

## Item A-9 Attachment #1

### CITIZEN CORP GRANT DETAILS

The State of Utah Division of Emergency Services and Homeland Security has extended grant funding to 4 four Utah political jurisdictions pilot programs to organize Citizen Corp Council's in support of President Bush's national Citizen Corp initiative. Salt Lake City has been selected as one of the pilot jurisdictions. This program is in the planning stage.

The purpose of our proposed Citizen Corp Council will be to bring decision makers to a common table to manage existing volunteer resources and leveraging existing resources for coordination to achieve maximum mutual support.

The objectives of our proposed Citizen Corp Council are:

- Match the needs of first responders with the skills and abilities of existing volunteer organizations such as Neighborhood Watch and CERT.
- Spearhead efforts to offer citizens new public safety volunteer opportunities. Possible organizations include:
  - Health and Human Services sponsored "Medical Reserve Corp"
  - Department of Justice "Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), and the
  - Department of Justice "Terrorism Information and Presentation System (TIPS).
- Educate the public on safety and emergency preparedness for all hazards including terrorism
- Survey the community to:
  - Assess the success of existing programs and suggest improvements
  - Determine the need and applicability of new programs