



MINUTES
NEVADA HOMELAND SECURITY COMMISSION
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Attendance

	DATE	April 9, 2012	
	TIME	9:30 a.m.	
	LOCATION	500 S. Grand Central Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 2478 Fairview Dr., Carson City, NV	
	METHOD	Video Conference	
	RECORDER	Selby Marks	
Committee Members	Present	Legislative & Ex-Officio Members , Staff, and Others	Present
Doug Gillespie, Chairman	x	Christopher Smith, Chief NDEM	x
Bill Welch	x	Irene Navis, Clark County EM	x
Stacey Giomi	x		
Carolyn Levering	x		
Kyle Devine			
Angela Krutsinger	x		
Stan Smith	x		
Adam Sandler	x	Selby Marks, Homeland Security Commission Staff	
Terry Bohl	x	Samantha Ladich, AG Representative to the Commission	

ITEM 1 - CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

At 9:30 AM Chairman Gillespie called the meeting to order. A roll call was held and it was determined that there was a quorum present.

ITEM 2 - COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Gillespie confirmed that there were handouts regarding this meeting available to the public attendees. He discussed the work currently being done regarding investment justifications and finalizations. The Chairman expressed his thanks NDEM for the work they had done regarding the meeting documents. He stressed finalization on documents that are to go to Homeland Commission and moved the meeting to public comment.

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ITEM 3 - PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Gillespie asked if there was any public comment in Las Vegas or Carson City. Hearing no comments in either location moved on to the next item on the agenda.

ITEM 4 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Gillespie asked if there were any comments on the minutes of the March 12, 2012 Finance Committee meeting. Angela Krutsinger, Nevada Hospital Association, requested the following changes: Under notifications on page 2 – NCHS-32 10th item down, with “eth” Division of Emergency Management changed to “the”. Page 4 in the 2nd line – and on budget “the” before PCR rather than “eth”. 4th line – Ms. Krutsinger questioned the \$115,000 “for,” if it could be added “a portion of” the exercise, because that was the actual question. A motion was made to approve the requested changes and was seconded. Hearing no further discussion or comments the motion was approved unanimously.

ITEM 5 - REVIEW AND UPDATE ON THE FFY 2012 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) PROCESS AND ALLOCATIONS

Christopher Smith, Chief of the Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security, gave a summary of the working group process: This year the Governor issued an amended executive order to designate 29 jurisdictions that would be represented on the working group. The State Administrative Agent (SAA) sent letters to the agency leads requesting they appoint an individual to represent their agency in the working group. The group has met two (2) times; first to hear project submissions and second to discuss the overall consistency of the commission’s priorities. The working group has established a list of the Investment Justifications (IJs) and projects that could be funded based on the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) current funds based on the commission’s priorities. The recommendations from the working group came in at the budgeted amount. Mr. Smith asked that those present reference the binders and spreadsheet provided that reflect the working group outcome. Pointed out which projects could be funded with SHSP funds as well as Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funds. Mr. Smith also mentioned that UASI was able to put forth a balanced budget.

Kelli Anderson, Nevada Division of Emergency Management, introduced Sonja Williams of NDEM, and expressed her thanks for putting the packets together. Ms. Anderson then did a walkthrough of the packets presented. She did a brief overlook of the outcome of the Homeland Security working group as well as the concessions everyone made on March 21, 2012 and the concessions made on April 4, 2012 (the last working group meeting), the same with UASI. These reflected the cuts everyone took across the board.

Ms. Anderson then brought to attention an error made at the bottom of the spreadsheet on page 2; CBRNE IED in Clark County’s Department Operations Center all have operational “communication” instead of operational “coordination.”

Ms. Anderson went over the historical information, reported in the packet, on every grant for Homeland Security they have to date from FFY 2008 through FFY 2011. She pointed out the

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funds received by sub-grantees, how much was spent and how much is left. A brief overview; from 2008 – 2011 - \$63,739,000 received, \$31,933,000 spent, leaving \$31,805,000 left over. Ms. Anderson then briefly went over pages depicting the Homeland Security and UASI working group recommendations for funds, as well as the voting process for those interested. Irene Navis, Clark County Emergency Manager, gave an update on UASI funds. There were two meetings held. At the first meeting, held in March, they thought it was a good idea to go through the projects and have everyone think about other ways the projects could be funded rather than with FY 2012 UASI funds. She mentioned that they went from \$5.7 million allocation from the previous year down to \$1.6 million allocation. They made it clear that everyone was going to have to make adjustments to their projects or consider whether those projects could move forward at all.

At the second meeting, held on April 3, 2012, the working group discussed other funding years that they could use re-obligated funds to fund the projects and projects were either pulled off the table altogether, reduced significantly or funded with 2008 funds and 2010 funds. There were seven (7) projects that were USAI funded only. The Hoover Dam project was pulled because another funding source was identified and likewise other projects were crossed off due to other sources being identified. Ms. Navis summarized that they came out even in terms of allocations and that they came in under budget by \$988 which was reallocated to the City of Las Vegas CERT Community Resilience project bringing their funding up to a total of \$175,988. With everything balancing out it was possible to come in with projects that enhance Homeland Security and meet the needs of the organizations. New projects brought in were funded with other sources. Everyone in the Urban Area working group that came in with new projects came forward with many creative ideas to help meet their goals.

Chairman Gillespie asked if there were any questions or comments for Mr. Smith or Ms. Navis. Hearing no further discussion he moved to the next item on the agenda.

ITEM 6 – REVIEW AND PRIORITIZATION OF FFY 2012 HSGP PRIORITIES WITH THE INTENT TO FORMULATE A RECCOMMENDATION TO THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON HOMELAND SECURITY

Chairman Gillespie chose the Urban Area working group as the first topic to discuss. He asked if there were any questions or comments regarding UASI. Angela Krutsinger asked if she was to understand that the projects were not ranked. Irene Navis confirmed, as the group came in at budget. Ms. Krutsinger's next question was regarding the categorizations of the Advance CBRNE Detection and ARMOR Passport IED. She said those projects are under IJs Operational Coordination and questioned why. Captain Brett Primas, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD), stated the definition of Operation Coordination. He then gave reference to ARMOR (All Hazards Regional Multi-operations Response) and how they handle all CBRNE related incidences in the entire valley. Ms. Krutsinger was not satisfied with his answer stating that she didn't understand how warranties on equipment supported operational coordination and that as stated by the Governor in the last commission meeting, not all IJs have to go under commission priorities. Captain Primas reiterated the importance of tech support and warranties on equipment that has already been purchased, as well as support of the task force and

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without that their mission would be hampered. He again offered up more description if necessary. More explanations were given and discussion continued. Ms. Navis, as the UASI Administrator, supports the classification. Many more questions and concerns were brought up regarding this issue.

Stacy Giomi mentioned his concern regarding UASI accessing funds from SHSP to fund projects of lower rankings without the input of the SHSP. Explanations were given and the discussion continued. Mr. Giomi then commented on the state fusion centers with a recommendation of directing all of the fusion center funding into one State Fusion Center. There was question as to which fusion center was the primary. Mr. Smith clarified that the letter from the Governor did designate SNCTC as the primary fusion center for Nevada and NTAC as the state fusion center. With that Kelli Anderson commented on compliance and best practices and how Nevada working groups work so well together with project funding.

The discussion turned back to UASI using SHSP funds and priorities of projects as well as the fusion center funding.

Ms. Navis explained that the funding process follows the guidance that has laid out for the Urban Area working group. She reiterated that SHSP funds are for use by the state whereas UASI funding is to be used strictly for Urban Area projects. UASI has had a significant reduction in funding and this is the first year there has been such difficulty being able to sustain priorities without looking to SHSP for assistance.

Carolyn Levering, City of Las Vegas Emergency Manager, addressed Mr. Giomi's concerns and explained how the working group prioritized projects and worked to do what was best for the state. She then expressed her concern regarding the fusion centers. Discussion regarding the fusion centers continued.

A motion was made for the finance committee to move forward to the commission on a recommendation to fund Urban Area projects as proposed by the SHSP working group. Ms. Krutsinger seconded the motion. Hearing no further discussion the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Gillespie moved the meeting on to part two (2) of Item 6. He began by expressing his concern for the number of programs that are going unfunded. He referenced the projects rankings and priorities, highlighting Silver Shield and Cybercrime and the importance of those projects to get funded. He then opened the floor for a motion. Ms. Krutsinger made a motion. The motion was seconded, pending more discussion.

Stacy Giomi made the comment that the folks who work on these things should make the decisions relative to the fusion centers. He explained from the emergency management and fire point of view that the fusion centers need to expand beyond law enforcement and become multi disciplined. Chairman Gillespie made a statement agreeing to the fusion centers expanding beyond one discipline. It is going to be important that people commit the resources necessary to sustain the life of the fusion centers. No one can rely on the federal government to pay salaries, etc. Keeping personnel and salaries to keep these fusion centers running is a

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concern. It was agreed that the discussion regarding funding of salaries and personnel needs to continue when they talk about combining the fusion centers.

Terry Bohl, Project Manager, brought up his concern regarding the ranking of the statewide interoperable communications program and their struggles to keep the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) and project managers funded. He mentioned his worry that the fusion centers are getting the funds needed to build interoperable communications for the state of Nevada. Mr. Bohl feels that the state needs to take care of critical infrastructure, because without communications they are done. Someone interjected that it did get funded and he agreed, but that the program took a cut. Angela Krutsinger commented to Mr. Bohl that every one of the SHSP projects took at least 10% cut and conferred with David Fein that the cut wouldn't affect any of the projects. Mr. Fein confirmed that the cuts were on travel and supplies and with regards to SWIC and Certified Project manager (CPM) he did not know where the money was coming from. Ms. Krutsinger addressed the Cyber Security issue, explaining that there is a Cyber Security project in place and an assessment will be made at a later date to determine the needs of that project. She then gave kudos to the Homeland Security Working Group, as well as the NDEM staff.

Chairman Gillespie thanked Ms. Krutsinger, stated there was a motion on the floor it was seconded. Hearing no further comments or discussion the motion was passed unanimously.

ITEM 7 - PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Gillespie asked if there was any public comment in Las Vegas or Carson City. Hearing no comments in either location the chairman closed Item 7. Before adjourning the meeting Chairman Gillespie thanked everyone that has participated in this process for their time and effort put forth and then bringing the work in. He then thanked Chris Smith and Kelli Anderson for the great work they have done.

ITEM 8 - ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Gillespie adjourned the meeting.