



Meeting Minutes

Nevada Commission on Homeland Security

Attendance	DATE	Tuesday, May 4, 2021			
	TIME	10:00 a.m.			
	METHOD	Zoom/Teleconference Conference line #: (669) 219-2599 Meeting ID# 405 396 0059			
	RECORDER	Karen Hall			
Appointed Voting Member Attendance					
Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present
Governor Steve Sisolak	X	Joseph Lombardo	Abs	Darin Balaam	X
Lisa Christensen	Abs	Todd Fasulo	X	Mitchell Fox	X
Frank Gonzales	X	Ikram Khan, M.D.	X	Kate Marshall	X
Charles Moore	Abs	Richard Perkins	X	John Steinbeck	X
Rosemary Vassiliadis	Abs	Patricia Wade	X	Bill Welch	X
Appointed Non-Voting Member Attendance					
Karen Burke	X	Gonzalo Cordova	X	Christopher Ipsen	X
David Fogerson	X	William McCurdy II	Abs	Shaun Rahmeyer	X
Aaron Rouse	Abs	Samantha Ladich	X		

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Governor Steve Sisolak called the meeting to order. Roll call was performed by Karen Hall, Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEM/HS). Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Governor Sisolak opened the first period of public comment for discussion. No public comment was presented in written or verbal form during this agenda item.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Governor Sisolak called for a motion to amend or amend and approve the draft minutes from the March 30, 2021, Nevada Commission on Homeland Security (Commission) meeting. Todd Fasulo, Wynn Las Vegas, motioned to approve the minutes as presented. No discussion was presented. All were in favor with no opposition, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. REPORT ON THE STATEWIDE ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Chief David Fogerson, DEM/HS, provided the quarterly report on the Statewide Adoption of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as required by Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 239C.310.

The Division continues to provide Incident Command System (ICS) and National Incident Management System (NIMS) training, and Nevada is one of the few states currently providing this training. There has been significant success in partnering with resort facilities in providing venues for these trainings, which also has a secondary benefit of enhancing tourism revenue due to attendance related to these trainings.

The Mobile Vaccine Units (MVUs) are very successful and are being utilized as type of Incident Management Team (IMT) for northern and southern Nevada. These teams are comprised of local staff, safety officers, operations and planning officers, Health and Human Services personnel, and Department of Public Safety personnel.

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

Chief David Fogerson, DEM/HS, provided a brief overview of the following Project Change Requests (PCR) noted below, indicating that both PCRs have been reviewed by DEM/HS staff, and approved for recommendation by the Commission’s Committee on Finance:

- **NCHS-167:** Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) – Fusion Center (FFY19 UASI) – Fusion Center UASI Sustain Project - This request is to move \$200,558.87 in unused funds from the Strip Camera Maintenance Contract, Trapware, Omega Arm, and cancelled conferences for the International Association of Crime Analysts (IACA), International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts (IALEIA), and Foundations of Intelligence Analysis Training (FIAT) to pay for the Coplink renewal.
- **NCHS-168:** Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department – Fusion Center (FFY19 UASI) – LVMPD Russell Corridor Camera Project This request is to move \$65,052.91 from Miscellaneous Supplies to Network and Wireless Equipment.

Governor Sisolak called for a motion to approve the PCR funding recommendations. Dr. Ikram Khan, Quality Care Consultants, motioned to approve the PCRs as presented. No discussion was presented on the motion. All were in favor with no opposition. The motion passed unanimously.

6. REVIEW AND UPDATE ON THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2021 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) PROCESS AND ALLOCATIONS

Chief Fogerson, DEM/HS, and State Administrative Agent (SAA) provided an overview of the HSGP process for FFY21. The FFY 2021 HSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was released indicating a HSGP funding allocation of \$4,602,500 to the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) funding stream, and another \$5,250,000 allocation to the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI). It was noted that an attempt was made by the previous federal administration to make the UASI funding stream completely competitive; however, with input from local and state representatives, in addition to a new administration onboarding, the decision was made not to pursue that strategy,

and the UASI allocation will stand for FFY 2021. Applications were accepted by DEM/HS into the ZoomGrants portal, reviewed for accuracy and compliance, and additional reviews on cyber and communications projects were also performed by the Office of Cyber Defense Coordination (OCDC) and the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC). National priorities again played a significant role in the allocation of SHSP and UASI funding allocations, with mandatory requirements of allocation spend as follows:

- Enhancing cybersecurity – 7.5 percent;
- Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places – 5 percent;
- Enhancing information and intelligence sharing and analysis, and cooperation with federal agencies, including DHS – 5 percent;
- Combating domestic violent extremism – 7.5 percent; and
- Addressing emergent threats (e.g., transnational criminal organizations, unmanned aircraft systems [UASs], weapons of mass destruction [WMD], etc.) – 5 percent.

Chief Fogerson explained the SHSP review process noting all projects were sent to the Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee for review/input, and recommendations from that body went to the Commission’s Committee on Finance for review/input. The Committee on Finance has reviewed those recommendations and is presenting the Commission today with the final recommendation for funding FFY 2021 HSGP projects.

Deputy Chief Billy Samuels, Urban Area Administrator (UAA) indicated that the UASI process was similar to the SHSP review process and was happy that all but one project was approved for funding. Chief Samuels thanked all those involved with the heavy lift of this process.

No questions were presented after this update.

7. FINAL REVIEW OF FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2021 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Chief Fogerson, DEM/HS, spoke on behalf of Sheriff Joseph Lombardo, Chair of the Committee on Finance, and Chief Deputy Greg Herrera, Committee on Finance Vice-Chair. Chief Fogerson presented the final allocation packages to the Commission for FFY21 HSGP. Chief Fogerson was pleased to announce that all but two projects, one for the SHSP, and one for the UASI, were funded. The reviewing bodies during this process showed tremendous collaboration. The recommendation of the Committee on Finance is to approve the allocation of \$4,372,375.00 for the FFY21 SHSP projects in addition to \$4,897,500.00 for the FFY 21 UASI projects. This recommendation is put forth to the Commission today for final approval to allow DEM/HS to submit the final FFY21 HSGP grant application for federal approval.

Governor Sisolak called for a motion to approve the FFY21 HSGP funding recommendations as presented. Nevada Lieutenant Governor Kate Marshall motioned to approve the recommendations with no changes. No discussion was presented on the motion. All were in favor with no opposition, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Governor Sisolak called for the second period of public comment. Lieutenant Governor Kate Marshall expressed appreciation for the assistance given to her by Chief Fogerson and California officials in a search and rescue operation which had been called off; however, with the assistance of Chief Fogerson and other

officials resulted in the location of a vehicle and a survivor. Chief Steinbeck commended Chief Fogerson and Deputy Chief Samuels on the FFY21 HSGP process success in light of current response and recovery missions. The Governor thanked both of the Chiefs for their efforts.

5. ADJOURN

Governor Sisolak called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was presented by Mitch Fox, Nevada Broadcasters Association. No opposition was presented to the motion. The meeting adjourned.