

  <b>Attendance</b>	<b>MINUTES</b> <b>NEVADA HOMELAND SECURITY COMMISSION</b> <b>FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING</b>		
	<b>DATE</b>	Wednesday, June 19, 2013	
	<b>TIME</b>	9:00 A.M.	
	<b>LOCATION</b>	Western Nevada Community College	
		Reynolds Center for Technology Room #102	
		2201 West College Parkway Carson City, Nevada 89703	
	<b>METHOD</b>	Video Teleconference	
<b>RECORDER</b>	Karen Hall		
<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>LEGISLATIVE &amp; EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, STAFF, AND OTHERS</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
Doug Gillespie – Chairman	X	Christopher Smith – Chief DEM	X
Kyle Devine			
Stacey Giomi	X		
Angela Krutsinger	X	Selby Marks – HS Staff	X
Carolyn Levering		Samantha Ladich – DAG Rep.	X
Adam Sandler			
Stan Smith	X		
Bill Welch	X		

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Gillespie, Sheriff of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department called the meeting to order. Selby Marks, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (NDEM/HS) performed roll call establishing quorum for this meeting.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Gillespie opened discussion for public commentary. Daniel Thayer, Inter-Tribal Emergency Response Council (ITERC) presented concern that a nomination request for a tribal representative to sit on the Finance Committee has yet to be acknowledged. Mr. Thayer wishes to know when the nomination will be addressed. Chair Gillespie indicated that the nomination in question was in fact presented to the Governor’s office in addition to other nominations for open positions on the Committee, and to date he has not received communication as to the results of those requests. The Chair will follow up with the Governor at the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security on Friday, July 21, 2013.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Gillespie called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the March 26, 2013 Finance Committee meeting. Angela Krutsinger, Nevada Hospital Association motioned to approve the minutes with a second by Stan Smith, Boyd Gaming. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN**

Chair Gillespie informed the Committee that due to the nature of the business at hand in addressing the remaining agenda items, he would forego his commentary in this agenda item.

**5. REVIEW AND UPDATE ON THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2013 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) PROCESS AND ALLOCATIONS**

Chief Christopher Smith, NDEM/HS and State Area Administrator presented an overview to the Committee on the HSGP process and the history behind the recommendations coming before the body today. HSWG met twice to review and vet projects submitted to SHSP. 33 projects initially submitted. HSWG comprised of 30 members as an executive (urban/rural/cross-agencies) comprehensive group to review and rank projects for Finance and Commission approval. Projects were reviewed with both Commission and Department of Homeland Security priorities in mind. Due to accelerated timeline, the Commission meeting establishing priorities had to happen before the DHS guidance came out. Noting the Commission's priorities, Chief Smith also referred to additional priorities which DHS came out with to include the implementation of a national preparedness system and whole-community approach to homeland security and emergency management, law enforcement enhancement and sustainment pertaining to terrorism capabilities, maturation enhancement of state and urban area fusion centers, support for a national campaign for preparedness, and immediate emergency victim care at mass casualty events. All projects were submitted at four different funding levels to explain what is lost at each reduced funding level. The HSWG rank-ordered a total of 25 final projects, with 18 projects presented above the red line for funding.

Chief Fernandez Leary, Clark County Fire Department and Urban Area Administrator also briefed the Committee on the challenges presented to the urban area working group (UAWG) due to the loss of funding in 2013. Chief Leary indicated that the UAWG put forth projects benefitting the state, and presented his gratitude at the professional collaboration the Homeland Security Working Group and UAWG portrayed as a group. This sentiment was shared by Chief Smith noting the considerable amount of work by all involved in the process.

Chair Gillespie confirmed that the State has to submit up to ten investment justifications (IJs). IJs were not presented today due to the tight timeline allowing the subject matter experts had enough time to work together to bring similar projects together into investment justifications to be submitted to DHS. The Chair presented concern with the amount of funding to response and recovery justifications rather than prevention. Chief Smith indicated that due to DHS guidance recommendations to fund, HSWG members, voting independently as a group, ranked those projects having to do with Citizen Corp and MMRS higher sending message to DHS that Nevada is compliant with the priorities of DHS. Chair Gillespie inquired if this additional requirement by DHS is resultant from the Boston bombing incident. Chief Smith indicated that DHS confirmed that Citizen Corp and MMRS were to be funded if possible.

Chair Gillespie offered for discussion that he doesn't see that Finance Committee, with an in-budget recommendation, and with tight timelines to submit to the Commission on Friday, has enough time to make modifications to these recommendations. The Chair presented concern over the allocation amounts indicating the continued migration of funding to response and recovery hinders local law enforcement's ability to develop prevention capabilities for threats to homeland security. The Chair expressed his respect for the work done in drilling down this budget.

Chief Smith addressed the tight timeframe, indicating the State was not in control of the timeline mandate for the grant process as DHS has reduced the normal time-period to address grant funding from over 80 days to just over 40 days causing additional strain on resources. Though there is not a lot of time to adjust recommendations, the Chief indicated the State was prepared to take on the challenge if necessary. Angela Krutsinger conveyed a level of comfort in conveying approval of this

recommendation as many questions were asked during both HSWG meetings leading up to this meeting today.

**6. REVIEW AND PRIORITIZATION OF FFY 2013 HSGP PRIORITIES WITH THE INTENT TO FORMULATE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON HOMELAND SECURITY**

Due to the length of conversation on Agenda Item 5, Chair Gillespie called for a motion to approve the recommendations of the HSWG to move forward the 18 projects under consideration for funding. Stan Smith presented a motion to approve Projects 1-18 to be moved to the Commission for final approval. Chief Stacey Giomi, Carson City Fire Department seconded the motion. Chief Smith interjected that the Committee may want to amend the motion to include approval of all 25 projects should subsequent funding become available through deobligation in the future. Mr. Smith amended his motion to include moving forward Projects 1-25 to the Commission, with funding 1-18 and leaving the option to fund the remaining projects with deobligated funding in the future. Chief Giomi seconded the amended motion. Chair Gillespie confirmed that deobligated funds would not be limited to funding the remaining projects here, but open to other projects as well. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Gillespie opened discussion for public comment. No public commentary from either venue.

**8. ADJOURN**

Chair Gillespie called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stan Smith motioned to adjourn, with Angela Krutsinger seconding the motion. All were in favor with no opposition. Meeting adjourned.