



## MEMORANDUM

To: Galveston County Commissioners' Court  
From: Betsy Thomas, Grants Administrator  
Court Date: April 28, 2025  
RE: Emergency Management  
Houston Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)  
2026 UASI Application Submission Ratification

### BACKGROUND

Galveston County is eligible for funding under the Houston Urban Area Security Initiative. The Office of Emergency Management is the administrator of those funds for Galveston County. These funds are used to better prepare the county for all types of emergencies.

The Houston UASI Region requires jurisdictions to submit budgets at the region level to be reviewed for possible funding through regional allocations. If approved for funding, UASI budget requests are then submitted as applications to the Office of the Governor – Homeland Security Division in early Spring.

### SUMMARY

The UASI Region has approved our budget requests and approved our ability to submit the 2026 applications. For 2026, Galveston County Office of Emergency Management is requesting the following UASI projects:

1. **Regional Planning**, which provides funding for one Galveston County UASI Planner positions, supplies and training,
2. **Community Preparedness** - relating to the contractual training costs and supplies for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).
3. **Maintenance and Administration** – funds re-allocated to the other two grants.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Professional Services requests the Court consider ratification of submission for the FY 2026 UASI applications listed above and authorize the County Judge to sign required supporting resolution.