



## Meeting Minutes Nevada Commission on Homeland Security Committee on Finance

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>DATE</b>	March 10, 2021	
	<b>TIME</b>	10:00 a.m.	
	<b>METHOD</b>	Zoom/Teleconference	
	<b>RECORDER</b>	Karen Hall	
<b>Voting Member Attendance</b>			
Name	Title/Organization	Present	
Joseph Lombardo - CHAIR	Sheriff, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department	X	
Greg Herrera - VICE CHAIR	Chief Deputy, Operations, Washoe County Sheriff's Office	Abs	
Mike Brown	State Government Affairs Director, R&R Partners	X	
Christopher Lake	Executive Director, Community Resilience, Nevada Hospital Association	X	
Carolyn Levering	Emergency Management Administrator, City of Las Vegas	X	
Erin Lynch	Chief, Nevada Division of Healthcare Financing and Policy	X	
<b>Non-Voting Member Attendance</b>			
David Fogerson	Chief, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security	X	
<b>Level Staff / Support Attendance</b>			
Samantha Ladich	Senior Deputy Attorney General, Nevada Office of the Attorney General	X	
Karen Hall	Management Analyst, Nevada Division of Emergency Management	X	

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair, Sheriff Joseph Lombardo, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD), called the meeting to order. Karen Hall, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEM/HS) performed the roll call. Quorum was established for the meeting.

### 2. Public Comment

Chair Lombardo opened the first period of public comment. No public comment was presented.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

Chair Lombardo called for a motion to approve or amend the meeting minutes from the December 17, 2020, Committee meeting. Carol Levering, City of Las Vegas, motioned to approve the minutes as presented with no changes. No second was provided. All were in favor with no opposition. The motion passed unanimously.

### 4. Update on the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)

Chief David Fogerson, DEM/HS, provided the update on the FFY 2021 HSGP at the request of Chair Lombardo. Chief Fogerson indicated that the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for

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the FFY 2021 HSGP came out last week, and DEM/HS is working diligently on that process in addition to establishing meeting schedules. Nevada received a slightly higher State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) funding allocation in FFY 2021 than in FFY 2020. In FFY 2021, Nevada received \$4,602,500. Additionally, the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding allocation remained flat compared to the FFY 2020 allocation and was allocated \$5,250,000 in FFY 2021. The FFY 2021 HSGP NOFO requires each state to provide one investment justification and at least one project addressing each of the five National Priority Areas listed:

- Cybersecurity - 7.5%.
- Soft Targets/Crowded Places - 5%.
- Intelligence and Information Sharing – 5%.
- Countering Domestic Violent Extremism – 7.5%.
- Emerging Threats - 5%.

The remainder of the NOFO guidance appears to be in line with years past. Chief Fogerson indicated that DEM/HS staff are working on the timeline for the Committee, and it should be available in the meeting packets detailing the process. Chief Fogerson wanted to make sure the Committee was involved in the FFY 2021 HSGP process from the start, and to be able to review the current Strategic Capacities to be Maintained (SCTBM) to see if they are still applicable based on the current NOFO guidance.

Chair Lombardo asked for clarification on the current FFY 2021 SCTBM relating to the five items of mandatory funding and asked whether those funding requirements needed to mirror the SCTBM. Chief Fogerson answered no, that any capacity required could be made to be competitive in nature or to address anything emerging. Some involve enhancing information intelligence, which is already covered in the SCTBM. These will give us an opportunity to look at the SCTBM and see if anything needs to be added. Chief Fogerson also indicated that the FFY 2021 NOFO discusses that the fusion centers are a priority. Chair Lombardo inquired if Chief John Steinbeck, Clark County Fire Department, had any issues with the SCTBM as they relate to the national priorities, with Chief Steinbeck indicating he did not have an issue with the current SCTBM.

Kelly Anderson, DEM/HS, indicated that as an identified FFY 2021 emerging capacity, Election Security was not a requirement in the FFY 2021 NOFO. It was a unique requirement of the FFY 2020 NOFO and carried over into FFY 2021 in the event the NOFO had similar requirements. It would be up to this body to decide if they want to keep it or remove it in FFY 2021. Chair Lombardo asked whether the Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services (Public Health/EMS) emerging capacity was also part of the FFY 2021 NOFO, and Ms. Anderson indicated that it was not.

## **5. Recommendation on the Development of Strategic Capacities to be Maintained (SCTBM) for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)**

Chair Lombardo provided the Committee time to review the current FFY 2021 SCTBM as presented. Chief Fogerson discussed that the Committee had previously talked about adding emerging capabilities due to requirements of past NOFOs; however, now that national priorities are out, it may be that the Election Security SCTBM is no longer required due to it not being addressed in the FFY 2021 NOFO. Chief Fogerson recommended that to keep the process competitive, that the Public Health/EMS emerging capacity be kept for consideration.

Chair Lombardo concurred, and stated that the emerging strategic capacity for Election Security should be removed. Chair Lombardo called for a motion to remove it from the SCTBM for FFY 2021. Carolyn Levering asked for clarification on whether the Committee was keeping the Public Health/EMS capacity on the list, with Chair Lombardo indicating it would be left as the emerging capacity for FFY 2021. Carolyn Levering made a motion to approve the FFY 2021 SCTBM maintaining the Public Health/EMS emerging capacity and eliminating the Election Security capacity. No second was provided. All were in favor with no opposition. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Fogerson also asked for clarification that the Committee is keeping the Public Health/EMS emerging capacity outside of the maintained capacities for FFY 2021, and therefore will be considered competitive need. Carolyn Levering indicated that was the intent of her motion, and Chair Lombardo concurred.

## **6. Public Comment**

Chair Lombardo opened discussion on the second period of public comment. No public comment was presented by Committee members or public teleconference attendees.

## **7. Adjourn**

Chair Lombardo called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Brown, R&R Partners, Inc., made a motion to adjourn. No second was provided. Meeting adjourned.