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## **CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

### **MAYOR BOB FILNER ANNOUNCES \$17 MILLION FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GRANT TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY!**

(San Diego) -- The San Diego region will receive \$16.9 million from the Department of Homeland Security, as part of the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant program. The grant funds will go toward continued protection of the citizens of San Diego by ensuring all safety measures are implemented to their fullest capacity.

“It is reassuring that the federal government is allocating this amount of money to aid in protecting San Diegans as the safety of our citizens is a top priority,” said Mayor Filner. “I am committed to making sure all areas of our City are secure from **any** type of danger.”

Last year, the region received \$9.2 million in USAI funds. This year San Diego will see an increase of almost \$8 million. This grant will provide funds for surveillance equipment, weapons, and advanced training for law enforcement first responders in order to heighten security in the event of a terrorist attack.

Twenty-five urban areas across the county are eligible for grants under the USAI program with DHS. The allocation of money for San Diego is based in part on the anticipated effectiveness of proposed projects and investments in safety.

Regions eligible for DHS grants must meet the results of an analysis based on a risk for terrorism, in accordance with the 9/11 Act.

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