



Meeting Minutes

Nevada Commission on Homeland Security

Committee on Finance

Attendance	DATE	Friday, June 14, 2024			
	TIME	9:00 a.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	ABS	Christopher Lake	X	Corey Solferino	X
Appointed Non-Voting Member Attendance					
David Fogerson	X				
Legal and Support Staff Attendance					
Samantha Ladich	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 Sherrean Whipple. Quorum was established for the meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Sheriff Kevin McMahill opened the floor for public comment.

No public comment was made.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Sheriff Kevin McMahill called for the approval of the April 26, 2023, Committee meeting minutes.

Christopher Lake, Executive Director, Community Resilience, motioned to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2023, Committee meeting as presented. Stan Smith, Emergency Management, Boyd Gaming, 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) 2024 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)

Chair Sheriff Kevin McMahon asked the presenters to add conversation about changes made and requirements to comply with the direction of the six areas to have met including tech enhancing, the protection of soft targets in crowded places, with no minimum percentage provided, enhancing information and intelligence sharing analysis, no minimum percentage provided, combating domestic violence extremism, no minimum percentage delineated, enhancing cyber security, no minimum percentage provided, enhancing community preparedness and resilience, no minimum percentage delineated, and enhancing election security, with a minimum percentage provided.

David Fogerson, State Administrative Agent (SAA), stated that Billy Samuels, Emergency Management of Clark County, and himself had begun work last year with Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee, The Finance Committee, and the Homeland Security Commission. Mr. Fogerson noted that previously, anyone that has an approved grant and met criteria were automatically approved and only new grants were heard. Mr. Fogerson stated it was decided that this year everything would be competitive and must have a presentation. Mr. Fogerson discussed the process in which the Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee (NRAC) reviewed the projects, the grant staff looked at all the stabilizing security funds projects and Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) projects to make sure the law enforcement requirement of 30 % was met and then those special federal government requirements as mentioned by Chair Sherriff NcMahill previously was also met, then those projects were reviewed by NRAC and ranked. Mr. Fogerson explained that 38 members of NRAC spent a day hearing proposals and asking questions, and then each member ranked the projects 1-25 projects and voting members made recommendations to fund projects. Mr. Fogerson noted that NRAC recommended 1-19 for funding, 20-25 has no funding associated with them, and one project pulled and given cyber security funds to pay for the project.

Billy Samuels, they followed the same guidelines as NRAC and UAWG and viewed all projects as brand new, however they had to make 30% national priorities compliance. Mr. Samuels noted elections for UAWG was at \$141,365. 70, and was the 3% to be matched and were met with election security from county clerk on the registrar. Mr. Samuels explained that there were 23 projects, 21 passed, and 2 fell below. Mr. Samuels said that after the vote and grant, there was \$86,000 left, so the 2 projects that fell below, Armor project and CCFD CDL project, were asked if they wanted the funding and to cover the cost on the rest of the projects, to which both declined. Mr. Samuels explained that the committee then went through approved projects and asked, in rank order, if they wanted the funds. Mr. Samuels noted that the remainder was utilized in order to not turn any back to the federal government and be fiscally responsible with the projects.

Chair Sheriff McMahon commended the presenters on their group's work. Chair Sheriff McMahon questioned the administrative cost of personnel and made sure all the grant recipients have a plan to eventually fund the cost of personnel through other means than the grants.

Billy Samuels stated they took a 10% cut of UAWG as did SHSP funds from homeland security grant program. Mr. Samuels noted that personnel costs continue to increase with fringe benefits, etc. Mr. Samuels commended Chair Sheriff McMahill for his office taking personnel out to make room for innovative projects to come through and noted the health district cut funding by 25% and took it on their own cost. Mr. Samuels explained that this is the goal of the group as a whole but takes time and discussion.

David Fogerson commented on the federal government stating in the cyber grant you could not pay for personnel unless there was a plan to move them off of the grant within 3 years, stating this would be nice to see on some of the innovative funding. Mr. Fogerson did note that this would have to be on a case-by-case basis.

Chair Sheriff Kevin McMahill added that his goal is for the committee to make sure they are aligning what has been done into larger homeland security commission because the threat continues to grow. Chair Sheriff McMahill asked that they be vigilant about the mentality that everyone gets a piece of pie.

Billy Samuels agreed with Sheriff McMahill. Mr. Samuels UAWG has funded projects over 50% went to projects instead of 30% to 35% requirement. SHSP were right at 35% mark. Will sidebar with Mr. Fogerson about UAWG and NRAC moving forward.

Corey Solferino, Chief Deputy, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, motioned to approve the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 State Homeland Security Program and Urban Area Security Initiative proposals with the intent to formulate a recommendation to the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security. Christopher Lake, Executive Director, Community Resilience, seconded the motion. No discussion was presented. All were in favor with no opposition, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Sheriff Kevin McMahill opened the floor for public comment.

Chair Sheriff Kevin McMahill requested an agenda item for the next meeting, a presentation for UAWG and NRAC on the process of our de-obligation of funds.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Sheriff Kevin McMahill adjourned the meeting at 9:18 a.m.