



Meeting Minutes

Nevada Commission on Homeland Security

Committee on Finance

Attendance	DATE	Wednesday, April 26, 2023			
	TIME	1:30 p.m.			
	METHOD	Zoom/Teleconference Conference line #: 1- 669- 219-2599 Meeting ID# 686 738 8625			
	RECORDER	Sherrean Whipple			
Appointed Voting Member Attendance					
Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present	Member Name	Present
Kevin McMahill - Chair	X	Michael Brown	X	Stan Smith	X
Carolyn Levering – Vice-Chair	X	Christopher Lake	X	Corey Solferino	ABS
Appointed Non-Voting Member Attendance					
David Fogerson	X				
Legal and Support Staff Attendance					
Katie Brady	X	Sherrean Whipple	X		

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Sheriff Kevin McMahill called the meeting to order. Roll call was performed by Chair McMahill. Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Fogerson, State Administrative Agent (SAA), explained that he and Billy Samuels made an administrative decision to excuse Cary Underwood and Rachel Skidmore from today's meeting and Homeland Security's meeting the following day as they are in DC accepting the Fusion Center of the Year award being awarded to the Southern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Sheriff Kevin McMahill called for the approval of the March 1, 2023 Committee meeting minutes.

Michael Brown, Director of State Government Affairs-R&R Partners, motioned to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2023 Committee meeting as presented. Christopher Lake, Executive Director of the Nevada Hospital Association, seconded the motion. No discussion was presented. All were in favor with no opposition, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. REVIEW OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR (FFY) 2023 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP) AND URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) PROGRAM PROPOSALS WITH THE INTENT TO FORMULATE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON HOMELAND SECURITY (NCHS)

Billy Samuels discussed the Urban Area Work Group (UAWG) and UASI projects. Chief Samuels indicated that all but the following maintain projects were approved: the Clark County Fire Department mobile command post, which was partially funded, and the city of Henderson's request for tethered drones. Chief Samuels indicated that consultations were made by each organization whose maintain projects were approved to ensure that partners were able to receive their projects. Chief Samuels further indicated that all five of the following requirements were met: enhancing protection of soft targets; enhancing information sharing; combating domestic violent extremism; enhancing committee preparedness; enhancing election security. Chief Samuels explained that the LETPA had increased up to 35 percent, and that criteria was met, as well. Chief Samuels indicated that discussions on definitions will be taking place at the July meeting.

David Fogerson discussed the SHSP projects, noting that all five NOFO core requirements were met by the various grant process programs provided. Chief Fogerson further noted that there is some cyber security intermingled even though there is no spend requirement for that. Chief Fogerson reiterated Chief Samuels' indication that discussion regarding definitions of sustained, maintained, enhanced, and new, as well as how often projects should be looked at as new will begin at the next UAWG meeting and then go to NRAC and NCHS for approval for application to the grant process in its entirety. Chief Fogerson indicated that SHSP had just a little less money than UASI and as such, six projects were not funded: EITS request for training; the Stop the Bleed request from Moapa Valley Fire District; and White Pine County's four requests for plate carriers, firefighter SCBAs, an ambulance, and two command trucks. Chief Fogerson informed the Committee that Moapa Valley was connected with the Southern Nevada Health District, who may have a funding stream to help them with their project, and that White Pine County was connected with the Emergency Working Program Group (EWPG), who may be able to help fund some of their projects. As with UASI, Chief Fogerson reported that the funded projects collaborated on what each could give up so as to fund each of the projects. Chief Fogerson commended the four explosive ordinance disposal teams, discussing how they work as a group and are able to request funds for high-ticket items on a rotating basis because of the consolidation rather than all at once.

Carolyn Levering discussed the election security projects in a bit more detail, noting that she and Chief Samuels collaborated closely to ensure that the minimum spend requirement was met in that particular category. Ms. Levering explained that through that collaboration, a determination was made to slightly adjust the two projects as the city of Las Vegas project needed a bit of extra funding and Chief Samuels was able to reduce the allocation for the Clark County project in order to accommodate the Las Vegas one.

Chair, Sheriff Kevin McMahill called for a motion to approve. Carolyn Levering, Emergency Manager, City of Las Vegas motioned to approve. Christopher Lake, Executive Director of the Nevada Hospital Association, seconded the motion.

5. STATUS OF THE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS PROGRAM (HSGP) FUNDS

Jared Franco, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for the Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security (DEM/HS), indicated that in the meeting materials, all statuses of the open grants from 2019 to 2022 have been included. Mr. Franco explained that all of these grants are current as of last quarter. Mr. Franco encouraged Committee members to reach out to him following the meeting with any questions.

6. NOTIFICATION OF REALLOCATION OF THE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) FUNDS

Jared Franco, CFO for DEM/HS, informed the Committee that the meeting materials contain the PCR report that includes all the PCRs that have been submitted, approved, and denied from the least finance meeting. Mr. Franco again encouraged Committee members to reach out to him following the meeting with any questions.

David Fogerson discussed the importance of DEM transparency, noting that the entire grant process is done in a public way specifically for this reason.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Sheriff Kevin McMahill opened the floor for public comment.

No public comment was made.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Sheriff Kevin McMahill called for an adjournment of the meeting.

Michael Brown, Direct of State Government Affairs-R&R Partners, motioned to adjourn the meeting. Christopher Lake, Executive Director of the Nevada Hospital Association, seconded the motion. No discussion was presented. All were in favor with no opposition, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair McMahill adjourned the April 26, 2023 NCHS Committee on Finance meeting.