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|  | MINUTES | | |
| | NEVADA HOMELAND SECURITY COMMISSION | | |
| FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING | | | |
| Attendance | DATE | Thursday, June 16, 2016 | |
| | TIME | 1:00 P.M. | |
| | LOCATION | Nevada Division of Emergency Management | |
| | | Training Room | |
| | | 2478 Fairview Drive | |
| | | Carson City, Nevada 89701 | |
| | METHOD | Teleconference | |
| RECORDER | Karen Hall | | |
| COMMITTEE MEMBERS | PRESENT | LEGISLATIVE & EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, STAFF, AND OTHERS | PRESENT |
| Stacey Giomi – Chairman | X | Caleb Cage | X |
| Joseph Lombardo – Vice Chairman | X | Samantha Ladich – DAG | X |
| Jerry Baldrige | X | Karen Hall – NCHS Staff | X |
| Michael Brown | X | | |
| Dan Hourihan | X | | |
| Christopher Lake | X | | |
| Carolyn Levering | X | | |
| Erin Lynch | X | | |
| Stan Smith | | | |
| Bill Welch | X | | |

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Stacey Giomi, Finance Committee Chairman, called the meeting to order. Karen Hall, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (NDEM/HS) performed roll call. Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Giomi opened discussion for public commentary. No commentary presented in either venue.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Giomi called for motion to approve the draft minutes from the April 7, 2016, and the May 11, 2015, Finance Committee meetings. Pertaining to the April 7, 2016, minutes, a motion to approve was presented by Sheriff Joseph Lombardo, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD), and the second was provided by Chief (Ret.) Mike Brown, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District. Pertaining to the May 11, 2015, Finance Committee meeting, a motion to approve was presented by Sheriff Lombardo, and a second was provided by Bill Welch, Nevada Hospital Association. All were in favor in both motions with no opposition. Motions passed unanimously.

4. REQUEST TO REALLOCATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) FUNDS

Chairman Giomi opened discussion on reallocation requests. Kelli Anderson, Grants and Projects Supervisor, Division of Emergency Management, read into record the available amounts of funding under the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding streams. There is a total of \$270,913 in requests to use the available deobligated funding, with \$226,913 pertaining to SHSP projects, and another \$44,000 pertaining to UASI projects.

Ms. Anderson indicated that she positioned the projects for approval based on what she believed fit into the fiscal year application. The first three projects did not require programmatic changes; however the last three would most likely require programmatic changes. At the recommendation of the State Administrative Agent (SAA), the following recommendations were put forth for consideration:

- **NCHS-123:** This project had already been reduced by ½ in the 2015 HSGP cycle, and upon requesting the other half in the 2016 process, the project fell below the red line. At the discretion of the Finance Committee, it was suggested to use deobligated funding to partially fund this project at \$48,290 to enhance radio cache.
- **NCHS-124:** This project, as an ongoing project, is recommended for approval. At the discretion of the Finance Committee, it was suggested to use deobligated funding to partially fund this project at \$48,210 for a high vantage surveillance camera.
- **NCHS-125 through 129:** At the discretion of the Finance Committee, these projects could be ranked in the event of additional deobligated monies becoming available.

Carolyn Levering, City of Las Vegas presented concern that since the deobligated funding available was for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2014, any reobligation of such funding would have to be expended by August 15, 2016. This was confirmed by Kelli Anderson, and further emphasis was placed on being able to more easily approve those projects without any programmatic/scope changes, and therefore the suggestion to fund NCHS-123 and 124 with available funding at the reduced suggestion was made, as the remainder of the projects may take more time and require additional federal approval. Ms. Levering also presented concern that the Committee would be in the same position within a few months regarding FFY 2015 deobligations. Erin Lynch, Nevada Department of Public and Behavioral Health also inquired if any of the proposed project requests could be easily funded without additional federal vetting.

Chairman Giomi opened discussions moving forward on a project by project basis. Project discussions summarized below:

NCHS-123: Washoe County Emergency Management and Homeland Security – Radio Cache

- No representative present to speak about project.
- Chairman Giomi provided an overview of the history of this project, indicating it has been fully vetted by the Homeland Security Working Group (HSWG) and had been cut in previous grant years.

- Motion to approve funding project at \$48,290 provided by Captain Jerry Baldrige, Washoe County Sheriff's Office. Considerable discussion ensued on ensuring maximum funding applied to this project from available funding. Second provided by Dr. Chris Lake, Nevada Hospital Association. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

NCHS-124: Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) – Southern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center (SNCTC)

- Chairman Giomi spoke to this ongoing project that has been funded for several years.
- Motion to approve project per the SAA recommendations at \$48,210 was presented by Dr. Lake, and a second provided by Dan Hourihan, Inter-Tribal Emergency Response Commission (ITERC). All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Giomi moved to the available UASI funding noted at \$7,389.66, opening the floor for discussion.

NCHS-125: Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) – Southern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center (SNCTC) Saturation Team Equipment [UASI FFY 2014]

- Kelli Anderson spoke to the urban area approval of this project, and spoke to pending federal approval. Because there is not a prior approval for this type of project at the federal level, this request may change how these types of projects are funded. This project is now with the federal board for review, not due to the amount of money, but due to the type of project represented. Sheriff Lombardo indicated that this project could be implemented in time to meet performance.
- Carolyn Levering suggested that due to the small amount of money available, that the money left is applied to this Metro project.
- Sheriff Lombardo inquired what would happen if the federal agency denied this request, with Kelli Anderson indicating that the money would most likely be lost; however the SAA could make the call on spending the funding. Chief Caleb Cage, SAA indicated that if this is approved, and there is a denial at the federal level, he could act in coordination with the Urban Area Administrator (UAA) to expend funds.
- Motion by Chairman Giomi to fund project at \$7389.66 contingent upon approval. Carolyn Levering seconded the motion. Chief John Steinbeck, UAA indicated this project was initially approved by the Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) for \$5,000; however it makes sense to extend available UASI funding to this project. Chief Steinbeck approved this under the time sensitive clause without going back to the UAWG. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

NCHS-126: Clark County Information Technology – Advanced Persistent Threat (APT) First Responder Planning Guide [UASI FFY 2014].

- Chairman Giomi indicated that at this time, with no available funding, the Committee will be looking to approve contingent upon funding.
- Chief Steinbeck indicated that they knew there were no available funds, but this project could be completed in a short amount of time in the event a deobligation

became available. This project was put forth with the purpose of putting to use any money that may have had to be given back.

- Mike Smith, Clark County Security Administrator spoke to the consultant work within the project, and it appears it would be designed as a facilitated workshop designed to create a plan. Kelli Anderson indicated it could be a challenge in going out to open competitive bidding, but would entertain approval to at least have the option for using 2014 or 2015 deobligated funding.
- Carolyn inquired if projects NCHS 126-129 fit within the FFY 2015 scope, with Kelli Anderson indicating that she would need to review further to ensure programmatic requirements; however NCHS-126 may work within 2015's grant. Ms. Anderson did stress the importance of prioritizing these projects as there was plenty of time to review in the 2015 grant cycle.
- Motion presented by Carolyn Levering to hold NCHS-126 for possible funding using 2015 deobligations as available, and the possibility of using 2014 funding as well. Second provided by Chief Brown. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Giomi spoke to the contingencies surrounding the next three projects, emphasizing the importance of ranking these projects should monies become available.

NCHS-127: Nevada Legislative Police – Mobile Radio Upgrade [SHSP FFY 2014].

- Kelli Anderson noted that this project may be scalable, and if we get smaller amounts of money, it may benefit from limited funding. This is not an effort to rank this project higher, but it could help close a capability gap.
- John Drew, Legislative Police confirmed this project is scalable, and they will take what they can get with this project.

NCHS-128: Storey County – Computer Aided Dispatch Enhancements [SHSP FFY 2014].

- Dave Ballard, Storey County spoke to enhancing call-taking capability and upgrading to the national standard, stressing the Tahoe Industrial Center importance and the global impact of those businesses within that area.
- Chairman Giomi asked if this is the EMS package or full package, with Mr. Ballard indicating it is the full package including EMS and Law Enforcement capability. Project is scalable as well, with biggest concern on limitations of certifications with limited staff.
- Kelli Anderson inquired how long this project would take to implement/train, with Mr. Ballard indicating approximately six weeks.

NCHS-129: East Fork Fire Protection District – Goggles and Amplifiers [SHSP FFY 2014].

- Chairman Giomi spoke to this project, but it does appear to be scalable.

Chairman Giomi asked for input on funding or prioritizing these projects, speaking to the importance of these applicants having come forth to request funding and having researched their individual projects. Carolyn Levering indicated that she didn't feel there was much chance of 2014 money becoming available, and prioritizing projects before knowing if money will be available in 2015 may not be prudent at this time. Kelli Anderson spoke to finalizing extension periods, and there may be a possibility of available funding for 2014 or 2015 programmatic changes. As a result, Ms. Anderson would like to have some options

should money become available and needed to be spent quickly. Ms. Levering indicated another option would be to look at scalable projects which could benefit with small amounts of money. Additional discussion provided by Captain Baldrige with concern over prioritizing these projects for 2015 funding when other projects may not have been able to apply yet for 2015 deobligated funding. Chairman Giomi suggested prioritizing scalable projects for 2014 expenditures only, and we will wait to evaluate other projects for 2015 money. Erin Lynch spoke to the greater need of each project, and considering that in any further action. Ms. Anderson again stressed the importance of the Finance Committee's role in reviewing the projects.

Dan Hourihan motioned that projects NCHS 127-129 be approved contingent upon availability of deobligated funding from FFY2014 and 2015, with the following prioritization: #1, NCHS-128; #2, NCHS-127; and #3, NCHS-129. Sheriff Lombardo seconded the motion. Dr. Lake requested motion be amended to using 2014 funding only, and would like to see projects carried over to 2015 in order to give everyone else an opportunity to apply for 2015 funding when it becomes available. Dan Hourihan agreed to amendment of the motion as presented. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Giomi opened discussion for public commentary. No public commentary presented in either location.

6. ADJOURN

Chairman Giomi called for a motion to adjourn. Motion presented by Chief Brown, with a second from Captain Baldrige. All were in favor with no opposition. Meeting adjourned.