



# Meeting Minutes Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee

<b>Attendance</b>		<b>DATE</b>	April 25, 2023			
		<b>TIME</b>	1:00 p.m.			
		<b>METHOD</b>	Zoom			
		<b>RECORDER</b>	Sherrean K. Whipple			
<b>Appointed Voting Member Attendance</b>						
<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	
David Fogerson – Chair	X	Cassandra Darrough	X	Ryan Miller	X	
Billy Samuels – Vice Chair	X	Bob Dehnhardt	X	Aakin Patel	ABS	
Andy Ancho	X	Kelly Echeverria	X	Tennille Pereira	ABS	
Jayson Andrus	X	Andrea Esp	X	Matthew Petersen	X	
Roy Anderson	X	Jeanne Freeman	X	Ken Quiner	ABS	
Travis Anderson	X	Eric Holt	X	Misty Robinson	X	
Noah Boyer	X	Graham Kent	ABS	Rachel Skidmore	X	
Elizabeth Paulsen	ABS	Mary Ann Laffoon	X	Cary Underwood	X	
James Chrisley	X	Chris Lake	X	Stephanie Woodard	ABS	
COL. Brett D. Compston	X	Carolyn Levering	X			
Joe Colacurcio	X	Rachel Marchetti	X			
<b>Appointed Non-Voting Member Attendance</b>						
Bunny Bishop	X	Melissa Friend	X	Selby Marks	X	
Heather Lafferty	X	Kasey KC	ABS	Catherine Nielsen	ABS	
<b>Legal/Administrative Support Attendance</b>						
<b>Representative</b>		<b>Entity</b>			<b>Present</b>	
Samantha Ladich – Senior Deputy Attorney General		Office of the Nevada Attorney General			X	
Sherrean K. Whipple – Administrative Assistant		Nevada Division of Emergency Management			X	

## 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair, David Fogerson, State Administrative Agent (SAA) called the meeting to order. Roll call was performed by Sherrean K. Whipple. Quorum was established for the meeting.

**2. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Chair David Fogerson called for a motion to amend or approve the draft minutes of the January 24, 2023 Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee (NRAC) meeting.

Chris Lake, Nevada Hospital Association, motioned to approve the minutes.

COL. Brett Compston, Nevada National Guard, seconded the motion to approve the minutes.

All others were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed.

**4. Overview of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) and the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)**

Jared Franco, Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security (DEM/HS) and Suz Coyote, DEM/HS. Jared Franco informed the Committee that the SHSP allocations to projects amount is \$4,605, 125, with a strategic capabilities to be maintained amount of \$3,214, 308, leaving \$1,390,816 to allocate to new projects. Mr. Franco indicated that there has been a total of \$2,581, 417 worth of new project submissions, leaving \$1,190,600 over the total allocation available. Mr. Franco directed to the Committee to the agenda item materials for Agenda Item Number 4, which gives the deliverables and timelines for the HSGP grant in total. Mr. Franco next discussed the grants trainings held during the three regional workshops that will take place in eastern Nevada, southern Nevada, and western Nevada.

Chair Fogerson added that the Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) held its meeting the previous week and followed the same process the Committee would be following at today's meeting, during which some important points were raised. Chair Fogerson explained that UAWG will be starting the discussion of those potential issues, and then will bring the information back to NRAC for the final decision.

**5. Overview of the FFY 2023 SHSP Project and Budget Proposals for the Strategic Programs to be Maintained Consistent with the Nevada Emergency Management and Homeland Security Enterprise Strategic Priorities 2023 -2025**

Chair, David Fogerson and Vice-Chair, Billy Samuels. Chair Fogerson explained that under this agenda item, the Committee will review the project and budget proposals and hear recommendations from Chair Fogerson and Vice Chair Samuels on the state programs to be maintained. Chair Fogerson noted that the Committee may ask questions of the project representatives, and then the Committee would vote on the recommendations provided by the Chair and Vice Chair. Chair Fogerson discussed ranking, noting that this would come later on in the agenda as this item is for questions and voting. Chair Fogerson noted some corrections, including: Project Number 439378 with an increase by \$10,600 over the original amount; and Project number 438998, which was pulled and can be removed as marked off.

Vice Chair Billy Samuels indicated that due to election security, Project number 439378 needed to include \$425 more per the SHSP requirement.

Zach Scott indicated that the newly calculated maintain amount is \$3,733,292.79, the new enhanced is \$1,922,109.57, which puts the new available competitive at \$1,811,183.12.

Chair Fogerson went through the following maintain items: AA, the Douglas County Emergency Management CERT Program; BB, the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Consolidated Bomb Squad; CC, the Elko County CERT Program; D, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Southern Nevada Counterterrorism Center Sustainment Program.

Vice Chair Samuels asked why there is a 30 percent increase for this maintain project.

Rachel Skidmore explained that the 30 percent increase reflected a position that had been moved from a contractor to an in-house position, but that the agreement had included carrying the position on the grant one more year in preparation to pulling the position onto LVMPD's budget. Ms. Skidmore indicated that this would be the last funding year on the grant.

Chair Fogerson asked about the increase for the contract privacy officer from last year to this year.

Rachel Skidmore explained that this is a mandated position and that the individual hired on a contract basis, due to workload and individual projects, has increased the billable hours to meet the needs of the program.

Jeanne Freeman asked if this is anticipated to be a full-time position in the future.

Rachel Skidmore indicated that this is a skilled position that will be maintained as a contract position.

Chair Fogerson continued with the list of maintains: EE, The Nevada Division of Emergency Management Statewide Recovery Program; FF, the Nevada Threat Analysis Center (NTAC).

Vice Chair Samuels indicated that the worksheet says \$824,626.80 and the project says \$822,626.80 and asked that the numbers be updated to match.

Chair Fogerson questioned the increase in capability that would be gotten out of the increase in cost.

Selby Marks explained that the increase is the result of new items, Cellebrite Premium and Cellebrite Pathfinder. Mr. Marks indicated that this is a sustainment item in year number three. Mr. Marks further explained the purchase of ScanWriter, which has cut down on the time the financial analyst needs to devote. Mr. Marks further noted that to offset this increase, approximately \$62,800 has been eliminated in other factors and prior budgets.

Chair Fogerson discussed the differences in the funding for NTAC versus Southern Nevada Counterterrorism Center, noting that NTAC receives more money from this group than does the SNCTC, but indicated that

SNCTC also receives UASI funds as well as funding from Metro, while NTAC receives money from the Nevada Division of Investigations as well as from NRAC.

Jeanne Freeman asked for confirmation that everything under this item still fits within the scope of maintaining.

Selby Marks confirmed that the ability to maintain the capability for the awareness program has been maintained, but the focus has changed, which reflects the cost going forward.

Jeanne Freeman questioned the elements added and the reduction in funding associated with exercising noting that exercising is critical to ensure that anything planned can actually be executed and handled in case of a real-life situation.

Selby Marks indicated that the line item that was eliminated was travel as a different line item will be used to support this so as to increase efficiency. Mr. Marks further indicated that no exercise was removed but rather the funding for this was realigned. Mr. Marks explained that the new purchases are not long-term contracts.

Chair Fogerson noted that part of the UAWG discussion that will take place in the future is whether it is the price range or the capability that is going to be maintained.

Jeanne Freeman concurred, noting the importance of ensuring that funding maintains the capabilities.

Chair Fogerson continued with the list of maintains: GG, Washoe County Emergency Management Homeland Security Program.

Vice Chair Samuels questioned if the increase in funding increases capabilities.

Kelly Echeverria explained that the price has been increased based on the addition of entities into the portal and the increased load on the portal support team, as well as an increased amount of travel due to the inclusion of the Clark County Water Reclamation District. Ms. Echeverria noted that alternatives for long-term solutions were explored but were determined not to be feasible options.

Chair Fogerson continued with the list of maintains: HH, DEM NIMS maintenance; II, DEM mission support and statewide interoperability coordinator; JJ, DEM Tribal NIMS, provision of an emergency manager for all tribes lacking one; KK, Washoe County Sheriff's Office CERT maintain program.

Vice Chair Samuels asked how many people are rostered a year and why 24 additional radios are needed.

Joe Olaciregui indicated that the number of radios has increased due to the increased work with agency partners and that the 24 radios provides a better span of control over 280 volunteers.

Chair Fogerson noted that Washoe County Emergency Management is asking for 43 radios and asked if it was possible for the two entities to partner together and use the radio cache for the CERT team.

Kelly Echeverria confirmed that Emergency Management's cache of radios has always been and always will be available for CERT to use.

Joe Olaciregui added that in a large scale event, those radios would likely be issued to first responders, hence the request to keep radios in the CERT office for response without depletion of Emergency Management's resources.

Kelly Echeverria indicated that Emergency Management has not had to supply first-responding agencies with radios during an event.

Jeanne Freeman asked if the CERT tram radios are only used for the CERT team, and if this is a one-time request or something that will be maintained so as to replace the radio cache regularly.

Joe Olaciregui explained that the radios are used with interoperability through the sheriff's office during an emergency event, and that this is a one-time request.

Kelly Echeverria indicated her belief that this would be a repeating request as when the radios become obsolete, they need to be replaced and that this can only be done through the same funding source.

Jeanne Freeman indicated her concern that radios become obsolete in a rather short period of time and replacing them is a major expense. As such, Ms. Freeman explained that with tight funding, determining efficiency in the regions is particularly important.

Joe Olaciregui explained that because the radios are not used as regularly as in other responding agencies, the anticipation is that these radios would last longer than the normal life cycle as long as the system does not change.

Jeanne Freeman asked if Committee members will have the option to approve or deny particular items within the maintained proposals or if the vote is on a one-lump sum maintain process.

Chair Fogerson indicated that the Committee has the ability to pull things out and move them to the new projects rather the maintain projects should the need arise.

Misty Robinson questioned if the Sheriff's Department and County Emergency Management could work together to decrease the number of radios being purchased on either side.

Kelly Echeverria explained that Emergency Management has asked about previous de-obligation funds and can reduce the amount of radios should there be de-obligated funds available. Ms. Echeverria reiterated that CERT is able to use the existing 51 radios in Emergency Management's cache at any time.

Misty Robinson asked if the sheriff's office is willing to remove that line item and use the Emergency Management radios when needed.

Joe Olaciregui noted that this is a possibility but indicated that CERT would like to keep a cache on hand so as not to affect Emergency Management's cache in the case of a big event.

Chair Fogerson continued with the list of maintains: LQ, the Secretary of State's net flow and intrusion detection system monitoring analysis. Chair Fogerson reminded the Committee that this is the line item that will be increased to \$145,425.

Matt Petersen asked for a description of this item.

Deanna Spikula, Nevada Secretary of State's Office, explained that this is an intrusion detection system that monitors internet traffic as it flows and comes through to the counties to alert for malicious or any other type of threats that may be attacking the systems.

Chair Fogerson explained that this is a normal practice and that this meets the election security criteria for the federal grant. Chair Fogerson further indicated that if the dollar amount spent is not met, then the state will not get any of the money.

Matt Petersen noted a discrepancy among the counties in allocation and asked for an explanation.

Deanna Spikula indicated that the prices differ among counties based on the traffic.

Chair Fogerson continued with the list of maintains: NT, Washoe County Sheriff's Office consolidated bomb unit enhancement.

Col. Brett Compston asked for an explanation as to why the CBRNE and CBRNE enhancement package is needed to go along with the robot.

Noah Boyer discussed National Security Presidential Memorandum 36 from 2021, which enhanced the presidential directive for responsibilities of bomb squads, after which tabletop exercises and discussions were held that determined that the existing robot platform from this funding stream from 2007 or 2008 does not have the capability to integrate the sensors. Mr. Boyer indicated that this can be a scaled system.

Col. Brett Compston asked if the robot were retained but the CBRNE package is cut, would this still be viable.

Noah Boyer indicated that it would still be viable, but to buy the package separately and piecemeal it down the road would add approximately \$29,000 to the cost as opposed to purchasing the package deal.

Kelly Echeverria added that she and Mr. Boyer had discussed the possibility of SERC funds to support the package, but determined that these funds are not available in the amount needed.

Chair Fogerson asked for confirmation that one of these was gotten from UAWG with UASI money for the Las Vegas EOD team with the CBRNE capability built in.

Vice Chair Samuels confirmed that this was correct and reiterated that this is one of the areas that needs to be defined within the definitions of new versus maintain.

Carolyn Levering added that many of these bomb squad investments were made in the early 2000s, a time in which significantly more money was available in both UASI and SHSP, noting that because the equipment cannot be maintained forever, it does need to be replaced at some point. However, Ms. Levering added that when this equipment is grant funded, if there is not grant funding to replace it in the future, then hard loss and capability needs to be considered as the capability can no longer be funded, the only alternative being continuing to fund and replace this kind of equipment. As such, Ms. Levering concluded that in cases like this, it is difficult to make a determination as to whether this is an enhancement or a maintain.

Noah Boyer indicated that this robot platform is significantly smaller and less expensive than the one purchased back in '07, '08, which would require \$500,000 to replace. As such, Mr. Boyer explained that this robot helps to fill the gaps between the older platforms as it is difficult to find the funding source for the \$500,000 robot and indicated that he came to this group specifically with this more affordable project as it is scalable and more obtainable than replacing the original robot.

Carolyn Levering asked Mr. Boyer to explain to the group what current capability would be lost should this investment not be funded.

Noah Boyer explained that the enhancement provides the CBRNE integration whereas currently, for radiological detection, this needs to be duct taped to the robot, driven down range, and then have a camera zoom in on it in hopes of being able to see the necessary information. Mr. Boyer indicated that this enhancement allows for true integration and current values and identification of hazards downrange. Mr. Boyer further added that this protects the human lives of the operators who do not personally need to go downrange to collect that data.

Jeanne Freeman asked if the platform is even usable without the CBRNE package, and whether this is a one-year increase in cost ask or if this will become the base request of the maintain amount.

Noah Boyer indicated that purchase of the robot platform alone would maintain current capabilities, and as such, would work more towards the bomb side of the house whereas the CBRNE package would allow for further integration and would allow for work on both the bomb and the hazmat sides of the house. Mr. Boyer indicated that the normal maintain ask over the last six years has fallen between \$140,000 to \$200,000 and explained that \$300,000 extra will not be the norm going forward.

Chair Fogerson continued with the list of maintains: OU, the Washoe County Sheriff's Office cyber security maintain; PV, the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Regional Intelligence Center. Chair Fogerson opened the floor to the Committee for discussion regarding moving forward with the projects and the funding.

Vice Chair Samuels asked if any of the projects had the ability to take some money out to reduce cost so as to increase funding for the projects on the new side.

Chair Fogerson called for a ten-minute break for all parties to discuss if and where reductions could be made on existing projects. Following the break, Chair Fogerson reminded the Committee that current funding requests are \$3,740,732 for maintain and \$1,922,109 for new, an overage of \$1,047,717. Chair Fogerson indicated that if all maintain projects are funded, only \$874,392 is left to fund the 1.9 million-plus requested for new projects. Chair Fogerson repeated the request of maintain projects to cut possible amounts from their asks.

Joe Olaciregui volunteered to take \$30,000 out of the Washoe County CERT ask, Project KK.

Selby Marks volunteered to remove \$25,000 from NTAC's ask, Project FF.

Noah Boyer offered to reduce Project NT by \$20,000.

Matt Petersen, Elko County, motioned to approve the maintained projects with the adjusted dollar amounts.

Christopher Lake, Nevada Hospital Association, seconded the motion.

All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed.

## **6. FFY 2023 SHSP Project and Proposal Presentations for the New Programs**

Chair, David Fogerson and Vice-Chair, Billy Samuels. Chair Fogerson explained that the Committee will hear project and budget proposal presentations limited to five minutes from the project representatives who submitted a new project proposal and budget supporting Emergency Management Homeland Security enterprise security priorities for 2023, 2025.

Cameron Carey, EITS, presented project RM.

Andy Ancho questioned if this project covered extreme weather conditions as well as acts of terrorism.

Cameron Carey explained that EITS does have the equipment to respond to extreme weather events.

Vice Chair Samuels questioned what type of training EITS has done in the past, if any.

Cameron Carey confirmed that EITS has done training and has many new hires that need to be trained.

Vice Chair Samuels questioned how this falls under the responsibility of NRAC.

Cameron Carey indicated that because of new threats, there's a higher criticality versus normal operation of businesses.



Kelly Echeverria questioned how training was paid for previously.

John Spracklen, EITS, explained how prior to COVID, this was a normal budgetary expense, but during COVID, training was canceled due to restrictions and removed from the budget.

Kelly Echeverria asked if any part of this project is scalable.

Cameron Carey noted the ability to reduce approximately \$4,000 under the travel line item.

Jeanne Freeman questioned what EITS is doing to ensure that they have what's available to train the staff, knowing that people are going to retire and/or leave.

Cameron Carey explained that within the budget, funds are not allowed to be commingled from one category to another, thus preventing the savings in salary when someone retires or leaves to be moved to the training category. Mr. Carey further explained the situation with the planning, noting that all of administration, including himself and Mr. Spracklen, are very new in their roles and adequate planning is a priority for the new administration going forward as this was poorly handled by the previous administration. Mr. Carey confirmed that this request is a one-time ask while the new administration continues to focus on better planning moving forward.

Chair Fogerson noted that there may be some supplanting issues at play in this case that need to be studied as these requests were previously paid for by budgeted funds and may not fall under the federal stipulation for what grant funding can be used for under 2 CFR 200.

Serge Doherty, Carson City CERT, discussed grant request Q, noting that CERT has not applied for an HSGP grant within the last five years, which is why this falls under new requests rather than a maintain request, which is likely where it belongs. Mr. Doherty discussed the need to fund a program coordinator following the retirement of Deputy Emergency Manager Jason Danen. Mr. Doherty explained that the vision of this request is to maintain and expand CERT's capabilities and support of the community and first responders, to expand cooperativeness with surrounding CERT teams by way of joint exercises and potentially developing mutual-aid abilities, and to continue and expand the relationships with other organizations such as the American Red Cross and other NGOs and other government organizations so as to enhance responsibilities and provide relief for first responders.

Mary Ann Laffoon questioned the requested packs and price per pack, noting her concern at the high price given that different vendors can provide many of the same contents for less money.

Serge Doherty defined the contents of these packs necessary for CERT, which goes behind the standard pack available through a number of vendors. Mr. Doherty indicated that he was willing to look at the other available options.

Carolyn Levering congratulated Mr. Doherty on bringing back the CERT program. Ms. Levering cautioned trying to list the packs as exercise as things listed for exercises are intended to be disposable rather than an investment for future use. Ms. Levering further noted that packs of any kind have been denied in the past few

years as FEMA Region IX has declined to make that an eligible item. Ms. Levering noted that 50 are included under exercise and request but questioned if they were to be moved to another category, if there is a plan and program in place for the oversight, maintenance, and distribution of the packs.

Serge Doherty explained that the plan is to issue packs only to those join the team following CERT training, indicating that this equipment will definitely be rostered and accounted for for the people who are joining the team and volunteering their support. Mr. Doherty noted that the plan is to grow the team between 10/1/2023 and 9/30/2024 by a number of 50, thus accounting for the requested equipment. Mr. Doherty explained that all CERT team members who are rostered need to have completed or be in the process of completing the CERT basic training as well as an expectation of attendance of monthly meetings, availability for other kinds of training and exercises, and actual deployment during times of critical incidents. Mr. Doherty next discussed what happens should those expectations not be met, with the ultimate intention of removing the individual from the roster.

Carolyn Levering offered assistance in bringing down the cost of the requested packs.

Jeanne Freeman asked about current CERT team members and how many have been added in the last year.

Serge Doherty indicated that of the 30 on the team, eight have recently joined.

Everett Bates, LVMPD ARMOR, discussed Request S, noting that the requested handheld chemical Raman detectors can rapidly identify hazardous chemicals and allow for real-time identification of both chemical warfare agents and toxic industrial chemicals. Mr. Bates discussed the strategic partnership ARMOR has with CLEAR in Reno and the sharing of the equipment between the two teams.

Misty Robinson asked if he request could be reduced from two to one to save funds.

Everett Bates noted that it can, but that as they reach end of warranty, ARMOR would need to request the second one the following year and suggested being added to the maintain category.

Noah Boyer, in the absence of an available CLEAR representative, confirmed that all of this equipment is being used statewide.

Everett Bates informed the Committee that 32 pieces of technology with a price tag of approximately \$500,000 has been moved from ARMOR to CLEAR.

Chair Fogerson encouraged Mr. Bates to be in communication with the grant division regarding these transfers because of the grant paperwork that needs to be done when moving things from one agency to another.

Rachel Skidmore discussed Request T, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's air to ground link. Ms. Skidmore explained that LVMPD is outfitting three of its patrol helicopters to have a live down link field. Ms. Skidmore indicated that this proposed program ties directly in the existing SiLVUS radio mesh network and

that the project has three line items associated: the SiLVUS mesh networking equipment, the radio recipient sites; and equipment installation. Ms. Skidmore indicated that this project is scalable as it requests for three helicopters for a cost of \$550,000; to outfit two would reduce cost to \$396,666; to outfit one would reduce cost to \$243,333. Ms. Skidmore explained that if rolling down to just one helicopter, LVMPD would come back to NRAC in the future to outfit the additional two helicopters.

Kelly Echeverria asked if this is a capability that Metro is able to cover with drones.

Rachel Skidmore explained that Metro is building out its drone program and tying it in with the SiLVUS radio mesh network. Ms. Skidmore indicated that this request would be to outfit the real time for the patrol function, noting that drones require pre-capability to deploy to specific areas and when significant events occur that are moving cross-valley, Metro does not have the luxury to employ drones in these types of situations.

Chair Fogerson asked why this is coming to the State Homeland Security and not to UASI.

Rachel Skidmore explained that this particular asset is deployable outside of Clark County and therefore was put forth on statewide Homeland Security program. Ms. Skidmore clarified that if the project is scaled back, Metro would be returning to NRAC next year not for maintenance, but to expand this existing program.

James Chrisley commended the program and expressed concern that to scale back to only one helicopter would be shortsighted, citing the possibility of the it being under maintenance at a time that it was needed. As such, Mr. Chrisley proposed to scale back the project from three helicopters to two rather than just the one.

Kelly Echeverria discussed Project V for Washoe County Emergency Management to replace the radio cache. Ms. Echeverria indicated that Washoe County Emergency Management maintains a cache for the region of radios that are available to any of its partners. Ms. Echeverria explained that eight have already been replaced through Homeland Security Funds and there are 43 left. Ms. Echeverria indicated that there is a changeover to a P25 system this year, which is why the radios need replacing. Ms. Echeverria informed the Committee that Washoe County did reach out to DEM about the availability of de-obligated funds, but none were available.

Noah Boyer discussed Project W, a request from Washoe County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Division for an armored vehicle to address the active assailant/active shooter threat. Mr. Boyer explained that FEMA now has new requirements for these types of vehicles, and indicated that the vehicle will be able to respond to various terrains. Mr. Boyer further indicated that this project could be cut by \$15,000 in the interest of scaling back.

Jeanne Freeman questioned if NRAC should anticipate other partners come to ask for this type of funding to support vehicles that meet the new requirements.

Noah Boyer explained that he runs a consolidated unit between Reno, Sparks and Washoe County and that Reno and Sparks have significantly newer vehicles than the one Washoe is looking to replace with this project

and for that reason, does not anticipate other departments coming before the Committee with similar requests.

Tabitha Hamilton, White Pine County, discussed Project X, a request for an ambulance for Lund. Ms. Hamilton indicated that the goal is to purchase a four-wheel drive ambulance to replace the existing 2011 one.

Vice Chair Samuels asked about the capabilities of this ambulance versus one that is a regular response vehicle, and how this would one would have terrorist capabilities to it.

Tabitha Hamilton indicated that this ambulance would be used for response for any event, including terrorism. Ms. Hamilton further indicated that it does not have any special capabilities beyond a standard ambulance.

Kelly Echeverria asked how ambulances are normally funded in White Pine County.

Tabitha Hamilton explained that in the past, they have been funded primarily through grants, some ARPA funds, and a small fire district budget. Ms. Hamilton further indicated that White Pine County did apply for the Assistance to Firefighters grant through FEMA and if awarded that grant, the ambulance would then go to Baker rather than Lund.

Kelly Echeverria noted that if this is a replacement ambulance that had been purchased through a different funding stream, this creates an issue.

Chair Fogerson provided the same recommendation as was provided to EITS, which was to investigate whether this is a supplanting issue and therefore whether or not it is a permissible purchase.

Tabitha Hamilton next discussed Project Y, to replace a pickup truck in Lund, a 1995 model, overdue for replacement, with a command truck that has more capabilities, and to replace the current fire chief command vehicle.

Kelly Echeverria asked if this project is scalable.

Tabitha Hamilton indicated that it is, with the first priority being to replace the vehicle in Lund. Ms. Hamilton further indicated that this is the first grant into which White Pine County has looked specific to the command trucks but in the future could potentially look into the Assistance to Firefighters grant for this, as well. Ms. Hamilton next discussed Project Z, replacement of the SCBAs, noting that White Pine County needs to replace 75 SCBAs but has applied through the Assistance to Firefighters grant for 35 and is looking to NRAC to replace 10 through this funding. Ms. Hamilton indicated that this project is scalable. Ms. Hamilton next discussed project AA, to provide rifle-rated bulletproof vests for White Pine's 23 sheriff's office employees.

Kelly Echeverria asked if United We Stand or LEPC funding has been explored for Project Z and/or AA.

Tabitha Hamilton indicated that White Pine generally uses that funding for things of a smaller scale for both the sheriff's office and the fire district.

Joe Colacurcio questioned whether Project AA is for plate carriers or actual vests, noting that rifle-rated body armor is not sold.

Tabitha Hamilton indicated her belief that these are rifle-rated bulletproof vests, noting that the quote came from Shield 616.

Moapa Valley Fire Chief Neel discussed Project U, the Stop the Bleed program, noting that this ask is for four Stop the Bleed kits for the four schools in Moapa Valley. Chief Neel indicated that following an active-shooter full scale exercise, Moapa Valley identified that due to the rural community and primarily a volunteer service, it takes a longer amount of time to get to schools in this type of situation and reiterated the importance of having Stop the Bleed kits as time in this type of event is of the essence.

Kelly Echeverria asked if Moapa Valley has explored receiving these kits through state PHP.

Chief Neel indicated that he has reached out to the state and was advised to follow the avenue through NRAC.

Misty Robinson indicated that she and Chief Neel discuss the options offline as State PHP may have funding available in its grants for this request.

Andrea Esp indicated that Washoe County PHP just returned \$55,000 to state PHP and suggested that perhaps the state could purchase these kits and then donate them down to Moapa Valley as these funds need to be spent and in hand by June 30.

## **7. Ranking of the FFY 2023 SHSP Projects and Budget Proposal Presentations**

Chair, David Fogerson and Vice-Chair, Billy Samuels. Committee members each ranked the 11 new projects requesting funding starting with the first column, Q, and going straight down the list.

Andy Ancho: 3, 6, 4, 1, 9, 2, 5, 10, 11, 8, 7.

Roy Anderson: 3, 6, 1, 4, 11, 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 19.

Travis Anderson: 1, 9, 2, 3, 6, 5, 4, 10, 11, 8, 7.

Jayson Andrus: 1, 11, 5, 2, 4, 6, 3, 10, 9, 8, 7.

Noah Boyer: 1, 11, 4, 6, 10, 3, 2, 5, 7, 8, 9.

James Chrisley: 3, 6, 2, 1, 8, 10, 7, 9, 11, 4, 5.

Joe Colacurcio: 1, 11, 5, 6, 10, 3, 2, 4, 9, 8, 7.

Cary Underwood: 6, 5, 1, 2, 11, 3, 4, 10, 7, 8, 9.

Rachel Skidmore: 6, 11, 2, 3, 1, 7, 5, 9, 10, 4, 8.

Col. Brett Compston: 1, 11, 4, 8, 2, 7, 5, 9, 10, 6, 3.

Cassandra Darrough: 6, 7, 8, 9, 5, 10, 11, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Bob Dehnhardt: 4, 1, 7, 2, 11, 5, 3, 6, 9, 10, 8.

Kelly Echeverria: 2, 7, 4, 5, 11, 1, 3, 9, 10, 6, 8.

Andrea Esp: 3, 7, 4, 1, 10, 2, 5, 8, 11, 9, 6.

Jeanne Freeman: 1, 9, 4, 2, 7, 3, 6, 11, 10, 8, 5.

Eric Holt: 1, 7, 2, 3, 10, 4, 5, 9, 11, 6, 8.

Mary Ann Laffoon: 1, 9, 2, 5, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 8, 4.

Chris Lake: 4, 11, 2, 1, 3, 6, 9, 7, 10, 8, 5.

Carolyn Levering: 1, 5, 3, 2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 7, 6.

Ryan Miller: 3, 7, 4, 1, 8, 6, 2, 5, 11, 9, 10.

Matthew Petersen: 1, 9, 2, 4, 3, 5, 6, 10, 11, 8, 7.

Misty Robertson: 1, 11, 3, 4, 6, 2, 7, 10, 8, 9, 5.

Melissa Friend: 3, 2, 1, 5, 11, 4, 6, 9, 10, 7, 8.

Selby Marks: 1, 4, 3, 2, 5, 6, 10, 9, 11, 8, 7.

Heather Lafferty: 2, 1, 6, 9, 8, 3, 7, 4, 5, 11, 10.

Bunny Bishop: 2, 6, 4, 3, 9, 1, 5, 10, 11, 8, 7.

David Fogerson: 1, 7, 3, 6, 4, 2, 5, 11, 10, 9, 8.

Billy Samuels: 1, 11, 2, 3, 6, 5, 4, 10, 9, 8, 7.

Sherrean Whipple called roll again to ensure the continued presence of quorum prior to voting.

David Fogerson reported that there is funding for Carson City CERT; the handheld Raman for ARMOR; the LVMPD air to ground; the Washoe County radio replacement; and the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Division armored vehicle. The projects that were not funded were: the Moapa Valley Fire Protection District's Stop the Bleed; White Pine County plate carriers; White Pine County SCBAs; the EITS communication site recovery planning; the White Pine County ambulance; and the White Pine County command trucks. Chair Fogerson explained that for those not funded, there is a path forward for them with some other options such as PHP, EPWG, and others.

Jared Franco, DEM, noted that the numbers did not match up correctly with the amount left to allocate, and with these five projects being funded, NRAC is over allocation by \$1,941. As such, Mr. Franco requested if any of the five funded projects could scale back to bring the amount under 942 to make it whole.

Noah Boyer offered to take the \$1,941 off of the armored vehicle.

Eric Holt indicated that these allocations reflect the intention of the grant in a positive manner, and indicated his support.

David Fogerson asked for a motion.

Christopher Lake, Nevada Hospital Association, made a motion to accept the current vote and fund the Carson City CERT, the ARMOR CBRNE enhancement, the air to ground link, the HSGP radio replacement, and the Washoe County Sheriff Office Special Ops Division vehicle.

Colonel Brett Compston, Nevada National Guard, seconded the motion.

All others were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed.

## **8. Public Comment**

Chair, David Fogerson opened the second period of public comment for discussion.

Vice Chair Samuels thanked the Chair Fogerson and the DEM/HS staff for their organization of this process.

Kelly Echeverria echoed Vice Chair Samuels' statements and requested that the next meeting include an agenda item to discuss what constitutes maintain versus enhance for future grants.

Chair Fogerson indicated that this conversation will begin at UAWG in July and then come back to NRAC for final decision making.

There was no additional public comment.

## **9. Adjournment**

Chair David Fogerson called for a motion to adjourn.

Misty Robinson, Southern Nevada Health District, motioned for adjournment.

Bob Dehnhardt, Nevada Department of Administration, seconded the motion.

All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.