



Meeting Minutes

Nevada Public Safety Communications Committee (NPSCC) Grants Subcommittee

Attendance	DATE	Wednesday, April 26, 2017	
	TIME	9:00 A.M.	
	LOCATION	Nevada Division of Emergency Management Training Room 2478 Fairview Drive Carson City, Nevada 89701	
		Clark County Fire Department, Station #18 2 nd Floor Conference Room 575 E. Flamingo Road Las Vegas, NV 89119	
	METHOD	Teleconference and Videoconference	
	RECORDER	Shealyne Schultz	
Committee Members	Present	Ex-Officio Members, Staff and Others	Present
Kevin Judice	X	Shealyne Schultz (NDEM Staff)	X
Matt Morris	X	Samantha Ladich (DAG Rep)	X
Scott Taylor	X	Kelli Anderson (NDEM Staff)	X
		Andy Gagliardo (NDEM Staff)	X

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair, Kevin Judice, called the meeting to order and Shealyne Schultz called roll. A quorum was established.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair, Kevin Judice opened the meeting for public comment. There was none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair, Kevin Judice, opened this agenda item for approval of the minutes from the March 4, 2016 NPSCC Grants Subcommittee meeting. Scott Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Matt Morris seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

4. FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2017 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) PROJECT PROPOSAL REVIEW

Chair, Kevin Judice opened this agenda item asking for clarification on the process. Kelli Anderson provided a brief overview of the process and explained that the 2017 grants have not been allocated yet. She suggested the subcommittee rank the projects by category (SHSP and Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)) and then combined. A total of eleven projects were reviewed; four SHSP and seven UASI projects. Kevin Judice asked presenters to provide an overview of their projects.

Project GG: North Las Vegas EOC Sustainment – UASI

This request is for continued sustainment of North Las Vegas' Emergency Operation Center (EOC). This proposal will make North Las Vegas better prepared and equipped to respond to and stabilize a terrorist attack on any and all of these key resources, critical infrastructure and symbolic venues/events. Additionally, it would allow them to become compatible with the state-wide Public Information and Warning Plan, the 211 Strategic Plan and become an Integrated Public Alert and Warning (iPAWS) compliant Collaborative Operating Group.

Questions:

Chair, Kevin Judice asked for clarification on the type of equipment that would be purchased as a line item detail budget was not provided for UASI projects.

Answer: Irene Navis with Clark County Office of Emergency Management explained the majority of the equipment they are requesting is for public information and warning as well as equipment to enhance their current EOC operations.

Project HH: Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) – SHSP

This project provides sustainment for the contract services of the SWIC. The position is responsible for statewide communications governance, coordination, outreach, and support. They maintain the State Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP), maintain involvement with many local, state, regional, and national committees and working groups, share information with tribes, counties, and special districts, monitor grant performance, and continually evaluate communications plans and training throughout the state.

The SWIC proposal is asking for funding to pay a salary and related costs. They have requested a full time equivalent position which will be funded 50% HSGP, 25% State, and 25% Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG).

It was noted that a SWIC is a requirement for the state to receive any communications related grant funding.

There were no questions.

Project II: Tahoe Douglas Fire District 2017 Radio Program – SHSP

This project is to improve and enhance their current radios. Current radios do not meet all the communication capabilities the fire district requires in all areas due to the difficult main geographic area of response. The new radios would help the first line units communicate easily and enhance their interoperability.

Questions:

Kevin Judice asked if the project is scalable or potential to be partially funded.

Answer: Battalion Chief Ralph Jones advised it would be and explained that this request is actually a portion of the full project. Currently, their inventory is 70 radios while the request is for 15. The request for 15 radios would allow every front line guy communications that are equal across the board.

Project JJ: North Central Nevada Mobile Command Vehicle/Mobile Dispatch – SHSP

This request is to replace and update equipment on a 12-year-old Mobile Command Vehicle (MCV) to create a multi-functional and multi-agency unified command center. The MCV would be used as an emergency dispatch platform for county-wide communications throughout three Nevada counties (Humboldt, Lander, and Pershing). They would be able to scale down, but it would reduce their capabilities.

Questions:

Kevin Judice asked for clarification on the type of communications.

Answer: Sheriff Mike Allen clarified that it would be for satellite communications.

Matt Morris asked about the vehicle that would be used.

Answer: Sheriff Mike Allen explained that the vehicle was initially purchased with HSGP funding by Nevada Highway Patrol and given to Humboldt County. Kelli Anderson provided more background on the transfer of the vehicle and her reasoning behind sending this project to the Subcommittee.

There was a question on if the equipment would be able to be portable or transferrable should they need to move it to a different vehicle.

Answer: Sheriff Mike Allen advised that it would be for the most part and that he sees this as being a long-term solution for them. Kelli Anderson provided additional background on the vehicle itself.

Project KK: Communications Enhancement Project – UASI

This project is to enhance the redundancy and interoperability of voice communications systems for the agency on equipment previously funded by HSGP funds. Enhancing and sustaining the voice communications system will mitigate the risk of possible system and security failure. Funding cannot be reduced as they are the base system. Additionally, they are at capacity so they cannot add additional subscriber units.

Questions:

Kevin Judice asked what particular agencies are dependent on this system.

Answer: Julie Black advised agencies that use this system include the Southern Nevada Area Communications Council (SNACC) and any other radio agencies as they are the backbone of the systems. Should their system fail all others agencies will not be able to communicate because of a system fail.

Project LL: Mesquite Emergency Multi Agency Radio Project – UASI

This project is to sustain a radio project they are currently finishing. The project will add radios to Mesquite Fire to ensure that personnel have a handheld radio when they are on a call as well as put radios in all emergency vehicles making it possible to communicate necessary information regarding all hazards immediately. Growth of the city has increased the call volume and they have needed to utilize reserve apparatus. Additionally, they have been authorized additional personnel thus necessitating the need for additional radios.

It was advised that the agency would be able to decrease the request almost by half as they will be deobligating and reobligating funds. The original request is for \$90,000 and they will deob/reob approximately \$40,000 thus decreasing their requested funding to \$50,000. This project is scalable if necessary.

Questions:

Irene Navis provided clarification on the reob/deob process noted. She explained that deobligation and reobligation would not be necessary, but rather a project change would be done as it fits within the scope of a previous project. If approved, this would eliminate or reduce this project. They are attempting to leverage funds from an older grant to offset the cost of this proposal. It was advised the project change would be determined at the Finance Committee meeting.

Project MM: Clark County Emergency Communication Project - UASI

This project is a request for radio communications with the purchase of 16 radios. These radios are slated to be used at volunteer fire stations in the remote areas of the county to enhance interoperability among those stations. This is a scalable project that can be reduced if necessary.

Questions:

There were none.

Project NN: School Radio Interoperable Communications – UASI

This project is for interoperable communications within Clark County School District which is the 5th largest school district in the nation with 350,000 students in 370 schools. The project would allow for the purchase of 370 radios with programmed channels divided amongst four zones. This would allow for communications between Clark County School District Police Department Dispatch and with a switch, communications with first responders. Current systems only allow for communications within schools' staff.

Questions:

There were none.

Project OO: Southern Nevada Health District Infrastructure Security – UASI

This project is to enhance the current camera and recording system in operation at the Southern Nevada Health District's main campus. This would allow for significant coverage to their campus as suggested by recent survey conducted by the Department of Homeland Security. The system would ensure the safety and welfare of infrastructure, data, personnel, and clients that access the building.

Questions:

There were none.

Project PP: Enhanced Communications for Emergency/Call Center Activities – UASI

This project is to improve the communications capability of the Dignity Health – St. Rose Dominican Safety and Security Department. This would be done by replacing the current analog radio system with a digital system that would allow for the capacity to effectively broadcast between hospital campuses and first responders.

Questions:

There was a question if this would cover all three campuses.

Answer: Yes, it would.

Project QQ: Pyramid Lake Emergency Response Radio Project – SHSP

This project is for the expansion of the current communications capability. It is for the purchase of mobile radios and equipment for the department which consists of four full-time and 24 volunteers that are part of the emergency medical and fire services for the tribe. Current radio systems will reach end of life this year. The project will allow for upgraded infrastructure to communicate more efficiently with personnel within and outside of the department. They would be able to match funds and scale if necessary.

Questions:

Andy Gagliardo had a question on if the radios would support the current system.

Answer: Don Pelt advised it would support the current system per their radio shop.

The ranking process took place. Instruction was provided. Each member read their ranking into the record and Shealyne Schultz would feed the ranking into a spreadsheet. Results would be provided for the final ranking.

Kevin Judice, Scott Taylor, and Matt Morris all read their rankings into the record. Please see attached final ranking spreadsheet. The combined UASI/SHSP ended in two numerical ties for 7th and 8th places. In this case, the committee decided to take majority ranking to complete the final ranking.

Shealyne read into record the final results as follows:

SHSP Projects:

1. HH – Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC)
2. II – Tahoe Douglas Fire District Radio
3. JJ – North Central Nevada Mobile command Vehicle Mobile Dispatch
4. QQ – Pyramid Lake Emergency Response Radio Equipment

UASI Projects:

1. NN – School Radio Interoperable Communication
2. KK – Communication Enhancement Project
3. LL – Mesquite Emergency Multi Agency Radio Project
4. MM – Clark County Emergency Communication Project
5. PP – Enhanced Communications for Emergency Call Center Activities
6. GG – North Las Vegas Emergency Operations Center Sustainment
7. OO – Southern Nevada Health District Infrastructure

SHSP/UASI Combined Projects:

1. HH – Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC)
2. NN – School Radio Interoperable Communication
3. LL – Mesquite Emergency Multi Agency Radio Project
4. KK – Communication Enhancement Project
5. II – Tahoe Douglas Fire District Radio
6. MM – Clark County Emergency Communication Project
7. JJ – North Central Nevada Mobile Command Vehicle Mobile Dispatch
8. PP – Enhanced Communications for Emergency Call Center Activities
9. GG – North Las Vegas Emergency Operation Center Sustainment
10. QQ – Pyramid Lake Emergency Response Radio Equipment
11. OO – Southern Nevada Health District Infrastructure

Matt Morris made a motion to approve the rankings as read into record. Scott Taylor seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chair, Kevin Judice opened the meeting up once again for public comment. There was none.

6. ADJOURN.

Chair, Kevin Judice called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott Taylor made the motion for adjournment. Matt Morris seconded. All were in favor with no opposition and the meeting adjourned.