

State of Nevada
Emergency Response Commission

SERC Grant Application
Operations, Planning, Training, and Equipment
Fiscal Year 2026

For Local Emergency Planning Committees

The completed application must be delivered or
postmarked by the noted due date.

Due Date: March 25, 2025

State Emergency Response Commission
107 Jacobsen Way
Carson City, NV 89711

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(775) 684-7511

STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (SERC)

SERC OPTE Grant Application Kit

FY2026

For Local Emergency Planning Committees

The SERC has developed this application kit as a template for Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) to apply for the SERC Operations, Planning, Training, and Equipment (OPTE) Grant. Application and award of grants are managed pursuant to SERC policy 8.2. The source of funding is derived from fees collected from SARA Title III facilities within the State that store and/or produce hazardous materials in specified amounts. As these are State funds, there is no Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number associated with this grant.

The grant project period is July 2025 through June 2026. Grant funds will be distributed on a reimbursement basis; however, the LEPC may request advance funding for expenses over \$2,000, policy 8.5.

LEPCs are eligible for funding through this grant if they are in compliance with the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), and SERC policies. SERC policies may be reviewed at <http://serc.nv.gov>.

The format is as follows:

- I. **Goals** - Identify what the LEPC would like to accomplish with the requested grant funds to prevent, mitigate and/or respond to hazardous materials incidents. Provide detailed proposed planning, training and equipment needs for the period July 2025 through June 2026.
- II. **Objectives** - Identify the specific approaches to achieve the goals through prevention of, mitigation of and/or response to hazardous materials incidents. Objectives need to be specific and measurable.
- III. **Line Item Budgets** – List each item as a line item on the budget page. **The grant request shall be for NO MORE THAN \$36,000.(this includes the \$4,000.00 for Operations)**

An additional \$4,000 of Operation funds will be available if the LEPC is administratively compliant. The purpose of these funds is to provide for LEPC members to attend LEPC and SERC meetings, as well as operation costs. If requesting, up to 50% of operations funds for clerical assistance, include that amount in the line item budget.

- IV. Budget Narrative** – Explain each item listed in the line item budget. If requesting up to 50% of operations funds for clerical assistance, include a detailed justification for the use of funds. Clerical assistance funding is no longer automatically awarded and will be subject to SERC approval.

Remember to comply with SERC Policy 8.2 related to the required quotes or sole source for appropriate purchases. If you have questions, please contact the SERC office.

Provide an explanation for items that do not correspond with the declared level of response due to formal agreements with other entities.

After completing the application, a PDF version e-mailed to the SERC is preferred with any additional pages included e.g., quotes, letter of denial, etc. or you may submit the entire application package with all attachments by mail.

If you submit electronically and do not receive confirmation of receipt within 24 hours or two business days, please follow-up with the SERC.

Please call SERC staff at (775) 684-7511 if you need assistance.

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Please be prepared to make a presentation of your grant application to the Planning & Training Sub-Committee and Funding Committee. The date and location of the meetings to be announced.

GRANT APPLICATION CHECK SHEET

A COMPLETE APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

- ☒ Title Page
- ☒ Goals of this grant
- ☒ Objectives of this grant
- ☒ Line Item Budget
- ☒ Budget Narrative
- ☐ If Training – Brochure and GSA Rates
- ☒ Certified Assurances
- ☒ LEPC Compliance Certification (signed by Chair)
- ☒ Electronic version e-mailed to serc@dps.state.nv.us .
- ☒ Copy of the LEPC meeting minutes approving submittal of grant application (minutes are submitted separately through normal minutes' submission process)

**The grant application must be delivered to this office
or postmarked by March 25, 2025.**

**STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION
2025 SERC GRANT APPLICATION
TITLE PAGE**

Applicant: Washoe County LEPC

Address: 5195 Spectrum Blvd. Reno. NV 89512

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Chair:

Name: Nick Klaich

Title: Chair

Address: 5195 Spectrum Blvd

City/Zip: Reno/89512

Phone:

Fax:

E-mail: nklaich@cityofsparks.us

Fiscal Officer:

Name: Francisco Ceballos

Title: Secretary/Treasurer

Address: 5195 Spectrum Blvd

City/Zip: Reno/89512

Phone: 775-224-4109

Fax:

E-mail: fceballos@washoecounty.gov

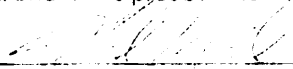
Budget Summary:

Planning	Training	Equipment	Operations	Total*
		\$30,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$34,000.00

Round up total* to the nearest dollar

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE APPROVAL:

On behalf of the LEPC, I certify this body has reviewed this grant application and agrees to abide by the Federal and State procedures which are related to the acceptance of funds.




Signature of LEPC Chair

3.21.25

Date

GOVERNING BODY APPROVAL: (i.e. County Commissioner, County Manager)

The LEPC has the approval to apply for funding through this grant.



Signature of Governing Body

3.21.25

Date

Washoe County Emergency Management

Print Name and Title

I. GOALS:

*Tell the SERC what you want to accomplish with this grant. **Provide a separate discussion of each goal and justify its need towards the prevention, mitigation and/or response to hazardous materials incidents involving transportation.** The goals are general statements of desired results and identify intended outcomes the program has established to achieve. Justification to prevent, mitigate and/or respond to hazardous materials incidents must be addressed.*

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The primary objective of the Washoe County LEPC is to provide appropriate support for hazardous materials related to planning, training, and equipment for emergency responders in support of Washoe County LEPC's goal. All payments will be completed by June 30, 2026.

The following objectives will be met per request:

RENO FIRE DEPARTMENT (RFD) TRIAD:

The goal of these training devices is to prepare first responders to mitigate relating to Toxic Industrial Chemicals (TICs). These props will teach first responders how to mitigate emergencies and safely contain the products in question. First responders will get a realistic experience of how these cylinders leak and associate problems with valving. They will be able to use mitigation techniques and leak stop kits to control the release of product. The props are pressurized with water and air to create the closest training environment of a real leak without the hazard.

REMSA Health:

What we want to accomplish with this grant is to equip the TEMS team to be ready for providing point of injury medical care in situations that have a HAZMAT/CBRNE component. The TEMS team provides direct tactical medical support to the 3 SWAT teams in the region as well as Federal agencies and other law enforcement. Maintaining the same capabilities as these teams is critically important to providing life saving medical care. The TEMS team is unique in its ability to enter hot zones and operate with LE across a variety of situations and conditions and would be uniquely capable of providing medical support to law enforcement and the public in situations that have both a HAZMAT/CBRNE component and an active threat or ongoing tactical situation. This equipment would allow us to accomplish that.

II. OBJECTIVES:

How do you plan to achieve the goals listed above? Include specific uses of this grant funding to prevent, mitigate and/or respond to hazardous materials incidents.

Objectives focus on the methods/activities to be used to achieve the goals they support.

Answer these questions in each objective:

- ✓ *WHAT will be purchased with these grant funds?*
- ✓ *WHO will complete the purchases awarded?*
- ✓ *WHEN will the purchases be made and the activity implemented?*

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RENO FIRE DEPARTMENT (RFD) TRIAD:

This grant funding will provide two advanced props to the Washoe County region. These props provide the most realistic experience to managing leaking or damaged cylinders. Many terrorism preparation documents cite the use of individuals using TICs (Toxic Industrial Chemicals) to cause harm or death. These products are usually stolen from industrial settings and product is released by damaging valving or with an IED attached to the cylinder.

First responders will receive a three-hour course in the year 2025 regarding the use of these props. Water and compressed air are supplied to the props to simulate vapor and liquid release. Using "A" and "B" kits for cylinder emergencies, responders can cap an array of valves that are damaged, reduce or control a side wall leak, or use drifts to control leaking from fusible plugs.

REMSA Health:

Emerging threats of terrorism include the potential of HAZMAT or CBRNE events with target transportation hazards in our region being I80, USA parkway, Amtrak, The railroad, Lake Tahoe, and the Reno Tahoe Airport and more. The TEMS team supports all three law enforcement agencies, covering this entire area. Response to these incidents will include a law enforcement and tactical response out of necessity. This response requires a TEMS response and having this equipment would enable medics to operate alongside SWAT and provide lifesaving medical care to law enforcement and civilians.

Medical response is a common theme for what is needed in an ongoing attack or in the aftermath of terrorism. This equipment ensures that no matter the hazard or threat, capable medics will respond to provide care for the injured.

III. BUDGETS:

Planning:

Requests to contract with a consultant must be accompanied by at least two competitive bids. The bids must include an itemized quote and detailed scope of work from the consultant.

Training:

All training requests must first be made through the State Fire Marshal's office (SFM) and the Department of Emergency Management (DEM). If the SFM or DEM declines the training, the request may be included in the grant application along with the letter of declination.

Requests to contract to provide training must be accompanied by at least two competitive bids. The bids must include an itemized quote and detailed scope of work from the consultant.

State per diem rates (which generally follow the federal GSA rates; (<http://www.gsa.gov>) will prevail unless local rates are less. Travel eligibility requirements and rates are further defined in SERC policy 8.5. The rates listed below are for calendar year 2024 only and are subject to change.

*If a privately owned vehicle is used for agency convenience, mileage may be reimbursed at the State rate, currently .67 cents per mile. If a personal vehicle is used for personal convenience, the reimbursement allowed is .335 cents per mile. If an agency vehicle is used, reimbursement may be made for fuel charges based on receipt or agency fuel logs. Airport parking (**most economical lot only**) and ground transportation expenses are reimbursable upon presentation of receipts. Rental cars must be pre-approved by the SERC.*

Double click on any box to open an embedded Excel Spreadsheet to enter your data, when finish click anywhere outside the box to re-embed the data into the Word document and then SAVE your work!!!

Registration	Cost per Attendee	# of Attendees		\$0.00
Hotel	Cost per Night	# of Nights	# of Rooms	\$0.00
Per Diem	Cost per Day	# of Days	# of Attendees	\$0.00
Transportation	# of Miles (Round Trip)	Personal Vehicle	# of Vehicles	\$0.00
		0.670		
	# of Miles (Round Trip)	Personal Convenience	# of Vehicles	\$0.00
		0.335		
	Public Transportation	Total \$ Amount		\$0.00
	Cost of Airline Ticket	# of Tickets		\$0.00
Parking	Cost per Day	# of Days	# of Vehicles	\$0.00
Total Course / Conference Costs:				\$0.00
Total Training Costs:				\$0.00

Training Costs: Registration fees, per diem and travel costs should be included in this section.			
Course Title	Itemized Travel Expenses	Registration Fees	Amount Requested
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$0	\$0	\$0
Totals:	\$0	\$0	\$0

Equipment:

Equipment will be considered based on the state contract prices, as applicable. Please consult the State Purchasing Division's website at <http://purchasing.nv.gov/contracts/> to determine if your equipment may be eligible for the contract prices. If requesting an item from a state contract, please include a copy of the webpage with your application. Equipment requests other than those on the state's contract or higher priced than those on this list must be accompanied by a quote from the vendor and justification. Quotes for items not on the state's contract must be dated/active within 30 days of the open allocation cycle. Communications equipment is subject to the completion of the attached Communications Interoperability Questionnaire.



Communications
Interoperability Que

Item	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount Requested
Itemized Equipment List will be attached totaling			Exact \$ from list
1-Ton Chlorine w/2 valve and fusible link leaks and Trunnions	1	\$4,850	\$4,850
Crate and ship	1	\$1,250	\$1,250
One 100-150lb. Chlorine Cont. w/Valve Vapor	1	\$2,520	\$2,520
Crate and ship	1	\$750	\$750
			\$0
Scott AV 3000 masks	6	\$336	\$2,019
Scott X3 SCBA	4	\$4,666	\$18,664
REMSA to cover overage	1	-\$53	-\$53
			\$0
			\$0
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Total Equipment Costs:			\$30,000

Operations:

Note: Clerical assistance cannot be more than 50% of the category. Justify clerical assistance in the budget narrative section.

Operation Costs:	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>
Operations	\$2,000
Clerical (up to 50% of the total operation award)	\$2,000
Total Operation Costs:	\$4,000

IV. BUDGET NARRATIVE

This is an explanation of the line items identified in each category. The budget narratives must explain the use of the requested grant funds. Budget narratives must be included for each category for which there is a request for items/services. Justify the relationship between the items listed within each category and the goals and objectives of this grant request. The budget narratives must tie each item requested to the goals and objectives of this project.

Planning -

Explain the basis for selection of each consultant and describe how the service to be provided is essential to achieving established goals. Provide an explanation if the planning request does not correspond with the declared level of response due to formal agreements with other entities.

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Training -

Explain the purpose of the training and how it relates to achieving established goals. Provide location of training, duration, itemized transportation and per diem expenses. If applicable, attach a copy of the letter from the SFM and/or DEM. Provide an explanation if the training request does not correspond with the declared level of response due to formal agreements with other entities.

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Equipment -

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RENO FIRE DEPARTMENT (RFD)TRIAD:

This prop is fabricated from an actual one-ton chlorine tank which allows the

experience of rolling the cylinder between gas and liquid positions. The rear of the tank is open to make water and air connections and access valves controlling six training scenarios. A tank roller base is an optional accessory. This prop requires a user provided source for water and compressed air. A standard household water hose connection and quick disconnect air hose connection are provided. The water source, air compressor, and hoses are user provided. This prop meets California Title 19, Section 2560 Field Training Facility requirements.

Training Operation Modes:

- Leaking Fusible Plug in a liquid state.
- Leaking Cylinder Valve that can be stopped by shutting off the valve in a liquid state.
- Leaking Cylinder Valve that cannot be stopped by shutting off the valve in a liquid state.
- Leaking Fusible Plug in a gas state.
- Leaking Cylinder Valve that can be stopped by shutting off the valve in a gas state.
- Leaking Cylinder Valve that cannot be stopped by shutting off the valve in a gas state.

PRESSURIZED CYLINDER PROP:

Description:

These standard gas cylinders have been modified for hazard abatement training. The oxygen and acetylene cylinders have been plumbed to simulate gas leaks and the 150 lb. chlorine cylinder for pressurized air and water mixed to simulate vapor leaks.

These props require a user provided hoses for water and pressurized air. A standard household water hose connection and quick disconnect air hose connection are provided. The water source, air compressor, and hoses are user provided.

These prop meets California Title 19, Section 2560-D & 2560-L Field Training Facility requirements.

Training Operation Modes:

Chlorine Cylinder:

- Vapor leak at cylinder valve
- Vapor leak from pinhole at side of tank

REMSA Health:

The capability that the TEMS team currently needs is SCBAs for response to HAZMAT/CBRNE events and terrorism. The TEMS team needs SCBAs with cylinders and masks for tactical medics to be response ready and safe at these events so that medical aid can be provided to the injured. The law enforcement partners we work with have this capability and we need this equipment to maintain our direct support to them regardless of the threat. Emerging and ongoing terrorist threats such as fire as a weapon, attacks of target hazards or critical infrastructure, or attacks with a CBRNE component are well within the

purview of the TEMS team and this equipment would be essential for response. This equipment would allow the TEMS team to provide something unique only to us – the ability to provide a coordinated and competent medical response when HAZMAT/CBRNE hazards co-exist with a dynamic tactical situation.

REMSA will purchase 4 SCBAs to allow for multiple medics to respond and to have the ability to have a two in / two out system of operation. We will purchase 8 air cylinders to allow for each medic to utilize 2 cylinders for prolonged operations. We will purchase 12 masks so that each team member has their own mask and can safely use their SCBA.

Describe the equipment and how it will benefit the project, and why it is necessary to achieving established goals and objectives. Provide an explanation if the equipment request does not correspond with the declared level of response due to formal agreements with other entities

Operations -

A detailed Justification is necessary if requesting funds for clerical assistance. Describe how salaries will be determined. Funds for clerical assistance are not automatic and are subject to SERC approval.

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Washoe County LEPC is requesting funds of \$2,000 for clerical assistance for transcription services for the bimonthly general membership meetings, bimonthly executive committee meetings, and bimonthly grants and finance committee meetings. The transcriptionist will work closely with the Washoe County LEPC Secretary to ensure the meetings and workshops are run in a smooth and efficient manner that allow the transcriptionist to capture necessary information. The transcriptionist will provide the LEPC an electronic copy of the recorded meetings, as well as a physical or electronic document of the draft meeting minutes. Should any edits to the minutes be required, the transcriptionist will complete them and provide the LEPC with the updated minutes. The transcriptionist will also work closely with the LEPC Secretary to ensure minutes are posted to websites and attendance is documented. The transcriptionist will be highly useful for the Washoe County LEPC as it will ensure efficient and accurate notes are provided for members and will minimize any discrepancies that may arise.

CERTIFIED ASSURANCES For LEPCs

Grant Title: 2026 SERC Grant

Upon acceptance of funding from the State of Nevada Emergency Response Commission (SERC), the applicant and the lead governmental unit hereby agree to the following Certified Assurances governing the awarding of funds:

- A) The applicant assures compliance with the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 459.9912 et seq. and SERC policies found at <http://serc.nv.gov>.
- B) **FINANCIAL REPORTS** – The recipient is required to submit, at a minimum, quarterly financial reports to the SERC. Reporting must be made in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, and SERC Policies 8.5 and 8.6.

No expenditures or obligations will be eligible for reimbursement if occurring prior to or after the award period. All funds need to be obligated by the end of the grant period and expended by the final report date as stated in the grant award cover letter. Failure to submit proper reports pursuant to current policies may jeopardize future funding from the SERC and could result in a denial of reimbursement of funds expended. Failure to comply with this requirement can result in the delay or denial of future reimbursements.

- 1) **Request for advance:** May be requested only if expenses total over \$2,000.00 and is accompanied by a dated purchase order or quote. Complete and submit a financial report form with the appropriate “request for advance” box checked.
- 2) **Report on expenditure of advance:** Show the actual expenditure of the advanced funds. Complete and submit a financial report form with the appropriate “report on expenditure of advance” box checked. This report is due **within 30 days** of the date of the advanced check and must include copies of dated invoices and proof of payment. If the amount advanced is more than the amount spent or the advanced amount is not spent within the 30 days, the unexpended funds are to be returned to the SERC within 45 days* of the date of the check.
- 3) **Request for reimbursement:** Complete and submit a financial report form, at a minimum quarterly, for all expenditures funded by the grant. Include a summary breakdown of expenses, copies of dated invoices, proof of payment and any other documents required by SERC policies. Any other form of documentation for expenditures must be approved by the SERC staff. If additional non-federal funds or resources are used toward the project, report those expenditures as a **match** in the appropriate line on the report form.
- 4) **Quarterly report required:** If there are no expenditures within the quarter, a report with an explanation of why and the plan for future expenditures is due by the end of the month following the end of the quarter. Due dates for quarterly reports are as follows:

October 31	- for reporting period July 1 to September 30;
January 31	- for reporting period October 1 to December 31;
April 30	- for reporting period January 1 to March 31; and
July 31	- for reporting period April 1 to June 30.

- 5) **Final report:** There will be no further expenditures, the grant is closed, and no further reports are necessary. This report is due within 30 days after the end of the award period, or any time prior to the end of the award period if no further funds will be spent. Once the final report is processed there will no additional draws allowed for the sub-grant. If reporting is not in by the final date, the remaining funds will be de-obligated.
- C) **EXERCISE REPORTS** – To be eligible for grant funding, the LEPC must report to the SERC by January 31st of each year on at least one real event and/or tabletop, functional, or full-scale exercise or drill which utilizes and implements the hazardous materials emergency response plan. An exercise is required at least once every year with every key element of the plan being implemented in the exercises within three years.
- D) **GRANT CHANGE REQUEST** – Grant expenditures are authorized for the purposes set forth in this application, as approved in the grant award, and in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations, and policies and procedures of the State of Nevada and the applicable federal granting agency. Requests for change in the project must be submitted to the SERC and approved in writing prior to its implementation. Approval may be required by the Funding Committee if the change is significant, SERC Policy 8.7.
- E) The applicant must comply with the provisions for sub-awards stipulated at 2 *CFR* 200.311. The applicant assures the fiscal accountability of the funds received from the State Emergency Response Commission will be managed and accounted for by the lead agency's chief comptroller. Internal control and authority to ensure compliance with SERC's documentation, record keeping, accounting, and reporting guidelines will reside with that individual.
- F) SERC will **reimburse** the **recipient** reasonable, allowable, allocable cost of performance, in accordance with current federal requirements, Nevada Revised Statute, Nevada Administrative Code, State Administrative Manual, SERC policies and any other applicable fiscal rules, not to exceed the amount specified in the total award amount.
- G) The applicant assures it shall maintain data and information to provide accurate financial reports to SERC. Said reports shall be provided in form, by due dates and containing data and information as SERC reasonably requires to administer the program.
- H) The applicant will give the SERC, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the grant or grant requirements. The Uniform Guidance/OMB Guidance provides greater clarity to the role and expectations for pass-through entities conducting oversight of sub-recipients. The Uniform Guidance/OMB Guidance expands on the responsibilities of pass-through entities by providing a more robust system of oversight and monitoring. (see section 200.330 and section 200.331)
<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2014-title2-vol1/pdf/CFR-2014-title2-vol1-sec200-331.pdf>

- I) The applicant assures financial reports shall be submitted within 30 calendar days of the end of each calendar quarter and within 45* days of the end of the grant period and shall be current and actual.
- J) The applicant assures funds made available under this grant will not be used to supplant state or local funds.
- K) The applicant assures compliance with *2 CFR 200.212 and 180, Non-procurement Suspension and Debarment*. The applicant assures, through the submission of the grant application for funding, neither the lead agency, county government, any of its participating agencies, are potential vendors, contractors or providers debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in the transaction by any federal department or agency.
- L) The applicant assures that it will comply with Administrative Requirements *2 CFR part 200*, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments appropriate to the award as follows:
1. 49 CFR 110, *Hazardous Materials Public Sector Training and Planning Grants*
 2. 49 CFR 18, *Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State, Local and Tribal Governments*
 3. 2 CFR 225, *Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments*
 4. OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations* (now contained in 2 CFR 200)
 5. 49 CFR 20, *New Restrictions on Lobbying*
 6. 49 CFR 32, *Government wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace*
- M) The applicant assures compliance with the below in any programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance:
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964*, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color and national.
- 49 CFR 21*, Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation, Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990*, which prohibits discrimination based on disability.
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975*, which prohibits unreasonable discrimination based on age.
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972*, which prohibits discrimination based on gender in educational activities.
- N) Any publication (written, visual, or audio) issued by the recipient describing programs funded whole or in part with federal funds, shall contain the following statement:
- "This program was supported by Grant # **26-SERC-___-___**, awarded by the Nevada State Emergency Response Commission (and, if an HMEP grant, the U.S. Department of Transportation). Points of view or opinions contained within this document are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the official position of policies of the State Emergency Response Commission (and, if an HMEP grant, U.S. Department of Transportation)"

The applicant must provide a copy of any such publication to the SERC for the sub-grant file.

- O) The applicant fully understands the State Emergency Response Commission has the right to suspend, terminate or de-obligate grant funds to any recipient that fails to conform to the requirements or the terms and conditions of its grant award.
- P) **LOBBYING** - No grant funds appropriated will be paid, by or on behalf of the recipient, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer, employee, or a member of Congress, or an officer, employee, or any member of the Nevada State Legislature or local government. The applicant will comply with provisions of Federal law, which limit certain political activities of employees of a state or local unit of government whose principal employment is in connection with an activity financed in whole or in part by Federal grants. (5 USC 1501, et seq.)
- Q) Project related income, (i.e., registration fees, royalties, sales of real and personal property) must be used for the purpose of furthering the goals and objectives of the project or program from which the income was generated. Interest earned must be returned to the State Emergency Response Commission.
- R) All activities and purchases utilizing any SERC administered sources of funding must comply with all local, state and federal laws and regulations as well as grant specific requirements. It is the responsibility of sub-grantees to be familiar with any such laws, regulations and requirements.
- S) Applicant understands that an updated addendum to the grant may be required based on the federal guidelines or state requirements between now and the time of the award documents based on requirements for State of Nevada or the federal sponsoring agency.

The applicant acknowledges receipt of these Certified Assurances and hereby assures adherence to all the above conditions of a grant award from the SERC.

GOVERNMENTAL UNIT (I.E., COUNTY COMMISSION, COUNTY MANAGER)

Name (print): Kelly Echeverria

Title: Washoe County Emergency Manager


Signature: _____

3.21.25
Date: _____

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Name (print): Nick Klaich

Title: Washoe LEPC Chair


Signature: _____

3.21.25
Date: _____

RETURN THIS SIGNED FORM WITH GRANT APPLICATION

LEPC COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

The following requirements must be met by the LEPCs for compliance with federal, State and SERC laws, regulations and policies and procedures. This checklist must be completed, signed and returned annually by March 31, even if the LEPC is not a recipient of grant funds.

A check mark in the squares on the left will indicate a YES response.

- ☒ Have changes in the LEPC Bylaws and Membership list been submitted to SERC?
- | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Bylaws reviewed/updated - | Date: 12.19.24 | Submitted: 01.28.25 |
| Membership list reviewed/updated - | Date: 12.19.24 | Submitted: 01.28.25 |

- ☒ Have LEPC meetings been held, at a minimum quarterly, and have agendas and minutes of all meetings, including special meetings, been forwarded to the SERC?

- ☒ Has the LEPC submitted all required reports which summarize the financial management of the active grants (*i.e., copies of invoices and verification of expenditures*)?

- ☒ Has the LEPC reviewed and updated its hazardous materials emergency plan (or hazmat portion of the jurisdiction's "all hazards" plan), NRT-1, Level of Response Questionnaire and Letter of Promulgation within the last year? Have the review results and updates been submitted to the SERC in writing along with a copy of the LEPC meeting minutes documenting review of the Plan by January 31st?

Plan update -	Date: 12.19.24	Submitted: 01.28.25
NRT - 1 update -	Date: 12.19.24	Submitted: 01.28.25
Level of Response Questionnaire update -	Date: 12.19.24	Submitted: 01.28.25
Letter of Promulgation update -	Date: 12.19.24	Submitted: 01.28.25

- ☒ Has the LEPC reported on at least one incident or exercise (exercise required at least every third year) of its hazardous materials emergency response plan by January 31st?

Indicate the date of the most recent exercise:	10.22.24	Submitted: 01.28.25
Indicate the date of an incident report used in lieu of an exercise:		Submitted:

- ☒ Has the LEPC met the annual requirement of publishing the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act "information availability" in the local newspaper? Has the standard Affidavit of Publication been sent to the SERC?

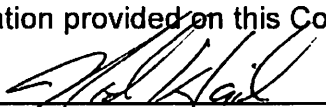
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- ☒ Has LEPC read SERC policies?

As chairman **Washoe** Local Emergency Planning Committee, I attest
of

County Name

all information provided on this Compliance Certification is accurate

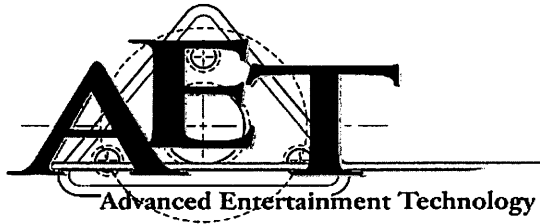

LEPC Chair Signature

01/28/2024

Date

RETURN THIS SIGNED FORM WITH GRANT APPLICATION

Revised: 07/14/2022



QUOTE NO: 1169A

Advanced Entertainment Technology
735 Los Angeles Avenue

Monrovia, CA 91016 U.S.A.
(626) 599-8337, Fax (626) 599-8447
e-mail: AET@AETFX.com

QUOTED TO:
TRIAD HAZMAT
City of Reno
1 East First street
Reno NV, 89501
ATTN: Nick Klaich

Federal Tax I.D. Number 95-4285201

Ship To: Same

Quote Date: 01/14/25		Quote No: 1169A	Customer Order No: Verbal	Quoted By: DDM	Buyer: N. Klaich	Terms: See Below	FOB: TBD
Item	Qty	Part Number	Description			Unit Price	Total
1	1	AET-TRP-3100	1-Ton Chlorine w/2 valve and fusible link leaks and Trunnions			\$4,850.00	\$4,850.00
2	1		Crate and ship to the above address (estimate)			\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
3	1	AET-TRP-3200	One 100-150lb. Chlorine Cont. w/Valve Vapor			\$2,520.00	\$2,520.00
4	1		Crate and ship to the above address (estimate)			\$750.00	\$750.00
<p>Terms: Based on Credit Approval 25% down, due immediately 25% due on day of shipment 50% due 30 days from shipment</p> <p>Prices do not include any sales tax This Quote will remain effective for thirty (30) calendar days Lead time for the above order is 6 to 8 weeks dependent on availability of materials Buyer to provide off load equipment at their site</p>							

SUBTOTAL: 9,370.00
SALES TAX : N/A

TOTAL AMOUNT OF QUOTE: **\$9,370.00**



2330 West University Drive
Unit #10
Tempe, AZ 85281

Quote

Quote # QT1585857
Date 05/24/2022
Expires 06/08/2022
Sales Rep Brown, Richard A
Shipping Method FedEx Ground
Customer Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority
dba: REMSA/Careflight
Customer # C245243

Bill To

JOSH DUFFY
450 Edison Way
Reno NV 89502
United States

Ship To

JOSH DUFFY
450 Edison Way
Reno NV 89502
United States

Item	Alt. Item #	Units	Description	QTY	Unit Price	Amount
201215-29			SCOTT NEW AV3000HT 4 POINT - KEVLAR - RT BRKT - SIZE LARGE	12	\$336.45	\$4,037.40
200970-01			CYL&VALV,QD,CARB,45/5500 ASSY	8	\$1,373.00	\$10,984.00
Scott X3	X321-625011001		X321-625011001 Scott X3	4	\$4,666.00	\$18,664.00

Subtotal \$33,685.40
Shipping Cost \$0.00
Tax Total \$0.00
Total \$33,685.40

This Quotation is subject to any applicable sales tax and shipping & handling charges that may apply. Tax and shipping charges are considered estimated and will be recalculated at the time of shipment to ensure they take into account the most current information.

All returns must be processed within 30 days of receipt and require a return authorization number and are subject to a restocking fee.

Custom orders are not returnable. Effective tax rate will be applicable at the time of invoice.



QT1585857



*At the Washoe LEPC Grants and Finance Subcommittee on 1/16/25 meeting. The committee voted to move this application to OPTE 2026.

WASHOE COUNTY LEPC
United We Stand (UWS)
GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Agency (Discipline)		Date
Reno Fire Department (Behalf of TRIAD)		01/02/2024
Address		Contact Person
1 E. First St. Reno NV, 89501		Division Chief Nick Klaich
Phone Number	Email Address	Grant Applying For
(775) 560-8069	nklaich@cityofsparks.us	UWS

Complete the amount requested in each category:

Planning	\$
Training	\$
Supplies	\$
Equipment	\$
Total Funds Requested	\$ 9,370.00

I. GOALS:

Explain what you want to accomplish with this grant. Provide a separate discussion of each goal and justify its need to support preparedness to combat terrorism. The goals are general statements of desired results and identify intended outcomes and results the program has established to achieve with these funds.

The goal of these training devices is to prepare first responders to mitigate domestic terror attacks relating to Toxic Industrial Chemicals (TICs). Common industrial products have been used by nefarious organizations to release products with the intent to harm individuals. These props will teach first responders how to mitigate emergencies and safely contain the products in question. First responders will get a realistic experience of how these cylinders leak and associated problems with valving. They will be able to use mitigation techniques and leak stop kits to control the release of product. The props are pressurized with water and air to create the closest training environment of a real leak without the hazard.

II. OBJECTIVES:

How do you plan to achieve the goals listed above? Include specific uses of this grant funding to support preparedness to combat terrorism. Objectives focus on the methods/activities to be used to achieve the goals they support.

Answer these questions in each objective:

☐ WHAT will be purchased with these grant funds?

ALL VENDOR QUOTES MUST BE ATTACHED (3 Different Quotes)

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WASHOE COUNTY LEPC
United We Stand (UWS)
GRANT APPLICATION FORM

- ☐ WHO will complete the purchases awarded?
☐ WHEN will the purchases be made and the activity implemented?

This grant funding will provide two advanced props to the Washoe County region. These props provide the most realistic experience to managing leaking or damaged cylinders. Many terrorism preparation documents cite the use of individuals using TICs (Toxic Industrial Chemicals) to cause harm or death. These products are usually stolen from industrial settings and product is released by damaging valving or with an IED attached to the cylinder.

First responders will receive a three-hour course in the year 2025 regarding the use of these props. Water and compressed air are supplied to the props to simulate vapor and liquid release. Using "A" and "B" kits for cylinder emergencies, responders can cap an array of valves that are damaged, reduce or control a side wall leak, or use drifts to control leaking from fusible plugs.

III. UNITED WE STAND PRIORITIES, (to combat Terrorism):

Identify how each item (or category of items) requested addresses at least one of the United We Stand, to combat Terrorism priorities.



UWS Priorities.pdf

Mission Area: Prevention/Protection- These props will have a direct relation to the level of preparedness for first responders managing a terrorism incident where cylinders are used. Currently our training platform does not have a suitable alternative to the items presented. The regional HazMat team is limited in preparing realistic training environment for students.

Mission Area: Response- These props will directly relate to skills needed to mitigate a terrorism incident with cylinder use. Currently there is no other entity or agency in our area that provides this skill set.

IV. BUDGETS:

Please provide budget below in bullet point format. Separate for each request.

Budget will consist of one payment to the vendor: \$9,370.

All additional training costs will be provided by the TRIAD.

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V. BUDGET NARRATIVE

This is an explanation of the line items identified in each category. The budget narratives must explain the use of the requested grant funds. Budget narratives must be included for each category for which there is a request for items/services. Justify the relationship between the items listed within each category and the goals and objectives of this grant request. The budget narratives must tie each item requested to the goals and objectives of this project.

Planning – These items will enhance our regional capabilities to respond in conjunction with our local bomb squad as well as law enforcement partners.

Training – Local first responders will be trained with these new props at the regional training center. The training expenses have already been procured under the TRIAD coordinator platform.

Equipment – ONE TON CHLORINE CYLINDER PROP:

Description:

This prop is fabricated from an actual one-ton chlorine tank which allows the experience of rolling the cylinder between gas and liquid positions. The rear of the tank is open to make water and air connections and access valves controlling six training scenarios. A tank roller base is an optional accessory. This prop requires a user provided source for water and compressed air. A standard household water hose connection and quick disconnect air hose connection are provided. The water source, air compressor, and hoses are user provided.

This prop meets California Title 19, Section 2560 Field Training Facility requirements.

Training Operation Modes:

- Leaking Fusible Plug in a liquid state.
- Leaking Cylinder Valve that can be stopped by shutting off the valve in a liquid state.
- Leaking Cylinder Valve that cannot be stopped by shutting off the valve in a liquid state.
- Leaking Fusible Plug in a gas state.
- Leaking Cylinder Valve that can be stopped by shutting off the valve in a gas state.
- Leaking Cylinder Valve that cannot be stopped by shutting off the valve in a gas state.

PRESSURIZED CYLINDER PROP:

Description:

These standard gas cylinders have been modified for hazard abatement training. The oxygen and acetylene cylinders have been plumbed to simulate gas leaks and the 150 lb. chlorine cylinder for pressurized air and water mixed to simulate vapor leaks.

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These props require a user provided hoses for water and pressurized air. A standard household water hose connection and quick disconnect air hose connection are provided. The water source, air compressor, and hoses are user provided.
These prop meets California Title 19, Section 2560-D & 2560-L Field Training Facility requirements.
Training Operation Modes:

Chlorine Cylinder:

- Vapor leak at cylinder valve
- Vapor leak from pinhole at side of tank

Additional Information:

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WASHOE COUNTY LEPC
Operations, Planning, Training, and Equipment (OPTE)
GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Agency (Discipline)		Date
REMSA TEMS		1/8/2025
Address	Contact Person	
450 Edison Way Reno NV 89502	Brian Taylor	
Phone Number	Email Address	Grant Applying For
(775) 691-4732	btaylor@remsa-cf.com	OPTE

Complete the amount requested in each category:

Planning	\$
Training	\$
Equipment	\$ 20,630
Total Funds Requested	\$ 20,630

I. GOALS:

Explain what you want to accomplish with this grant. Provide a separate discussion of each goal and justify its need towards the prevention, mitigation and/or response to hazardous materials incidents involving transportation. The goals are general statements of desired results and identify intended outcomes the program has established to achieve. Justification to prevent, mitigate and/or respond to hazardous materials incidents must be addressed.

What we want to accomplish with this grant is to equip the TEMS team to be response ready for providing point of injury medical care in situations that have a HAZMAT/CBRNE component. The TEMS team provides direct tactical medical support to the 3 SWAT teams in the region as well as Federal agencies and other law enforcement. Maintaining the same capabilities as these teams is critically important to providing life saving medical care. The TEMS team is unique in its ability to enter hot zones and operate with LE across a variety of situations and conditions and would be uniquely capable of providing medical support to law enforcement and the public in situations that have both a HAZMAT/CBRNE component and an active threat or ongoing tactical situation. This equipment would allow us to accomplish that.

II. OBJECTIVES:

How do you plan to achieve the goals listed above? Include specific uses of this grant funding to support preparedness to combat terrorism. Objectives focus on the methods/activities to be used to achieve the goals they support.

Answer these questions in each objective:

- ☐ WHAT will be purchased with these grant funds?

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WHO will complete the purchases awarded?

- ☐ WHEN will the purchases be made and the activity implemented?

Emerging threats of terrorism include the potential of HAZMAT or CBRNE events with target transportation hazards in our region being I80, USA parkway, Amtrak, The railroad, Lake Tahoe, and the Reno Tahoe Airport and more. The TEMS team supports all three law enforcement agencies, covering this entire area. Response to these incidents will include a law enforcement and tactical response out of necessity. This response requires a TEMS response and having this equipment would enable medics to operate alongside SWAT and provide life saving medical care to law enforcement and civilians.

Medical response is a common theme for what is needed in an ongoing attack or in the aftermath of terrorism. This equipment ensures that no matter the hazard or threat, capable medics will respond to provide care to the injured.

III. BUDGETS:

Please provide budget below in bullet point format. Separate for each request.

Scott AV 3000 masks x6 - \$2,018.70

Scott X3 SCBA x4 - \$18,664.00

Total: \$20,682.70 - \$20,630 = \$52.70 REMSA will pay the difference.

IV. BUDGET NARRATIVE

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We will purchase 4 SCBAs to allow for multiple medics to respond and to have the ability to have a two in / two out system of operation. We will purchase 8 air cylinders to allow for each medic to utilize 2 cylinders for prolonged operations. We will purchase 12 masks so that each team member has their own mask and can safely use their SCBA.

Planning - (Explain the basis for selection of each consultant and describe how the service to be provided is essential to achieving established goals. Provide an explanation if the planning request does not correspond with the declared level of response due to formal agreements with other entities.)

Training – (Explain the purpose of the training and how it relates to achieving established goals. Provide location of training, duration, itemized transportation and per diem expenses. If applicable, attach a copy of the letter from the SFM and/or DEM. Provide an explanation if the training request does not correspond with

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the declared level of response due to formal agreements with other entities.)

Equipment – (Describe the equipment and how it will benefit the project, and why it is necessary to achieve established goals and objectives. Provide an explanation if the equipment request does not correspond with the declared level of response due to formal agreements with other entities)

COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IS SUBJECT TO COMPLETION OF THE COMMUNICATIONS INTEROPERABILITY QUESTIONNAIRE.

Communications
Interoperability Questionnaire.docx

Click on questionnaire, fill and return with application if relevant.

Additional Information:

A capability that the TEMS team currently needs is SCBAs for response to terrorism and HAZMAT/CBRNE events. The TEMS team needs SCBAs with cylinders and masks for tactical medics to be response ready and safe at these events so that medical aid can be provided to the injured. The law enforcement partners we work with have this capability and we need this equipment to maintain our direct support to them regardless of the threat. Emerging and ongoing terrorist threats such as fire as a weapon, attacks of target hazards or critical infrastructure, or attacks with a CBRNE component are well within the purview of the TEMS team and this equipment would be essential for response. This equipment would allow the TEMS team to provide something unique only to us – the ability to provide a coordinated and competent medical response when HAZMAT/CBRNE hazards co-exist with a dynamic tactical situation.

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Washoe County

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Grants and Finance Committee

Minutes

January 16, 2025, 11:00 A.M.

Regional Emergency Operations Center

5195 Spectrum Boulevard, Reno, Nevada

1. CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (Non-action item)

Chair Nick Klaich called the meeting to order at 11:11a.m. A quorum was established:

PRESENT: Nick Klaich – SFD; Becky Josten – SPD; Noah Boyer – WCSO; Elizabeth Kunz – RPD; Roy Anderson – WCSD; Andy Ancho – RFD; Kelly Echeverria – WCEM; Ryan Rizzuto - TMFPD; Shyanne Schull – WCRAS; Andrea Esp – WCHD; Zebulon Nomura – TMFPD; Brian Taylor – REMSA; Jim Nelligan – NLTFPD; and Aaron Reyes – TMWA;

ABSENT: John McNamara – RFD; and Kevin Jakubos – SFD;

Also present: Trenton Ross - Legal; and Francisco Ceballos - Secretary/Treasurer.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Nick Klaich explained that public comment can be called in using the TEAMS number, 775-325-0620. The phone conference ID is 692 942 833#.

There was no public comment.

3. APPROVAL of October 17, 2024, GRANTS & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) – Nick Klaich, Chair

It was moved by Noah Boyer, seconded by Brian Taylor to approve the minutes as written.

There was no public comment.

The motion passed unanimously.

**4. REVIEW OF CURRENT LEPC GRANTS AND FINANCES – Status of active grants and applications
– Francisco Ceballos, LEPC Secretary\Treasurer**

Francisco Ceballos began with the FY 25 OPTE grant for \$34,000. \$32,000 is allotted for training or equipment grants and \$2,000 is allotted for operations. Operations have a little under \$2,000 remaining. Reno Fire bought all of their encapsulating suits. Truckee Meadows Fire has their ToxMed Kits and are waiting for one more item before submitting for reimbursement.

He moved on to the 2025 UWS grant. Francisco explained the Sparks Fire is in the process of purchasing ballistic gear. He then asked if Elizabeth would like to speak on behalf of RPD.

Elizabeth Kuntz explained that they requested to purchase a drone, however the amount allocated was not enough to purchase an American-made drone. A change order has been put in to get accessories only for the drone.

Nick Klaich asked if they already bought a drone.

Elizabeth explained that they purchased a drone, but not the one they planned on getting. However there is a need for accessories such as batteries to support the program.

Francisco explained that radios for the Washoe County Sheriff's Office have been ordered. There is a small amount of money left over.

FY 25 HMEP has no updates at this time.

Francisco discussed the HSGP grants still in process. FY 22 COOP is awaiting reimbursement from the state. FY 23 COOP has a small amount of money which has been allotted to travel expenses for Jessica. FY 23 RADIOS is closed out. All the radios have been received and they are working on programming. FY 24 COOP and FY 24 Perimeter were officially approved last month.

Noah Boyer asked if everyone understands where HSGP funds go and if that needs to be discussed again.

Kelly Echeverria explained that COOP is Continuity of Operations which means if there is an incident and the program still needs to operate, it can. Washoe County for about 13 years has run a program statewide which brings on two entities every year into a portal to securely work on their plans. Perimeter is the mapping system used during emergency situations. This allows

Emergency agencies to communicate, as well as for those entities to communicate with the public. The program is in the process of growing and training new counties to use this application. Perimeter has been used already for the Balloon Races and the Davis Fire.

5. **Grant Application Review and Approval (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)** – Prioritization and approval on Operations, Planning, Training, and Equipment (OPTE) and United We Stand (UWS) grant applications submissions from LEPC disciplines for FY 26. Approved applications will be submitted to SERC. – Francisco Ceballos, LEPC Secretary\Treasurer

Francisco Ceballos began by explaining that they would be reviewing grant applications for UWS and OPTE grants that begin June 1st. He added that OPTE stands for operations, training, and equipment and is open for usage for all hazards. United We Stand is focused on responding to terrorist threats.

He said there were a total of 6 applications for both grants. He suggested beginning with UWS and having each organization go through their application for the committee.

He invited the Reno Fire Department/TRIAD to begin.

Nick Klaich presented the grant application on behalf of the TRIAD team. He clarified that the Reno Fire Department serves as the financial officer for the TRIAD team, which includes the Reno Fire Department, City of Sparks Fire Department, and Truckee Meadows Fire and Rescue.

He stated that the team was requesting \$9,370 in funding to purchase training props for hazardous materials incidents. He explained that the region frequently encounters industrial chemicals like chlorine and sulfur dioxide, often transported in 100-pound and one-ton cylinders. However, the area does not have any training props to simulate live release events involving these chemicals.

Klaich described the requested props, which are designed from real industrial cylinders and can simulate live leaks by releasing air and water. He noted that these features allow first responders to train in full PPE and practice mitigation techniques using the proper tools. He added that if approved, the props would be stored at the Regional Training Center, where the TRIAD team and other qualified responders could use them.

Noah Boyer asked whether outside fire departments that use the Regional Training Center would have access to the props.

Klaich responded that while the equipment would belong to the TRIAD team, other agencies could use them if they completed a short training course on proper operation.

Andy Ancho asked if the funding request could fall under the United We Stand program or be covered by OPTE funds.

Klaich confirmed that he had discussed this with Francisco earlier and that if needed, the committee could vote to reallocate the funds.

Kelly Echeverria asked what the entire grant amount available is.

Francisco said UWS is for \$32,000 and OPTE is \$30,000. He then invited the next presenter.

Jace Thelin introduced himself as a representative of the Sparks Police Department and presented the department's grant request. He stated that they were seeking up to \$30,402 to purchase pepper ball guns and related supplies.

Thelin explained that during special events, Sparks PD has sufficient coverage for lethal force through SWAT and patrol units in case of a terrorist act in the downtown area. However, they recognized a gap in less-lethal options, as their current choices were limited to close-range tools like Tasers and pepper spray.

He described how the requested pepper ball launchers would provide an effective, less-lethal option, capable of engaging threats from a distance of up to 150 feet. He highlighted their potential applications, including crowd management, area denial, and the preemptive neutralization of threats that did not meet the threshold for lethal force. Additionally, he noted that the launchers could help secure restricted zones and be deployed in hostage situations or standoffs. The request includes funding for pepper ball guns, refillable scuba tanks, and projectiles.

Noah Boyer asked if the grant request could be scaled down to accommodate for more grant recipients.

Jace agreed.

Noah Boyer added that Washoe County has these, saying that they are very effective. He explained that the agent used in these guns is not a HAZMAT which saves on clean up work after usage.

Francisco invited the next entity to present.

Brian Taylor introduced himself for the record as a representative of REMSA. He began by clarifying the role of REMSA's Tactical Emergency Medical Services (TEMS), which provides embedded medical support to area SWAT teams, including those from Reno PD, Sparks PD, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, and the Secret Service for dignitary protection.

The TEMS unit also supports the Division of Emergency Management (DEM) and consists of elite paramedics trained alongside these entities.

Taylor emphasized that REMSA does not receive direct payment for this service. Neither the SWAT teams nor the agencies reimburse their wages, making it necessary to seek funding for critical equipment. He explained that their primary objective was to ensure SWAT team members and victims in austere environments have access to advanced life support (ALS) in high-risk situations, including terrorist incidents.

To address operational needs, Taylor presented a request for a rope system that would allow for the extrication of patients, victims, and law enforcement personnel in challenging environments. He noted that REMSA currently lacks this equipment and that their team had recently competed in an international tactical medic competition, where their medics placed first. During the competition, they had to borrow Reno SWAT's rope system, highlighting a critical gap in their resources.

In addition to the rope system, the request includes two sets of night vision goggles (NVGs) to enhance visibility in low-light tactical situations. Taylor reiterated that night operations were a frequent component of tactical responses, making this equipment essential.

At this point, Taylor opened the floor for questions.

Kelly Echeverria asked if there was a prioritization between the two requested items.

Taylor confirmed that he had prepared a prioritization list and stated that while it had not been included in the application, the funding request had been structured within the United We Stand program rather than the OPTE category. He then outlined the prioritization, stating that if funding constraints required adjustments, they were willing to forgo the NVGs, which accounted for \$8,398. This would reduce the overall funding request to \$7,510, covering only the rope system.

Nick Klaich asked whether the request duplicated equipment already available through the SWAT teams, given that REMSA personnel train and operate alongside them. Taylor clarified that only Reno SWAT maintains rope systems, whereas Washoe County and Sparks SWAT teams do not. He emphasized that acquiring the equipment would be critical for those teams.

Noah Boyer asked whether the equipment had been needed in real-world incidents outside of competition settings.

Taylor responded that while he could not confirm specific past incidents requiring the rope system, he acknowledged that scenarios could have arisen where it would have been

useful. Although he is no longer an active member of the TEMS team, he affirmed that the equipment was recognized as crucial. He also noted that the requested hoistable skid could be integrated with Raven, further enhancing operational capabilities.

Kelly Echeverria then addressed the broader issue of justification, stating that in emergency management, planning and training exercises were often based on risk assessments rather than past occurrences. She emphasized that if the requested asset improved capabilities in response to identified risks, that alone justifies its necessity.

Ryan Rizzuto raised a question regarding potential duplication of equipment between REMSA's request and resources already available through Washoe County Search and Rescue team, as well as REMSA's own Search and Rescue contingent. He pointed out that several items on the equipment list appeared to overlap with existing resources and asked whether there was an opportunity to share equipment rather than acquiring new sets.

In response, Brian Taylor emphasized the necessity of having this equipment readily available to REMSA's tactical medics in emergency situations. He explained that their operations often occurred in austere conditions where immediate access to gear was critical. Tactical medics could not afford to leave an active scene to retrieve equipment from another source, as doing so would compromise both efficiency and safety. Instead, having the equipment in their vehicle, gear, or GO kit ensured that they could respond without delay.

Francisco invited the next presentation.

Lieutenant Trenton Johnson, representing the Police Department's Clear Team, presented an amendment to their United We Stand grant application. The original request for \$9,394.44 was intended for Avon Voice Projection Units. However, upon further review, the team identified a vendor through a partner agency with a standing contract, which could provide the same materials at a lower cost. As a result, Lieutenant Johnson proposed reducing the requested funds to \$7,200, stating that if the reduced amount was granted but ultimately insufficient, the team would seek alternative funding sources.

The requested Voice Projection Units are designed to integrate with the department's FM 53 and FM 54 gas masks. These units would enable electronic voice projection in face-to-face environments within IDLH (Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health) conditions and offer Bluetooth connectivity for seamless communication with radios. This would enhance coordination among team members, hazmat technicians, command and control, and dispatch.

Nick Klaich clarified if the department has communication devices with their new masks.

Trenton explained that the previous gas masks had voice amplification capabilities, but the newer models lacked any built-in communication features. This reinforced the priority of acquiring the requested units.

Noah Boyer sought clarification about the pricing change. The updated cost for 12 units of the second-generation models was determined to be \$9,318—an \$80 savings from the initial request. Accordingly, the team decided to maintain the revised request at \$9,318.

Noah Boyer began the next presentation.

Noah Boyer spoke discussing a technological improvement for the bomb squad, specifically their transition to a Manning network for their robot platforms. He explained that their previous communication system, which relied on RF spectrum, had become ineffective due to increased data congestion. He noted that when they originally purchased their robots 21 years ago, cell phones were not as prevalent, and now the increase in data usage has caused interference. The new Manning network has significantly improved their operational capabilities, allowing them to disseminate information, video, and audio more efficiently. This change has also enabled them to work in challenging environments such as hospitals, casinos, and schools, where they previously faced communication issues.

Boyer outlined that part of the funding request was for cables needed to integrate their robots into the new system. He joked about the common oversight of purchasing an entire system but forgetting essential cables. Additionally, he mentioned the need for a directional antenna to strengthen their signal and a protective case for their high-value antenna, which costs approximately \$8,000. The funding request also included a monitor to view the robot feeds. After performing some quick calculations, Boyer adjusted the requested amount to \$10,341.42.

Nick Klaich asked whether another entity in the area provides the same level of robot service.

Boyer responded that while Clear does have two platforms, they are still using the older RF-based technology, which does not match their updated system.

Francisco Ceballos clarified with Brian Taylor that TEMS was requesting \$7,510 for the ropes system.

Brian Taylor, seeing the amount of requests for the funds, adjusted their minimum to \$5,128.

Francisco suggested that this is the point when discussion is needed to decide how the funding will be distributed.

Noah Boyer suggested that if the Sparks funding request were cut in half, or if the TRIAD request were moved, it could help align the budget.

Ryan Rizzuto added that the RPD communications request is a non negotiable, saying it is a safety-critical item.

Francisco said they are still looking at an overage of \$13,000.

Nick Klaich asked if Brian Taylor should present for the OPTE grant in order to see if funds could be allocated there for the REMSA project.

Brian Taylor spoke from the EOC podium, acknowledging that their initial funding submission exceeded the available amount and apologizing for the oversight. He explained that the REMSA embedded team operates alongside local SWAT teams in situations involving tactical and austere environments that only SWAT personnel can access. Given the nature of their work, he emphasized the necessity of acquiring tactical SCBAs to align with the equipment used by area SWAT teams. Currently, the SWAT teams do not have additional SCBAs for the embedded REMSA operators, requiring them to maintain their own safety gear.

Taylor specified that their request was for SCBA bottles, and while he referenced an itemized quote that had been submitted, it did not appear in the application. He noted that the request included Scott SCBA x 4 Kevlar masks in a large size, though he admitted he was unsure of the exact meaning of the specifications. He clarified that the request was for four Scott SCBA units and eight Kevlar-wrapped bottles for use in tactical environments. At one point, there was a correction made regarding the actual number of SCBAs being requested, which was confirmed to be four units rather than three. Taylor explained that their request was necessary to ensure that their tactical medics could provide point-of-contact advanced life support (ALS) services to operators and any victims in the field.

Andy Ancho asked if the team already possessed SCBAs.

Taylor confirmed that they did but that their existing units were expired, outdated, and now only used for training. He estimated that the current SCBAs were at least 15 years old.

Andy then asked about the difference between tactical SCBAs and standard SCBAs.

Noah Boyer explained that their units do not emit a beeping noise when motionless, unlike standard SCBAs. He noted that the absence of this alarm was a critical feature, as noise could compromise their safety in tactical situations. Additionally, tactical SCBAs are

painted black for operational purposes, but aside from these differences, they function similarly to standard units.

Kelly Echeverria asked about the potential cost reductions by decreasing the number of requested cylinders.

Taylor stated that REMSA might need to purchase additional cylinders separately but that reducing their request by four cylinders would still allow them to meet their operational needs.

Andy Ancho asked if the cylinders were standard and interchangeable with those used by other agencies.

Noah Boyer confirmed.

Taylor expressed support for allocating additional funds to the TRIAD team, recognizing the importance of balancing resources across different operational needs. He noted that previous grants had covered similar requests in the past, and at that time, they had been able to meet requirements by purchasing black tactical covers for the cylinders. He reiterated that their participation on the SWAT team necessitated these specific SCBAs and that he was willing to reduce their request by removing the eight cylinders, bringing the total funding request to \$10,984. He sought confirmation on whether this amount aligned with the adjustments being made to accommodate the TRIAD team's funding request.

Kelly Echeverria calculated that the new total allocation would be \$22,701.40.

Ryan Rizzutto asked if the cylinders were dropped off of this request, was the plan to borrow cylinders from other entities?

Brian Taylor explained that for the sake of everyone having equal access, he is open to borrowing cylinders for the time being.

Noah Boyer asked if there was funding for the packs, could REMSA fund the cylinders.

Brian Taylor said they can look into that.

Kelly Echeverria clarified that this still leaves us at \$2,071.40 over the grant total. She asked whether the 12 masks could be reduced by half to make up the difference.

Brian Taylor said he is open to that.

Brian Taylor then revised his thought, saying Trenton Johnson explained that each member has to have a mask reserved individually. Currently there are 10 team members

with a few more in the hiring process. He said that if six can only be purchased, TEMS is willing to make that number work.

Nick Klaich added that the fit testing is more general with four different sizes. This likely means members can share.

Kelly Echeverria clarified that if REMSA could pay \$53.30, they would be able to get all the items requested.

Francisco Ceballos added that it would come to \$20,630 to REMSA through OPTE.

Brian Taylor said that would be very helpful.

Nick Klaich said that before taking action, the team should look at UWS funding numbers. There is currently an overage of \$7,988 for UWS.

Jace Thelin explained that the program could get going with three guns and the projectiles for training for \$10,000.

Francisco explained that funding is still over by \$2,787.14.

Noah Boyer added that he is willing to reduce his grant ask by that amount and will look for the remaining funding elsewhere.

Francisco summarized the discussion, sharing the totals to now be Sparks Fire Via TRIAD \$9,370, REMSA, \$20,630, \$4,000 for operating cost. This adds to a total of \$34,000 for OPTE.

Francisco also summarized the discussion, sharing the totals to now be Sparks PD \$10,000, REMSA \$5,028, Reno PD \$9,318, and Washoe County Bomb Squad \$7,554. This adds to a total of \$32,000 for UWS.

It was moved by Ryan Rizzuto, seconded by Andy Ancho to approve UWS and OPTE grants with the provided adjustments.

There was no public comment.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. **COMMITTEE MEMBER AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS.** No discussion among Committee members will take place on this item.

Francisco Ceballos explained that he will be reaching out to all the organizations receiving grant funding with the grant adjustment information from this meeting so they can be presented to general membership.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT –

There was no public comment.

8. Nick Klaich adjourned meeting at 12:14p.m.

GRANT APPLICATION CHECK SHEET

LEPC: Washoe County

☒ LEPC is in compliance

Grant: OPTB 2026

☒ Received by Due Date

☒ Title Page – math is accurate / signed

☒ Goals completed

☒ Objectives completed

☒ Budgets

☐ ~~If Training – brochure included~~

☐ ~~If Training – DEM/SFM denial letters included~~

☐ ~~If Travel – GSA rates included~~

☒ If Equipment – quotes included

☐ ~~If Radios – communications questionnaire included~~

☒ Operations – is Clerical requested (check Budget Narrative)

☒ Budget Narrative(s) completed

☒ Certified Assurances completed / signed

☒ LEPC Compliance Certification completed / signed

☐ ~~If HMEP – Activity Request Form completed~~

☐ ~~If HMEP – Activity Request will need to be approved by HMEP~~

☒ LEPC meeting minutes approving submittal of grant application

Grant \$ amount: \$34,000 Total \$ amount available: \$36,000

Reviewed by: B.B. BH

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