

**Washington, DC** - Today, the United States Department of Homeland Security awarded the City of San Antonio a grant worth \$6.75 million for the department's Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI). The grant, marking a 46.7% increase from last year's funding, reverses a recent trend of decreased funding which occurred in 2005 despite the city's growth. The UASI Program focuses on the needs of high-threat, high-density urban areas; the funds assist the recipients in developing infrastructure and capacity to prevent, respond, and recover from acts of terrorism. Congressman Charlie Gonzalez (TX-20) issued the following statement on the DHS's grant:

"Nothing is more important than the safety and security of our residents. San Antonio is not only one of the top tourist destinations in our country, but our rapidly growing city also includes four active military installations where some of our nation's top intelligence and medical research takes place. Accordingly, it's imperative that the city has ample resources to protect its residents against threats and attacks. The DHS's decision to restore funding for San Antonio is appropriate, and I'm hopeful that the department will continue to grant necessary resources in the future as it is critical to ensuring the safety and security of our residents."

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