

**Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)
Funding Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday September 23rd, 2020
9:30am**

A. COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Matt Griego, Chairman
Richard Brenner
Karen Luna
Lance Chantler
Susan Crowley
Dennis Nolan

OTHERS PRESENT

Nathan Hastings, Senior Deputy Attorney General
Christina Wilson, SERC Coordinator
Brandi Salisbury, SERC Administrator

1. CALL TO ORDER (Non-action Item)

Christina Wilson called the meeting to order.

2. ROLL, CONFIRM QUORUM AND INTRODUCTIONS (Non-action Item)

Christina Wilson called roll and a quorum was confirmed. She introduced attendee Nathan Hastings.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-ACTION ITEM)

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4. APPROVAL OF June 15, 2020 MEETING- (DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Matt Griego reported the Funding Committee may review and approve, with or without changes or deny, the minutes of the June 15, 2020 Funding Committee meeting.

Richard Brenner made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2020 meeting. Dennis Nolan seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

5. REVIEW OF FFY20 HMEP MID-CYCLE GRANT APPLICATIONS- (For Discussion/For Possible Action)

Matt Griego reported the Committee may review FFY20 HMEP Mid-Cycle Grant Applications, and may approve, approve with contingencies, or deny such applications.

The following LEPC and agencies have summited applications at the time of this posting to be reviewed. If additional applications are received after this posting they may also be reviewed. The following applications may be reviewed, including but not limited to LEPC: Storey County, Washoe County, State: SERC. Christina Wilson reported that the applications were for Fire Shows West, who had originally cancelled and then came back and offered a virtual opportunity for classes in the hazmat tracks to be appended. She stated it is a special Nevada LEPC track to attend virtually and it is \$50.00 dollars per person.

Storey County: Christina Wilson reported they are asking to send seven people to Fire Shows West, \$350 dollars total being requested for grand funding. Matt Griego asked if there was plenty of money in the fund for all of them so they did not have to do that for every single one. Christina Wilson said they have an abundance of money that we are able to award all of these with absolutely no issue.

Richard Brenner made a motion that they approve Storey County's mid-cycle application to send folks to Fire Shows West for conference. Susan Crowley seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Washoe County: Christina Wilson reported application for HMEP Mid-cycle is for Washoe County, who was requesting to send 32 people for a total of \$2,775 dollars. This is for Fire Shows West for them to attend virtually. Matt Griego asked why theirs was \$75 per attendee instead of \$50. Christina Wilson said that needs to have an update because when Fire Shows West came out and said that they were going to be offering a virtual opportunity for these classes, their original price was going to be \$75 dollars and then once they had all the classes prepared and set up, they came back and said that they could offer the track for LEPCs at a lower rate. She stated Washoe County had their application submitted back in August before the update of price made the change and it needs to have a contingency based on \$50 dollars per person instead of \$75.

Susan Crowley made a motion that they approve Washoe County's grant application with the revised amount based on the \$50 dollars per attendee. Dennis Nolan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

SERC: Christina Wilson stated SERC submitted an application to allow them to utilize \$100 dollars for them to be able to attend the Fire Shows West classes as well. She stated they are looking at attending these classes, saying that it is important for them to know what disciplines that are being taught to our first responders will help and benefit Brandi and I with the fact that we know what they are looking for with training and everything else with the education that they provide at Fire Shows West. She stated Richard had asked them to submit an application for this.

Richard Brenner made a recommendation that they approve this grant application so that two staff members, Christina and Brandi, can attend the virtual Fire Shows West Conference. Dennis Nolan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

6. REVIEW OF FFY21 HMEP GRANT APPLICATIONS- (For Discussion/For Possible Action)

Matt Griego reported the Committee may review FFY21 HMEP Grant Applications, and may approve, approve with contingencies, or deny such applications. The following LEPC and agencies have submitted applications at the time of this posting to be reviewed. If additional applications are received after this posting they may also be reviewed. The following applications may be reviewed, including but not limited to LEPC: Humboldt County. Clark County, State: State Fire Marshal.

Clark County: Christina Wilson reported that Clark County submitted a HMEP application in the total of \$24,214 dollars. This is for two separate classes. The first one is for a propane 101 training. This is for them to be able to bring in training and instructors to have the training for large and small vessel propane offloading for railways such as Union Pacific which runs through southern Nevada. The second training that they are asking for is for a Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and is to conduct remote Robotic training with the Las Vegas Armor team, so they are able to provide maintenance for the robotic platform which they use to mitigate the hazardous material incidents on their roadways with vehicles and railways through southern Nevada. Each class broken out, the offload propane training has a total of \$16,714 dollars and then there was an additional \$1,500 which makes a total of \$18,214 dollars for this class. The second training that is being requested, the robotic platform training, is \$6,000 which gives us the total \$24,214 dollars. The class outline and the declination letters have been received and the second class is in the process of being received, so this would need a contingency based on receiving that declination letter from the State Fire Marshal and DEM for the robotic platform. Richard Brenner asked if Metro identified a date when they're going to do their class. Christina Wilson stated they did not, they just stated that it was going to be a two-day class, but there was no date objective on this. Richard Brenner asked if she would get ahold of Karen and have her make sure they put a date on it. He then asked if PHMSA had already approved these or did we have to add that as a contingent also. Christina Wilson stated this would have to have a contingency based on USDOT approval. It has not been formally approved as of yet. **Richard Brenner made a recommendation to approve this HMEP grant application from Clark County contingent on the letters of declination from the State Fire Marshal and DEM for the classes, also that they get approval from PHMSA and finally the second class that Las Vegas Armor is doing with the robot identifying a date when the class will happen. Susan Crowley seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.**

Humboldt County: Christina Wilson reported Humboldt County had originally stated that they were going to submit an application but they were not able to get one submitted in time so they were going to hold off and aim for mid-cycle later on in the year.

State Fire Marshal: Christina Wilson reported the State Fire Marshal Office is requesting \$3,088 dollars for video conferencing system, trying to keep our first responders within certification with all of their classes. They're looking at this system that has its material classes virtually. The class is able to utilize up to 50 points of

access to attend classes. For instance, each emergency management office up to 50 of them could host this class, or we could host it and they could attend. This is to purchase the webhosting. It would be to provide the collaborations for the State Fire Marshal's Office, the Training Division and it would allow the division to provide needed hazardous material training courses and exercises through video conferencing, accommodating agencies throughout the rural and urban areas of the state of Nevada due to not being able to do in-person training. The activity, if approved, would be purchased, and implemented as soon as possible with the State Fire Marshal training division and they're looking at a system that has not only the yearly subscription and the license you use but then the base to record classes here locally. Richard Brenner asked if it had PHMSA approval or do we need to make it contingent. Christina Wilson stated they were spoken to about it but we have not received the formal approval received in our office. Susan Crowley stated she hoped that we do not eliminate the need for our first responders to get some in-person training, hands-on training. She wanted the comment on the record that we also need to do that once we are able to. Christina Wilson stated she had talked to our training division here at the State Fire Marshal's Office and they are looking to get back out in person to get those hands-on with the live fires and the propane response with the tanks. They are not trying to replace that in a permanent fashion but keeping them certified up until the point that they can do in-person is also important.

Susan Crowley made a motion to approve the State Fire Marshal's application in the amount that they've listed there. Lance Chantler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Richard Brenner asked if they needed to make it contingent on PHMSA approval. Christina Wilson stated yes. This is still contingent on receiving that formal approval.

Susan Crowley stated she would amend her motion to include that contingency.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Action Item)

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8. ADJOURNMENT (Discussion/For Possible Action)

Matt Griego stated he would entertain a motion for adjournment.

Richard Brenner made the motion to adjourn. Dennis Nolan seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried.