

# MINUTES

## Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

### Funding Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 5, 2016 – 2:00pm

### Video Conference

#### Carson City

NV Department of Transportation  
1263 Stewart St  
CCHQ 301 Conf Room  
Carson City, NV

#### Las Vegas

NV Dept. of Transportation  
123 E. Washington Avenue  
Building A, Conference Room  
Las Vegas, NV

#### ELKO

NV Dept. of Transportation  
1951 Idaho St  
Elko Conf Room  
Elko, NV

**Committee Members:** Richard Brenner - Chair, Susan Crowley, Stacey Giomi and John Helmreich

**Guests:** Ryan Rhodes, Mark Manendo, Kelly Thomas, Rod Countryman, Travis Hughes, Ken LeTourneau, Michael Pickern, Joe Curtis, Patricia Brownfield

**Staff:** Stephanie Parker, Nathan Hastings, Denise Uber

**Absent:** Tom Burns

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Brenner called the meeting to order at 2:07pm. Members, staff and guests introduced themselves as above. A quorum was present.

#### 2. ROLL, CONFIRM QUORUM AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members, staff and guests introduced themselves as above. A quorum was present.

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Brenner called for public comment, there was none.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF APRIL 22, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Giomi motioned to approve the April 22, 2016 minutes, Ms. Crowley seconded. Motion passed.

#### 5. REVIEW OF FY2017 SERC GRANT APPLICATIONS BY LEPC'S AND STATE AGENCIES

The Committee discussed Lincoln County's request for a drone which was put on hold for the Policy committee to discuss. Ms. Parker reported the Policy committee would not meet for this item, adding that NDEM had, on June 28, approved a bill with new regulations for unmanned aerial vehicles. Ms. Crowley said then we could move forward with Lincoln County's request since NDEM has a policy. Ms. Parker suggested if SERC changes the verbiage of their assurances to read that any and all activities and purchases must be compliant with all Local, State and Federal regulations, and then whenever new technology is requested, guidelines will be in place. Ms. Parker asked to include the new assurances with the new awards. Mr. Giomi motioned to approve funding Lincoln County's request for a

drone, Mr. Hastings wanted to clarify that this was a recommendation to approve the grant request; Mr. Giomi said that was his intent. Ms. Crowley seconded. Motioned passed.

**6. REVIEW THE AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR THE PARTICIPATION PORTION OF FIRESHOWSWEST (FSW) CONFERENCE**

The Committee will review funds available for the portion of FSW. Possible action may be to make a recommendation to the SERC with regards to using SERC funds for the participation portion of FSW. Ms. Parker shared that for the fiscal year SERC had authority for \$658,626.00 in SERC funds, \$448,546.00 expended which \$164,736.00 is obligated. Mr. Brenner asked if we have any extra revenue, Ms. Parker said there is \$10,000.00 available from FEMA that can be used for registration, and at least \$10,000 from de-obligated grant funds. Ms. Crowley asked for clarification that no HMEP funds were set aside for FireShowsWest™; Ms. Parker said this is correct. Ms. Parker said there will be an application ready at the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting next week in hopes SERC will vote to fund. Mr. Brenner said that the real discussion for FireShowsWest™ should be at the July SERC meeting. Ms. Crowley asked for clarification that no HMEP funds were set aside for FireShowsWest™ and that is why we need to ask the Commission to use SERC funds.

**7. REPORT ON GRANT CHANGE REQUESTS ALREADY APPROVED –**

Ms. Parker Executive Administrator reported that Washoe County has one which Mr. Brenner approved. Clark County said they would have one but we have not received it.

**8. REPORT ON US DOT/PHMSA/HMEP Grant**

Ms. Parker shared that the US DOT timeframe changes being imposed to provide LEPC/SERC specific activities no later than February 28 each year for program periods beginning in October each year. The change is to go from a one year requirement to a new 3-year Continuation Grant. This means doing the RFP a lot sooner. Mr. Curtis, Storey County LEPC, said we can do what they want. Mr. Helmreich spoke to the grants remaining separate; it is just a matter of planning to have them ready to go. For the LEPC's that are only made up of one person it may be difficult. Ms. Crowley was concerned that the LEPC's may have trouble doing three grants at once. But if a county needed to spend more money than a grant offered, they could use two of the grants, or three to attain what they need. Mr. Brenner shared that North Carolina is doing it and they like the process.

**9. REVIEW OF UNITED WE STAND GRANT APPLICATIONS BY LEPC'S AND STATE AGENCIES**

Ms. Parker shared with the Committee that there is \$276,733.58 dollars from the license plate fund ending in the third quarter and anticipate \$356,733.58 dollars by the end of the fourth quarter. The Committee started the review with:

The Storey County \$25,000 UWS grant application was presented by Mr. Curtis to purchase a security camera and narcotic boxes for their ambulances. The courthouse security is wide open and doors cannot be altered due to historic covenants. Camera surveillance is best for safety. The narcotic lock boxes within the ambulances will secure items against theft and possible resale to fund terrorism. Mr. Giomi motioned to recommend funding the grant , Ms. Crowley seconded. Motion passed.

The Legislative Police \$24,202 UWS grant application was presented by Mr. Pickern to purchase surveillance software which will be monitored 24-7. Ms. Crowley motioned to recommend funding the grant request. Mr. Brenner seconded. Motion passed.

The Supreme Court \$24,490 UWS grant application was presented by U.S. Marshal Hughes to purchase a replacement panic alarm system and a Milo training program. The current panic alarm is 20 years old and is inadequate. The Milo training simulator program will assist in training law enforcement officers with verbal communications in over 600 scenarios ranging from verbal communications to anti-terrorism threats to train more effectively. This would also allow communication with Capital police and the Legislative police. Mr. Giomi motioned to recommend funding the grant request. Mr. Helmreich seconded, Motioned passed.

The Lincoln County \$24,925 UWS grant was to purchase PPE, and P-25 compliant radios. Mr. Helmreich motioned to recommend funding the grant request. Mr. Brenner seconded. Motion passed.

The Churchill County \$24,118 UWS grant was to purchase shotguns, aim patrol rifles, vehicle radio, and a new member's response team outfit, ballistic protection equipment, and a desktop computer. Mr. Giomi motioned to recommend funding the grant request. Mr. Brenner seconded. Motion passed.

The Clark County \$25,000 UWS grant was to purchase Mastering Command, Calm the Chaos training program. Mr. Giomi motioned to recommend funding the grant request. Ms. Crowley seconded. Motion passed.

The Douglas County \$25,000 UWS grant was to purchase Radios, SBCA Cylinders, active shooter vests and Surveillance equipment. Mr. Brenner motioned to recommend funding the grant request. Ms. Crowley seconded. Motion passed.

The Humboldt County \$24,521 UWS grant was to purchase Ballistic shields & plates. Mr. Brenner motioned to recommend funding the grant request. Ms. Crowley seconded. Motion passed.

The Lyon County \$24,326 UWS grant was to purchase P-25 compliant mobile radio set ups. Ms. Crowley motioned to recommend funding the grant request. Mr. Giomi seconded. Motion passed.

The Mineral County \$24,452 UWS grant was to purchase a drone and night vision goggles. Mr. Giomi motioned to recommend funding the grant request. Mr. Brenner seconded. Mr. Brenner added his concern regarding security issues of China downloading information from within the drones. Motion passed.

The Nye County \$19,255 UWS grant was to purchase a solar panel, a generator, a transfer switch, batteries, a fuel tank and a camera. Mr. Giomi motioned to recommend funding the grant request. Mr. Brenner seconded. Motion passed.

The Pershing County \$25,000 UWS grant was to purchase P-25 compliant radios, body cameras and digital cameras. Mr. Brenner motioned to recommend funding the grant request. Ms. Crowley seconded. Motion passed.

The Washoe County \$24,888 UWS grant was to purchase a CBRNE Tyche suits, dual-comm tactical headsets, ballistic helmets, and ballistic vests and rifle plates. Mr. Giomi motioned to recommend funding the grant request. Ms. Crowley seconded. Motion passed.

The White Pine County \$24,951 UWS grant was to send eleven people to FireShowsWest™, purchase PPE chem suits, pagers, and a tank trap. The application needed the goals revised to address Homeland Security priorities. Mr. Giomi motioned to defer the decision until Mr. Brenner could assist them in the wording. Mr. Helmreich seconded. Motion passed.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Brenner called for public comment, there was no comment.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:35pm.