

	MINUTES NEVADA HOMELAND SECURITY COMMISSION FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING		
Attendance	DATE	October 3, 2012	
	TIME	3:00 p.m.	
	LOCATION	Nevada Division of Emergency Management	
		Executive Conference Room	
		2478 Fairview Drive Carson City, Nevada 89701	
	METHOD	Video Teleconference	
RECORDER	Karen Hall		
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PRESENT	LEGISLATIVE & EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, STAFF, AND OTHERS	PRESENT
Doug Gillespie – Chairman	X	Christopher Smith – Chief DEM	X
Bill Welch			
Stacey Giomi	X		
Carolyn Levering	X	Selby Marks – HS Staff	X
Kyle Devine	X	Samantha Ladich – DAG Rep.	X
Angela Krutsinger	X		
Stan Smith	X		
Adam Sandler			
Terry Bohl			

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Doug Gillespie, Sheriff, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Selby Marks, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security performed a roll call. Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Gillespie asked for commentary from both the north and south meeting venues. No commentary noted in either venue.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Gillespie called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the June 6, 2012 Finance Committee meeting. Angela Krutsinger, Nevada Hospital Association requested a search and replace for the spelling of Bill Welch’s last name throughout the document. Carolyn Levering, City of Las Vegas Emergency Manager moved to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Stan Smith, Boyd Gaming. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

4. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Gillespie instructed the Committee that the meeting room was available until 5:00 p.m. with the caveat that the meeting must adjourn at that time due to travel schedules.

5. NEVADA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (NDEM) GRANTS MANAGEMENT GUIDE

Chief Christopher Smith, Nevada Division of Emergency Management (NDEM) and Homeland Security (HS) presented to the Committee the completed NDEM Grants Management Guide explaining the significance and expected use for this tool. Special recognition was given to Kelli Anderson, NDEM/HS, Rick Martin, NDEM/HS, Sonja Williams, NDEM/HS and others in the Grant Division for their combined efforts in creating this useful document.

6. HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM/MOU

Chief Smith presented an overview on the purpose for the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)/Memo of Understanding (MOU) establishing its importance in setting forth responsibilities to pass through grant funds for the HSGP allowing the State to exceed the 20% funding cap for warranted reasons. Unlike the previous MOU, this MOU will not be specific to a single statewide project. The document will become a part of the grant award package sent out to sub grantees moving forward.

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

Chairman Gillespie instructed the Committee members that the project change requests would be taken in the order noted in the agenda. No opposition noted. Highlights and pertinent information regarding each request follows:

NCHS-46: Fusion Center (Clark County, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department)

Lieutenant Jim Seebock, Program Manager presented a brief overview of this project request. Questions specific to annual maintenance cost, accessibility, connectivity, and the bio-terrorism liaison position were presented by Angela Krutsinger, Nevada Hospital Association. Discussion ensued covering each area highlighting ongoing cost expectations for maintenance in addition to current limitations in both accessibility and connectivity in the southern Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) regions within Nevada. Chairman Gillespie presented an overview of the importance of funding this request stressing that the intent of the CopLink program is to grow to include statewide access. Chairman Gillespie indicated that in the event funding is not approved, LVMPD will end up having to fund this part of the project due to its connection to the Region 9 Information Sharing Project which connects intelligence/fusion center throughout Region 9. Although this is currently UASI specific, the intent is to grow the project outside that boundary. Sustainment of the bio-terrorism liaison was questioned as well by Ms. Krutsinger, and Lt. Seebock referred those questions to a later time when Clark County is asked to obligate these funds.

Motion to approve was presented by Carolyn Levering. Motion was seconded by Stan Smith, Boyd Gaming. Discussion ensued to clarify discussion point and motion to approve only the de-obligation portion of this request, as the obligation portion of the request would be handled at a later time. Chairman Gillespie agreed that Clark County Fire would come back with their specific criteria and liaison information. All were in favor, no opposition. Motion passed.

NCHS-47: Silver Shield (Clark County, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department)

Lieutenant Jim Seebock, Program Manager presented an overview of this request with emphasis on target-hardening of the Las Vegas Boulevard corridor. Initial investment justification was targeted to vulnerability assessments only. Chief Stacey Giomi, Carson City Fire Department presented concern regarding the expenditure of funds on a project that is now vastly different from the initial investment justification in addition to negating review by the full working group allowing potentially higher-priority projects to obtain needed funding. Carolyn Levering questioned the method by which cameras would be used and monitored. Lt. Seebock stressed the use of advice, through legal opinion, was to mount pan/tilt/zoom cameras on traffic poles, with such cameras being monitored by the situational watch desk at the fusion center. The 35 cameras would have the ability to record in 14-day periods with record-over capability. Ms. Levering stressed the importance of not violating

civil liberties through the use of these cameras; particularly due to a current report now out on that very subject.

Motion to approve was presented by Stan Smith. Motion was seconded by Carolyn Levering. All were not in favor with opposition as follows: Kyle Devine, Nevada Health and Human Services, Chief Giomi, and Angela Krutsinger voted nay. Motion failed.

NCHS-48: Fusion Center (Clark County, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department)

Lieutenant Jim Seebock, Program Manager presented a brief overview of this request stressing the need to move funding to accommodate software needs. Angela Krutsinger presented concern relating to the fact that this request had not been discussed with the working groups, and due to the size and specificity of the request, it appears to be an additional project, particularly regarding the social media analytics. Lt. Seebock explained the social analytics, although not specified as a break-out item initially, was partially included in the original request. Further discussion concluded that this funding request would fund this project for a year, with FY2012 monies being used to sustain it for an additional year. Kelli Anderson, Nevada Division of Emergency Management clarified that funding for this request is only good through June 30, 2013 provided there is already an extension in place.

Motion to approve was presented by Carolyn Levering. Motion was seconded by Stan Smith. All were not in favor with opposition from Angela Krutsinger and Kyle Devine, both voting nay. Motion passed.

NCHS-49: Interoperable Communication (Clark County, Information Technology)

Chief Fernandez Leary, Program Manager presented a brief overview of this redirected funding request. Due to the denial of a post approval request for an Environmental Historical Protection review, Clark County would like to expend the remaining funds as soon as possible due to UASI constraints and a December 31, 2012 deadline for reporting. Discussion pertaining to the conversion of approximately 130 radios from VHF to Desert Sky, with P25 compliance ensued with inquiry from Carolyn Levering as to whether Southern Nevada Area Communications Counsel (SNACC) radios were included. Per Chief Leary, the SNACC radios are included.

Motion to approve was presented by Carolyn Levering. Motion was seconded by Angela Krutsinger. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed.

NCHS-50 & NCHS 51: Regional Public Safety Complex (Clark County, City of Las Vegas)

Carolyn Levering, Program Manager presented a historical overview of these requests. Committee agreed to hear both requests at once as the requests are interrelated. Discussion commenced pertaining to the requests to realign Clark County's budget with actual expenditures necessary to renovate the Regional Public Safety Complex due to unforeseen circumstances leaving Clark County without available funding to complete this project. Clarification was sought by Chief Giomi that these requests were of the same scope as the original project, just applied to an existing facility. Chairman Gillespie voiced concern relating to historical discussions revolving around the use of funds for those projects that were not needed, indicating his belief that Clark County does not need another Emergency Operations Center (EOC), but rather a redundant backup 911 center. In addition, Chairman Gillespie brought to the attention of the Committee that his project related to cameras was sent a strong message about scope and need. Chief Giomi stressed that this request involves reprogramming of the funds in line with the original scope including an EOC, although Chairman Gillespie contended that the EOC was not the priority indicating that if there is an opportunity to look at other UASI needs, that would be better than applying the funding to these requests. Chairman Gillespie also indicated that the Committee needs to be careful with these types of expenditures due to audit issues.

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Chief Christopher Smith clarified NCHS-50 and NCHS-51 were already awarded to City of Las Vegas and the discussion on those projects was to clarify the 'paper-side' of the process. NCHS-56 would be the project in which there is a request to re-obligate funding. All of these projects are discretionary for this body to review. Kelli Anderson clarified that the re-obligation request was for \$211,000 in addition to the existing funding available for that project, while indicating that this body reviews the change requests and make determination on compliance and need. Ms. Anderson voiced concern that the Committee does not typically take money away from projects, but does normally approve/deny additional monies. NCHS-50 and NCHS-51 are shifting categories, and NCHS-56 is adding the \$211K to the project.

Chief Giomi presented his concern that if there is an entire process to vet these projects, value must be placed on that process. He is concerned about the reprogramming of a non-vetted project inquiring whether monies should be placed back on the table for new proposals to be vetted. Kelli Anderson clarified that the UASI did take applications for re-obligations and those vetted projects are on this list.

Carolyn Levering brought to the attention of the Committee that the camera project was not discussed at the UASI meeting as that project was not applying for those funds. Rather, the project is being presented to the Committee to apply existing funds to a scope change. Chairman Gillespie indicated concern at becoming aware of this request thru agendized information only. Ms. Levering indicated NCHS 55, NCHS-56, NCHS-57, and NCHS-58 were all discussed at the UASI in public forum. Chairman Gillespie indicated he did not attend the UASI meeting in question voicing opposition to spending \$1,000,000 that does not need to be spent as it sends the wrong message as to how the State spends money. Kelli Anderson clarified for the Committee that the re-obligation guidelines went into effect Aug 17, 2011 indicating open grants need to come forward to the Committee/Commission for scope changes over \$100,000. Directive 1.1 started with FFY2009, and there was shifting of funds not considered by the Finance Committee. At this time, this money is becoming very old. If the Committee takes this money back, or not approve the money, it may lose the money. Carolyn Levering indicated she attended this meeting and there was a consensus vote taken by raise of hand. Per Ms. Levering, the re-obligation requests came in under the amount available. There is money on the table that is not yet obligated due to restriction on use of those funds.

Motion to approve NCHS-50 and NCHS-51 was presented by Stan Smith. Motion was seconded by Chief Giomi. Carolyn Levering abstained from this vote. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed.

NCHS 52 & NCHS 53: Access Control for Cyber Information (City of Las Vegas)

Joseph Santilli, Program Manager presented a brief overview of these requests. Committee agreed to take both requests at once as they are interrelated. Chairman Gillespie inquired about which Emergency Operation Centers (EOC) were in this analysis, specifically Clark County. Joseph Santilli presented that the limited amount of funding may preclude some of the larger counties. Mr. Santilli said this is the first step in a long term identity management project. Chairman Gillespie inquired as to why this project isn't attached to the credentialing program already in the works for the State. He is concerned that Clark County is not included.

Angela Krutsinger inquired why there is no planning, personnel, or contractor money in either proposal. Mr. Santilli confirmed that information would all be part of the RFP, implementing learned information from the Insyte study. As this proposal did not fit precisely into the DHS pick list of what is available through DHS guidelines, Kelli Anderson put the request in a line item with an AEL, offering to move some of the money from equipment to planning to ensure transparency as allowed by current guidelines.

Motion to approve both requests was presented by Carolyn Levering. Motion was seconded by Stan Smith. All were not in favor with opposition as follows: Angela Krutsinger, Kyle Devine, and Chief Giomi voted nay. Motion failed.

NCHS 54: Radiological, Nuclear Detection and Adjudication (Health and Human Services, Nevada State Health)

Eric Matus, Program Manager presented a brief overview of this request. Due to miscommunication regarding the project change request approval, Kelli Anderson confirmed that this project change request (PCR) was submitted in March 2011 prior to the Finance committee deadline. Due to pending questions, this PCR did not make the agenda which effectively disallowed the item to be heard. Miscommunication regarding the fact that the equipment had already been purchased resulted in a clerical error. It was not the understanding that the purchase had already been made.

Motion to approve was presented by Carolyn Levering. Motion was seconded by Chief Giomi. Kyle Devine abstained from this vote. All others were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed.

NCHS-55 Re-Obligation: Funds De-Obligated from Training & Exercise to Electronic Fire Reporting & Terrorism Surveillance (Clark County, Clark County Fire Department);

NCHS-56 Re-Obligation: Funds De-Obligated from Training & Exercise to the Regional Public Safety Compels (Clark County, City of Las Vegas);

NCHS-57 Re-Obligation: Funds De-Obligated from Training & Exercise to the CERT Community Resilience Project (Clark County, City of Las Vegas);

NCHS-58 Re-Obligation: Funds De-Obligated from Training & Exercise to the Advanced CBRNE Detection and Decontamination Program (Clark County, City of North Las Vegas)

The Committee recommended that these re-obligations had already been properly vetted and could be taken as a group for approval. Motion to approve these re-obligations as presented in the paperwork provided to the Finance Committee was presented by Chief Giomi.

Motion was seconded by Stan Smith. Angela Krutsinger commented that none of these requests had an original budget enclosed for review. Kelli Anderson explained to avoid confusion, the UASI de-obligated funds back to the State for re-obligation for this process.

Ms. Krutsinger inquired about NCHS-55 and the request for scope change asking for clarification on that change. Troy Wade explained scope change for NCHS-55 as information technology hardware for redundant servers to support FY12 project and FY10 projects.

All were in favor with no opposition. Kyle Devine abstained from the vote.

NCHS-38 Resubmitted: Fusion Center (Washoe County Sheriff)

Captain Russ Peterson, Washoe County Sheriff's Office resubmitted a proposal to purchase up to four satellite phones with the justification that the unreliability and inability of the cheaper hand-held iridium-based satellite phones were not sufficient for law enforcement needs. Captain Peterson indicated both the initial installation costs as well as sustainment costs moving forward would be picked up by Washoe County Sheriff's office. This request is only for a one-time purchase.

Motion to approve was presented by Angela Krutsinger. Motion was seconded by Kyle Devine. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Gillespie opened discussion for public commentary. Angela Krutsinger followed up on an outstanding request from Bill Welch to see reconciliation on the re-obligation request pertaining to NCHS-37. Per Carolyn Levering, the Commission on Homeland Security approved that request.

9. ADJOURN

Chairman Gillespie called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion to adjourn was presented by Carolyn Levering. Motion was seconded by Angela Krutsinger. Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.