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FY 2026 Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant Proposals

Overview

ARJIS staff will be submitting five grant applications through a single submission to the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI). These grants are critical for funding key ARJIS projects, including the continuation of a regional trainer position, creation of regional cloud-based data platform for real-time data analysis, improvement/add-ons to current applications, extension of the cloud transformation to include enhanced Geographic Information Systems, and continued strengthening of cyber security. These projects are essential for advancing ARJIS' capabilities and security infrastructure. The Chiefs'/Sheriff's Management Committee reviewed and approved the recommendation to pursue these grants at their December 3, 2025, meeting.

Action: Approve

The Public Safety Committee is asked to approve ARJIS' submission for Urban Areas Security Initiative Grants.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

None.

Key Considerations

When submitting five grants through a single application to the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI), several key considerations must be addressed. First, it is important to ensure that each project – Regional Trainer, Cloud-Based Data Platform, Entity Resolution, Cloud Transformation Extension, and Cyber Security – align with UASI's priorities to enhance regional terrorism preparedness, and enhancing regional security, response, resilience, and planning in urban areas. Compliance with the specific grant guidelines is crucial, including understanding eligible expenses, funding limits, and reporting requirements. Clear justification for each project is necessary, highlighting how they will address gaps in ARJIS capabilities and contribute to regional security, with measurable outcomes such as improved training for the region, cybersecurity, and cloud-based operations.

Interdependencies between projects must also be considered, particularly if the success of one project, like Cloud Transformation, supports the others. Budget and resource allocation should be realistic and well-documented, ensuring the funds are used effectively to cover all required expenses, including staffing and maintenance. Additionally, it is important to demonstrate the sustainability and scalability of each project beyond the grant funding period, particularly for long-term initiatives like cyber security and cloud migration.

Collaboration with key stakeholders, including Chiefs, Sheriffs, IT teams, and public safety departments, is essential for successful implementation. There must also be clear mechanisms for progress monitoring and reporting to meet UASI's compliance standards. Timing is another critical factor, as meeting UASI deadlines and ensuring project start dates align with availability of funds is necessary to avoid delays. Lastly, the approval from the Chief's/Sheriff's Management Committee is a key step, and securing further approval from the Public Safety Committee is essential before final submission.

Next Steps

The next steps involve completing the grant submission process to the UASI and awaiting their response. If the application is approved, the funds will become available in Fiscal Year 2027. At that time, ARJIS staff will return to the Chiefs'/Sheriff's Management Committee, and the Public Safety Committee for final review and approval to accept the funding.

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