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EPWG 5 Year Plan 2012-2017/ Nye County Nevada

The goals of this 5 Year Plan is to integrate with the initiatives identified in the previous Plan. In addition, this Plan provides the long and short term strategies needed to “institutionalize” our Emergency Response Plan.

Summary of previous Plan

- Construction/renovations of Beatty Volunteer Ambulance facility, Northern Nye County HAZMAT Team facility, and routine upkeep & renovation transportation corridor response departments. *Progress Report* – Completed or “in progress”. Funding encumbered, spent, or awaiting completion.
- Apparatus replacements x3 for the Ambulance Service. *Progress Report* – Incomplete/not started. Funding encumbered and awaiting completion.
- Ongoing items such as calibration of equipment, SCBA maintenance, PPE restocking, Satellite phone upkeep, funding of critical staff, etc; *Progress Report* – All accomplished. Funding provided has been utilized. Ongoing funding is being provided through Nye County budgets. Successful proof of need and effectiveness has been shared with Nye County Commissioners.

Goals and Strategies of this Plan

In order of priority

1. Salaries and Benefits – (Critical Staff funding) Proper funding of critical staff ensures administrative functions are performed in timely and appropriate manners consistent with industry standards.
Staff retention is a high priority for this agency to help maintain continuity in carrying out the identified Plan. Funding this through Grants relieves our budget, preventing disastrous cuts.

- 2. Consultants/Contracts – (EOC ops manuals) This is a onetime need. Our Emergency Operations Plan is adequate. However, the appendices such as EOC Operations manuals, Recovery Plan, Etc. are either in need of updating or actual creation. Our workload has prevented completion of these very important documents. If the documents are created, our Staff will be able to maintain them. Funding through this Grant would allow our soon to be multiple EOC's to be better prepared to operate during a time of need.**
- 3. Equipment – (Tonopah and Beatty EOC generators) Installation of an automatic back-up power generator will allow the new Tonopah Fire/Ambulance/EOC building to operate independently and reliably during a power outage. The building was built without a generator due to budget constraints. But, with an eye towards the future, a location was chosen during construction for a generators installation. Conduit was installed and buried to enable power and operating cables to be installed at some future date when a generator could be obtained. Funding for this generator will provide one time purchase of equipment and installation. Beatty Ambulance building was built with square footage to accommodate an EOC. In the next three to five years, this EOC will be completed. Maintenance and upkeep for the generators shall be provided through a maintenance budget within Emergency Management.**
- 4. Equipment – (SCBA) Countywide, our SCBA are showing heavy wear and are several generations old. Nye County wishes to begin a five year upgrade/replacement program. To make this process easier to accomplish and to ease future maintenance requirements, 8-10 SCBA will be purchased annually. The final purchase of 50 SCBA will accomplished through multiple funding sources and drastically improve safety to responses in our transportation corridors.**
- 5. Equipment – (Trunking capable portable radios) Ongoing radio improvements continue in our jurisdiction. After installation of a trunking system, we have accomplished replacement of our mobile radios in apparatus and Staff vehicles. We have only been able to fiscally manage a limited replacement of handheld portable radios. Replacement of 10 or more radios annually, will greatly improve responder communication and safety. "King" radios have been chosen for this replacement due to their sturdy construction and ease of programming. Funding over the coming years will be through multiple sources with maintenance and upkeep through General Fund.**
- 6. Equipment – (Command vehicle replacement) Two hazardous materials response vehicles and one EMS/HazMat supervisor vehicle are in need of replacement over the next five years. These vehicles provide transportation for Command level personnel who deliver response, training, support, and direction to our 300 plus volunteer emergency responders Countywide. These vehicles are mobile offices, response vehicles, delivery trucks, personnel transport, and trailer haulers. Their mission is varied and never ending. Technology upgrades shall make these vehicles more effective and efficient. With accumulated mileage of 15,000 to 25,000 miles per year, we have to constantly be looking at turnover of this fleet. Funding for these replacements shall be obtained from multiple sources over the coming years. Maintenance and upkeep to be absorbed by our General Fund.**

The EPWG Grant program has been and continues to be a much appreciated and pertinent part of Nye County Emergency Managements Response Plan. This Plan continues to provide the 24/7 safety of this County's residents, visitors, and responders. Without this support, our level of safety support would be greatly compromised.

Thank you for this opportunity to make these requests!

Respectfully submitted,

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