



Meeting Minutes

Nevada Commission on Homeland Security

Attendance	Date	April 9, 2020	
	Time	9:00 a.m.	
	Venue	Teleconference Only 888-273-3658, Access: 1453277	
	Method	Teleconference	
	Recorder	Karen Hall	
Commission Members	Attendance Status	Legislative, Ex-Officio, Nonvoting Members, Staff, and Others	Attendance Status
Governor Steve Sisolak - Chair	X	Karen Burke	X
Joseph Lombardo – Vice Chair	X	Justin Luna	X
Darin Balaam	X	Gonzalo Cordova	X
Lisa Christensen	X	Chris Ipsen	X
Todd Fasulo	Abs	William McCurdy II	X
Mitch Fox	X	Shaun Rahmeyer	X
Frank Gonzales	X	Aaron Rouse	X
Ikram Khan	X		
Kate Marshall	X		
William McDonald	Abs	Samantha Ladich - DAG	X
Charles Moore	X	Karen Hall – DEM/HS	X
Richard Perkins	X		
John Steinbeck	X		
Rosemary Vassiliadis	X		
Patricia Wade	X		
Bill Welch	x		

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

2. Public Comment

Governor Sisolak opened discussion for the first public comment period. No public comment was presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

Governor Sisolak called for a motion to amend or approve the draft minutes as presented from the March 3, 2020, Commission meeting. Lieutenant Governor Kate Marshall motioned to approve the draft minutes as presented. Dr. Ikram Khan, Quality Care Consultants, seconded the motion. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Review and Update on the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Process and Allocations

Chief Justin Luna, State Administrative Agent (SAA), DEM/HS provided the Commission with a brief review of the FFY 2020 HSGP process noting that over the course of the past month, FFY20 HSGP projects were vetted by the Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee (NRAC) and Urban Area Working Group (UAWG). Project recommendations were sent to the Finance Committee and pending the Commission's decision today to approve the Finance Committee's recommendations, DEM/HS will submit the FFY20 HSGP grant application to the Department of Homeland security at the end of the month. Governor Sisolak opened discussion on this agenda item, and no questions were presented.

5. Report on the April 1, 2020, Meeting of the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security Finance Committee to evaluate and make recommendations for the FFY 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Projects

Sheriff Joseph Lombardo, Finance Committee Chair, opened discussion on the results of the April 1, 2020, Finance Committee meeting where budgets and projects for the FFY 2020 HSGP, as recommended by the NRAC, were discussed. Discussion included recommendations to the Commission for final funding of FFY 2020 HSGP projects including those projects which may not be recommended for funding. The Commission was asked to review the Finance Committee recommendations and vote to approve a final recommendation to the Governor regarding the approval of the FFY 2020 HSGP grant application. Summary highlights from this discussion were as follows:

- Chief Luna provided an overview of agenda item document #5-2, the FFY20 HSGP State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Final Allocations. Document #5-2 illustrates the FFY20 statewide projects submitted, adjustments to project funding amounts, and final funding recommendations. Those projects above the red line represent a funding recommendation for strategic capacities to be maintained in FFY20. Projects below the red line comprise the statewide competitive projects submitted in the FFY20. In the competitive portion, a total of 9 projects were recommended for funding; however, Projects 10-13 in the ranking order were not funded. The grant allowed a base allocation plus an additional 15%, or "plus up" of SHSP funding award if certain criteria are met. This was taken into consideration against those projects that took reductions. Several projects noted will be considered in the 15% "plus up" request. National priorities are a requirement in the FFY20 HSGP, and a minimum of 5% of the funding allocation given to Nevada must be applied in each of the following categories: 1) enhancing cybersecurity, 2) enhancing soft targets, 3) enhancing information sharing, and 4) addressing emerging threats. As document #5-2 illustrates, there is sufficient funding allocation assigned in each of these categories to meet the additional 15% "plus up" funding allocation opportunity in FFY20.
- Chief John Steinbeck, Urban Area Administrator (UAA) spoke to document #5-3, the FFY20 HSGP Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Final Allocations. The UASI process was considerably more complicated in FFY20 due to multiple factors involving internal process discussions with the Nevada delegation and the

resulting changes in the FFY20 HSGP process which did not happen as expected. The intention was that as a result of UASI funding having been utilized effectively to meet the objectives of the HSGP grant requirements in the past, that the ability to get additional HSGP funding for the UASI was quite plausible. Instead, the resulting guidance gave the UASI the ability to receive an additional 15% funding allocation; however, that is contingent on whether other national UASI groups forfeit their appropriation creating available funding for compliant UASI groups to apply for in FFY20. Consideration had to be given to ensure projects met core capability requirements so at the very least, minimum FFY20 HSGP funding allocations would be awarded. If the UASI did not qualify projects within the national priorities, that also had to be taken into consideration. Kelli Anderson, DEM/HS, spoke to the former explanation of the process this year. Ms. Anderson did point out that although Nevada is required to use a percentage of funds to be compliant in support of the national priorities, both the State and UASI did a good job in putting these projects together to benefit Nevada overall.

- Sheriff Lombardo inquired if projects below the red line, or those in the “plus-up” category, would be eligible to use deobligated funding from FFY18-19. Per Kelli Anderson, that would be the case, and a complete overview of deobligated funding will be given after everything is reconciled. Sheriff Lombardo presented concern about the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) project, and whether it could benefit from additional funding considering the current pandemic. Chief Steinbeck also presented concern about the distribution and funding of personal protective equipment (PPE) in FFY20, and it would be beneficial to use deobligated funding to ensure the MMRS project is funded appropriately to cover that need. Objectives and priorities have changed in the past few weeks, and there is still the requirement of tying any HSGP funding to a nexus of terrorism; however, that should not be a problem.

Governor Sisolak called for a motion to approve the FFY20 HSGP funding recommendations as presented in this agenda item. Sheriff Lombardo motioned to approve the funding recommendations noted in documents #5-2 and #5-3 as presented for funding approval. Mitch Fox, Nevada Broadcasters Association, seconded the motion. Chief Steinbeck wanted to clarify that PPE funding was not requested in the FFY20 HSGP process because that funding award will not be received until October/November 2020. All were in favor with no opposition. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Public Comment

Governor Sisolak called for the second period of public comment. No comment was presented.

7. Adjourn

Governor Sisolak called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn was presented by Lieutenant Governor Marshall. A second was provided by Sheriff Darin Balaam, Washoe County Sheriff's Office. All were in favor with no opposition. Meeting adjourned.