

Homeland Security/Public Safety



HOMELAND SECURITY

Subcommittee: Homeland Security

Request: Maintain or add to the funding allocation for the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI).
Fully fund the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS).

Community Value:

Homeland Security has become a highly visible, central responsibility for the nation's frontline police and fire personnel since Sept. 11, 2001. The city of Phoenix has always recognized its important role as the state's largest cadre of responders and has worked diligently since 9/11 to integrate communication between emergency management, police and fire personnel to form the Phoenix Homeland Security Bureau. This prepares the city to respond to both natural and terrorist crises. In addition to being able to assist smaller agencies statewide, Phoenix often is called upon to assist in other regions of the country during a state of national emergency.

Background:

The city of Phoenix, the fifth largest in the United States, continues to occupy a U.S. Department of Homeland Security Tier Level II position in terms of its terrorist threat potential and continues in its leadership role among cities in this category. Our

Federal Fiscal Year	UASI Funding	Percent Change from Previous Years
FFY 2003	\$11,033,467	N/A
FFY2004	\$12,128,223	+9.9%
FFY2005	\$9,996,463	-17.58%
FFY2006	\$3,920,000	-60.79%
FFY2007	\$11,920,000	+204.08%
FFY2008	\$11,562,500	-3.00%
FFY2009	\$10,819,750	-6.43%
FFY2010	\$10,832,667	+1%

partnerships with all levels of government-response agencies, as well as with resources outside our state, speak volumes to our ability to capitalize, and ultimately operationalize, large response capabilities in short periods of time. We have played a significant role in national emergency declaration response since 1989 and have grown our response teams exponentially. Even in these times of severe budget reductions, the Phoenix and Tucson regional urban areas continue to enjoy a healthy desire to grow their response capabilities!

The Phoenix UASI is midway in accomplishing the goals set in partnership with the federal government. The city has many unfinished projects that were already deemed very valuable and innovative by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in its 2009 review. Phoenix believes in the program, its intent, goals and objectives and is seeking assurance that the region's UASI funding will continue to grow over last years' funding amount so that the city can continue to provide a future of public safety and welfare to our residents.



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