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|  | MINUTES | | |
| | NEVADA HOMELAND SECURITY COMMISSION FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING | | |
| Attendance | DATE | Wednesday, June 13, 2018 | |
| | TIME | 9:30 A.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 – Chair | X | Caleb Cage | X |
| Joseph Lombardo – Vice Chair | | Samantha Ladich | X |
| Michael Brown | X | Shea Schultz | X |
| Dan Hourihan | | | |
| Greg Herrera | X | | |
| Christopher Lake | X | | |
| Carolyn Levering | X | | |
| Erin Lynch | X | | |
| Stan Smith | X | | |
| Bill Welch | | | |

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Stacey Giomi called the meeting to order. Shealyne Schultz, Division of Emergency Management (DEM) performed roll call. Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Giomi opened discussion for public comment. No comment presented in either venue.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Giomi called for motion to approve the draft minutes from the June 19, 2017, Finance Committee meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Stan Smith, Boyd Gaming, and a second was provided by Carolyn Levering, City of Las Vegas. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Chair Giomi opened discussion on Project Change Requests (PCRs) NCHS 139 and NCHS 140, both of which address moving Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funded line items to cover the first year of an annual subscription for a mass communication system for use by all public entities in Clark County. Captain James Seebock, Director of the Southern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center (SNCTC) spoke to the reason for the PCRs and the technical challenges associated with the Urban Area Working Group's (UAWG) instruction to ensure these requests capitalize on existing systems within the county such as the City of Las Vegas's mass communication system to avoid duplicate effort. Erin Lynch, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, inquired about any restrictions on paying for future-year subscriptions. Kelli Anderson, DEM, indicated that if the timeline could be maintained within the grant performance period, and appropriate approvals received, it is possible. The grant would require an extension through August of 2019, and the system cannot be procured outside the performance period.

Chair Giomi inquired if this project could adhere to these requirements, with Captain Seebock indicating the allotted timeframe is doable. Chair Giomi inquired on the multiple approval levels necessary through the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), UAWG, and the Nevada Public Safety Communications Committee (NPSCC). Kelli Anderson spoke to the background of approvals for this project, in that initially it was produced as 100% UASI to the UAWG. Upon reconciliation of available funding, a portion of the project request was withdrawn to leverage older existing funds. To ensure consistency with the grant process, the NPSCC reviewed the FFY18 portion of the request, and approved the concept of the system for funding as it met the communications requirements. Carolyn Levering inquired about cost savings used for this request being outside, and in addition to, the initial Coplink project. Rachel Skidmore, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) was asked to speak on this issue by Captain Seebock, noting that this request stemmed from project savings attained through the Phase 3 Las Vegas Strip camera project. Stan Smith presented concern that if this change is approved, and again the money isn't completely used, would the state then lose this money? Kelli Anderson spoke to performance period of the grants, and how that is monitored by DEM. Any extensions are monitored by the State Administrative Agent (SAA) and the Urban Area Administer (UAA). If by August 2019, there is no movement, the amount of service months would be reduced for the service. Ms. Anderson believes that Department of Homeland Security approval is possible for this request, and it will be monitored closely. Deputy Chief John Steinbeck, Clark County Fire Department, confirmed how strictly the process would be monitored should any changes arise. An additional question was presented on whether this request was for a one-year subscription or for multiple-years of subscription. Per Captain Seebock, this request is for one year, and ongoing years would require sustainment at some level. Kelli Anderson emphasized that if 2018 funds are required, that funding will not be available until October 2019 most likely, but that is never a guarantee due to Federal release of funding.

Chief Cage emphasized his understanding that these proposals are designed to maximize options moving forward in identifying a key gap following 2017 events. Chief Cage also

proposed that a time-limit of 30-60 days be imposed and monitored by DEM to allow for collaboration with the City of Las Vegas. Carolyn Levering presented concern on this atypical process noting that typically the process is to deobligate funds and then reobligate those funds to projects that have been vetted through the process. This was different than what's been traditionally done. It's in the best interest to move forward the discussion. There are multiple capabilities that have not been added on to the City of Las Vegas's current system because the need for such add-ons was never part of the conversation county-wide. Ms. Levering also indicated her belief that even with additional add-ons as a requirement of technical specifications for this PCR, the cost will still be less than this proposal. Emphasis was placed on getting the right people at the table, preplanning, and training on whichever system is chosen. Deputy Chief Steinbeck agreed that a county-wide system with capability to address multiple agency requirements is what's best for the county. There are multiple mass communication systems in the valley already. Additional concern was presented by Ms. Levering on establishing a precedent for future years on continued maintenance for UASI-based projects using SHSP funding. Kelli Anderson indicated that administratively, the mechanism for approval is a project change request, and there should be an investment justification to accompany such change for a stand-alone project. There will be situations where this Committee approves projects that impact future funding. The Department of Homeland Security has determined that funding streams can be comingled for numerous reasons like non-funding of UASI, specific funding requirements, etc., so that the barrier that may have existed prior is softening to address such concerns.

Chair Giomi motioned to approve PCR NCHS 139 and PCR NCHS 140 in amounts indicated pending DHS approval of change and scope, UASI approval, appropriate communication review approval, and granting LVMPD a maximum of 45 days to explore other systems. The motion was seconded by Stan Smith. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

5. REVIEW AND UPDATE ON THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2018 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) PROCESS AND ALLOCATIONS

Chief Cage provided an overview of the FFY2018 HSGP process to date including meetings held to review and vet HSGP projects. The Finance Committee was presented with the program projects which, as directed by Executive Order 2018-4, the Homeland Security Working Group Co-Chairs felt as vital for funding recommendation in support of sustainment and resilience. Two separate lists were provided, one for UASI projects, and another for SHSP projects. The specific project programs are listed below, and are not indicative of prioritization:

2018 HSGP UASI Project Programs:

- Southern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center
- ARMOR CBRNE (LVMPD)
- Emergency Management Operational Coordination
- Metropolitan Medical Response System

- Southern Nevada CERT

2018 HSGP SHSP Project Programs:

- Southern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center
- Nevada Threat Analysis Center
- ARMOR CBRNE (LVMPD)
- Consolidated Bomb Squad
- Tahoe Douglas Bomb Squad
- NE Nevada Citizen Corps CERT Program
- Southern Nevada Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Statewide Citizen Corps Council
- Statewide Continuity of Operations
- Statewide NIMS
- Washoe County Sheriff's Citizen Corps Program
- Douglas County CERT Program
- Statewide Interoperability Coordinator

6. REVIEW OF FFY 2018 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP) AND THE URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) PROPOSALS WITH THE INTENT TO FORMULATE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON HOMELAND SECURITY

Chair Giomi opened discussion on the review and recommendation of approval on FFY 2018 HSGP projects as presented. Carolyn Levering led discussion on whether the Finance Committee should look at all the projects individually at this point, or to look at the vetting already accomplished through both the Homeland Security Working Group and the Urban Area Working Group. Stan Smith motioned to approve the FFY 2018 HSGP project recommendations as presented and to move the recommendation to the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security for final approval. Carolyn Levering seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously. Chair Giomi thanked the staff involved with this process for their quality work.

7. NOMINATION AND SELECTION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Chair Giomi opened discussion for nomination of the Finance Committee Chair and Vice-Chair positions per Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 239C.170(1). Chief Cage spoke, as a non-voting member of this group, to the value in maintaining the current leadership on this Committee. Mike Brown, R & R Partners, motioned to approve maintaining Chair Giomi and Vice-Chair Sheriff Joseph Lombardo, LVMPD, in their current positions. Stan Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Giomi opened discussion for public comment. No public comment was provided in either venue.

9. ADJOURN

Chair Giomi called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was presented by Carolyn Levering, and a second was provided by Stan Smith. All were in favor with no opposition. Meeting adjourned.