



FY2022 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant

Seattle Police Department

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What is UASI?



FEMA

- One of 3 Homeland Security Grant programs administered by FEMA
- Together, these 3 grants **“support a regional network in efforts to build, sustain, and deliver the capabilities necessary to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism.”**



Who can apply?

- Eligible high-risk urban areas for the UASI program are determined through a central analysis of relative risk of terrorism faced by the 100 most populous metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) in the United States.
- Grant applications are coordinated regionally. The City of Seattle is a signatory on the grant and has fiduciary responsibility.
- SPD, OEM, and SFD all accept UASI funding on behalf of the City, to benefit the region.



How are projects chosen?

- UAWG jurisdictions
 - Snohomish County
 - Pierce County
 - King County
 - City of Seattle
 - City of Bellevue
- The UAWG performs risk assessments to determine the gaps in preparedness in the region.

The Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) *has several subcommittees...*

Law Enforcement
Subcommittee

Fire/EMS/HazMat
Subcommittee

Emergency Mgmt
Subcommittee

Cybersecurity
Subcommittee

Aviation
Subcommittee

Public Health
Subcommittee

Infrastructure
Subcommittee



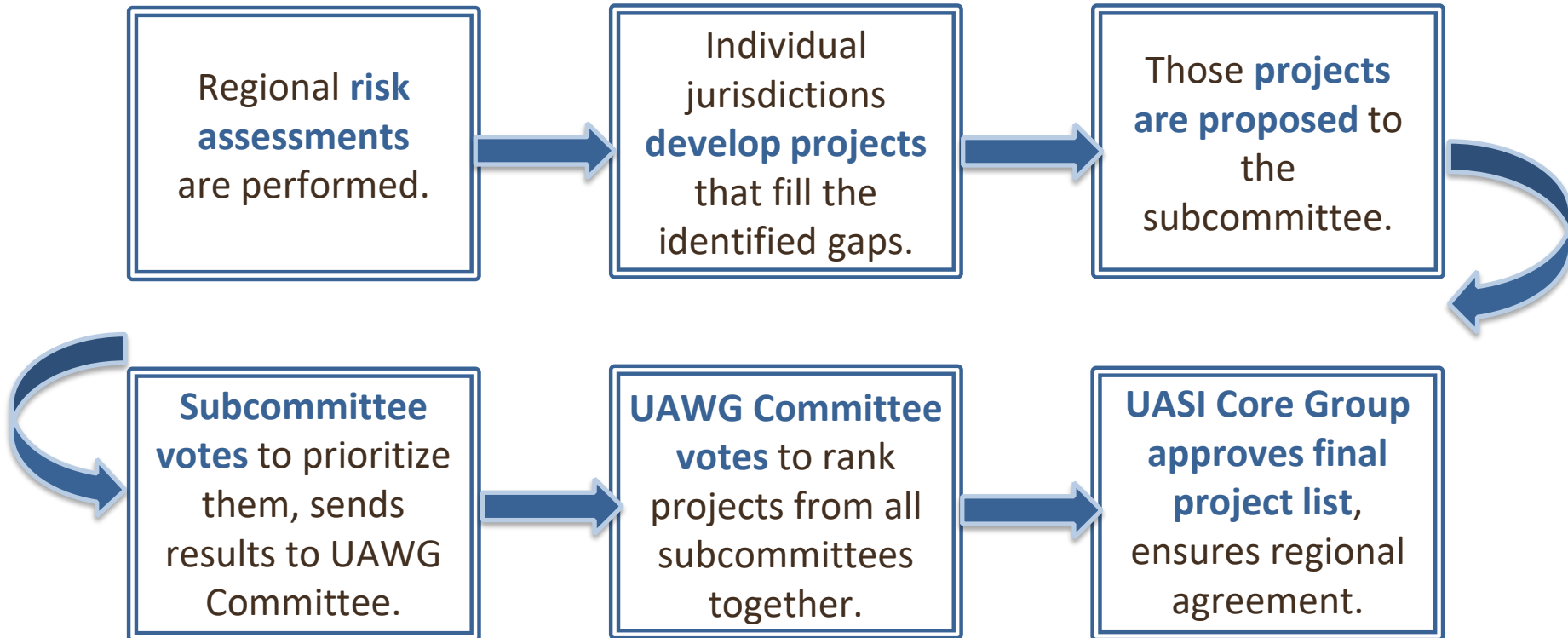
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- **Projects must close the gaps identified in the risk assessments.**
- Each subcommittee develops project proposals, then votes to prioritize them.
- Prioritized proposals from the LE subcommittee are submitted to the UAWG committee at large.
- UAWG votes to rank projects from all subcommittees.
- The UASI Core Group makes all final project approvals.



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FY22 Projects

Ongoing Costs and Administration	
Planning	\$240k
Regional Law Enforcement Program Manager	\$147k
WA State Fusion Center	\$585k
Maintenance and Administration	\$86k
One-Time Costs	
Regional On-scene Security, Protection, and Law Enforcement	\$124k
Critical Infrastructure Cyber Incident TTX	\$90k
Community Safety Ambassadors (OEM)	\$50k
Rescue Vehicle System	\$398k
TOTAL	\$1.7M



Ongoing Costs and Administration

Project	Amount	Description
Planning	\$240k	Funds Grant Manager position at SPD, focusing on project planning and grant compliance.
Regional Law Enforcement Program Manager	\$147k	Funds Regional Law Enforcement Program Manager position at SPD, focusing on the execution of grant projects and acquisition of equipment.
WA State Fusion Center	\$585k	The WA State Fusion Center's objective is to detect, deter, and prevent terrorist attacks. This is accomplished through open information sharing with appropriate stakeholders. This funding will support analysts that are dedicated to information sharing and analysis in the urban area.
Maintenance and Administration	\$86k	Partially funds Grant Accountant position at SPD



One-Time Costs: Regional On-scene Security, Protection, and LE



This funding will be used for maintenance and repairs on equipment purchased with UASI funding, in any jurisdiction.

If unused, it will fund additional CBRNE/SCBA kits for regional partners.

This funding will be used to purchase CBRNE/ Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) kits for SPD.



One-Time Costs: Critical Infrastructure Cyber Incident TTX

\$90,000

- This project supports a discussion-based tabletop exercise (TTX) focused on a **regional ransomware attack on water treatment and distribution systems** affecting the Seattle Urban Area.
- Funding will cover expenses such as facility rental, personnel expenses associated with planning and the facilitator, as well as supplies (including printing, training aids, and other support items).
- This will benefit all regional attendees.



One-Time Costs: Community Safety Ambassadors

\$50,000

- Office of Emergency Management project that focuses on building effective community response to major disasters, by way of community training and engagement.
- Funding will cover:
 1. Stipends for Community Safety Ambassadors (CSA) and for staff at regional community-based organizations;
 2. Costs for developing, printing, and translating preparedness materials, including Alert Seattle items; and
 3. Costs for promoting alert system sign-ups for the underserved communities.



One-Time Costs: Rescue Vehicle System

\$398,250

- This funding will be used to replace an expiring armored vehicle for use in high-threat situations (active shooters, barricaded suspects, terrorist attacks, etc.) region-wide.
- The new Bearcat is a strictly defensive vehicle that is uniquely able to:
 - ✓ Safely deliver negotiation items (i.e., phones)
 - ✓ Give officers visibility into an unsecured dangerous area using 360° cameras
 - ✓ Increase SPD's ability to de-escalate situations and negotiate
 - ✓ Increase safety for first responders, innocent bystanders, and victims
 - ✓ Grant safe access to injured victims in the unsecured area via multiple vehicle exits, allowing them to be moved to safety and treated



One-Time Costs: Rescue Vehicle System



The suspect was aiming at the officers driving this Bearcat.
Without the armored vehicle, they would have died.



Questions

What happens if Council does not approve the Bearcat?

If Council accepts UASI but provisos the funds for the Bearcat, the funds will be returned and distributed to another project/jurisdiction. SPD will likely need a new federal grant contract, but this should not require any legislative action unless the funds are redistributed to another Law Enforcement subcommittee project (i.e., returned for another use).

Is this a replacement or a new item?

This is a replacement for an end-of-life vehicle.

What else could we have spent the money on?

If this project had not been chosen, the \$ would have gone to another project on the ranked list at the UAWG. There is no guarantee it would have benefitted Seattle.



Questions

You already have two Bearcats. Why do you need more?

- This is a replacement for one that is nearly 20 years old and breaking down.
- Best practice. The top 100 most populous US cities have an average of 4 Bearcats. (Seattle is ranked #18.)
- If a barricaded suspect is in a house that needs to be surrounded on 4 sides, SPD requires two Bearcats. Otherwise, half the officers are unprotected.
- Improved technology on the new model (side exit doors and 360° cameras) make this Bearcat a more effective safety tool.
- With two Bearcats the dept is able to remove an injured victim for medical treatment without completely abandoning the position.
- These are often deployed to potential terrorist targets (sports games, etc.) in case of a large-scale emergency. In a city of this size, it is not unreasonable that another emergency could happen concurrently.
- Regional asset. SPD has the only 24-hour SWAT team in the region.