grants.

Source of Funds: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, subgranted by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency.

Fiscal Impact: None, 100% grant funded

Term of Contract: One year

Method of Cost Recovery: Not applicable

Approvals:
DOF:
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