

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

☒ Action ☐ Information

MEAD Number:
201919

Resolution:
☒ Yes ☐ No

TITLE:

Acceptance of DHS Award for Security Projects

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

This consent item requests Board approval to accept a \$1.75 million Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grant award.

PURPOSE:

To accept a \$1.75 million DHS grant award to support two programs: a multi-year series of exercises for training and security planning efforts by the Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD) and the continuation of an existing program related to regional public awareness campaigns.

DESCRIPTION:

Key Highlights:

Metro was awarded \$1.75 million in new DHS grant funding in October 2017. Using these funds will enable WMATA to:

- Conduct a series of multi-year exercises focusing on the response to security incidents occurring on WMATA's property and impacting WMATA's transit services. These exercises will also provide regional evacuation support in accordance with jurisdictional evacuation plans within the National Capital Region.
- Continue working on the existing program related to a regional public and employee awareness and educational program utilizing a variety of media applications.

Background and History:

Using a combination of Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grants, TSGP grants, and other funding sources, Metro has deployed a state of the art Electronic Safety and Security (ESS) system. Additionally, Metro has designed, constructed, deployed, and staffed a new Security Operational Control Center (SOCC) that jointly houses both the police dispatch communications and video monitoring and evidence units.

Discussion:

There is no funding match requirement associated with the DHS grant. The costs of these activities will total \$1.75 million over three years. No change to the FY2018 budget is required to accept this grant award.

FUNDING IMPACT:

This action will allow Metro to accept a \$1.75 million DHS grant award.

TIMELINE:

Previous Actions	April 2016: In order to maximize Metro's opportunity to compete for discretionary grants, the Board authorized the GM/CEO, CFO or their designee to file and execute grant applications
Anticipated actions after presentation	October 2017 - Execute grant

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval of grant award acceptance of \$1.75 million funded by DHS for training and security planning efforts.

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD FOR SECURITY PROJECTS FUNDED BY
THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, In Resolution 2016-24, the Board of Directors authorized the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer to file and execute grant applications on behalf of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) for funds from the federal government and any other public or private entity consistent with the Capital Improvement Program, subject to approval by the Board prior to acceptance of any such grant awarded to WMATA; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) advertised grant funding for projects and has awarded WMATA \$1.75 million in funding for training and security projects; and

WHEREAS, Local subsidy payments will not be increased based on the acceptance of this grant as there is no local match required; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors approves accepting the DHS grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, That staff is directed to ensure that acceptance of this grant award does not increase the existing Fiscal Year 2018 Operating budget and that these DHS grant projects will be included in future WMATA budgets over future years, as funding is available; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately in order to meet the DHS deadline to respond to the security grant within 30 days of the receipt of the award letter.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



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