

**STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION
2027 UNITED WE STAND (UWS) GRANT APPLICATION
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Budget Summary:

Planning	Training	Supplies	Equipment	Total*
			\$32,000.00	\$32,000.00

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

3.18.26

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

3.18.26

Date

Kelly Echeverria, Washoe County Emergency Management Administrator

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 to support preparedness to combat terrorism. The goals are general statements of desired results and identify intended outcomes the program has established to achieve. Justification to support preparedness to combat terrorism must be addressed.

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Reno Fire Department (RFD):

Reno Fire Department is requesting to replace expired ballistic helmets. These helmets are essential for protecting first responders during high-risk incidents such as active assailant events and other violent or unstable situations.

Replacing them ensures responder safety, maintains operational readiness, and allows Reno Fire to effectively operate alongside regional police and fire agencies during coordinated and mutual aid responses.

Reno Police Department- Patrol (RPD):

The goal of this grant is to purchase two 1 ballistic shields for the patrol division to enhance officer safety and improve tactical response during high-risk incidents, including potential acts of terrorism and mass-casualty attacks. A ballistic shield is a portable protective barrier, similar in appearance to a riot shield, designed to stop or deflect bullets and other projectiles. The grant will equip two first-line supervisor patrol vehicles with one ballistic shield each, ensuring immediate access to protective equipment during critical situations such as active shooter incidents, coordinated attacks on public spaces, high-risk warrant service, and other violent confrontations that may be associated with domestic or international terrorism. The funding will cover the purchase of durable, National Institute of Justice (NIJ)-rated ballistic shields capable of providing protection against handgun and rifle threats. This will equip one patrol sergeant vehicles that currently have no ballistic shield capability. Ballistic shields are a critical tool for frontline response to terrorism-related incidents, where officers may be required to rapidly enter unsecured environments to neutralize threats, rescue victims, or protect critical infrastructure.

The ballistic shields will also be used in training scenarios to prepare officers for real-world application and maximize their effectiveness during critical incidents. Training with this equipment strengthens readiness for terrorism-related events by familiarizing officers with shield deployment, movement, and coordination under high-threat conditions. Ballistic shields are a practical investment in officer survivability and public safety, which are core components of the Reno Police Department's mission to server and protect with integrity and professionalism.

Sparks Police Department (SPD):

Goal 1: Enhance Officer Protection During Terrorism-Related and High-Risk Incidents: The primary goal of this project is to improve officer survivability and protection during terrorism-related incidents and other high-risk, rapidly evolving events where officers may face armed suspects, active shooters, or ambush-style attacks. Ballistic shields provide mobile cover when fixed cover is unavailable, allowing officers to safely approach, contain, or neutralize threats.

Current shield doctrine emphasizes the importance of patrol-accessible shields with ballistic viewports to protect officers' heads and faces while maintaining situational awareness. At present, the department lacks portable ballistic shields that are modern, serviceable, and equipped with viewports. Addressing this gap is critical to preparedness for terrorism-related incidents, which are often unpredictable, dynamic, and occur in public spaces where traditional cover is limited.

Goal 2: Improve Tactical Mobility and Response Effectiveness in Dynamic Threat Environments: A second goal is to enhance the department's ability to move toward and resolve active threats quickly and safely. Terrorism incidents often require officers to advance toward danger rather than remain behind static cover. Ballistic shields allow officers to maneuver, protect teammates, and extract victims in environments such as schools, government facilities, transportation corridors, and high-risk vehicle stops. By equipping officers with modern shields, the department strengthens its capability to respond decisively to terrorism-related incidents while minimizing risk to officers and the public.

Goal 3: Strengthen Patrol-Level Preparedness Through Training and Standardized Equipment: The final goal is to institutionalize ballistic shields as a standard patrol and tactical response tool rather than a limited specialty item. Agencies that integrate shields into routine patrol operations experience higher utilization rates and better outcomes during critical incidents. The department has already invested in training capacity by certifying two ballistic shield instructors. This project builds upon that investment by ensuring officers have the proper equipment to train with and deploy in real-world incidents.

WCSO:

The primary goal of this grant request is to enhance the tactical insertion capabilities, safety, and operational readiness of Washoe County Sheriff's Office SWAT personnel during high-risk operations through the acquisition of specialized tactical helicopter harnesses for hoist-based insertions. These harnesses will allow SWAT team members to be safely and rapidly deployed into environments that are otherwise inaccessible by ground or landing aircraft, thereby strengthening preparedness and response capabilities for terrorism-related incidents.

Goal 1: Improve Rapid Tactical Access to High-Risk and Inaccessible Locations
The first goal of this program is to provide SWAT personnel with the capability to be inserted via helicopter hoist into locations that cannot be safely accessed by traditional ground entry or helicopter landing. Terrorism incidents often occur in complex and elevated environments such as high-rise buildings, rugged terrain, confined urban spaces, maritime vessels, or disaster-damaged infrastructure. Tactical helicopter harnesses enable precise aerial insertion of personnel, allowing teams to quickly reach suspects, victims, or critical infrastructure without delay.

This capability directly supports counterterrorism preparedness by reducing response times, increasing operational flexibility, and allowing law enforcement

to intervene before threats escalate, thereby minimizing potential casualties and infrastructure damage.

Goal 2: Enhance Officer Safety During Aerial Insertion Operations

A second goal is to significantly improve the safety of SWAT personnel during aerial insertion missions. Tactical helicopter harnesses are designed specifically for law enforcement hoist operations and provide secure attachment, stability, and controlled descent under dynamic conditions. Without properly designed harnesses, personnel face increased risk of injury or equipment failure during hoisting operations.

Ensuring officer safety is a critical component of terrorism preparedness. Well-protected and properly equipped personnel are better able to operate effectively under stress, maintain mission focus, and sustain prolonged operations during terrorist incidents. This investment reduces the likelihood of mission failure caused by preventable injuries and ensures continuity of operations during high-threat events.

Goal 3: Increase Operational Readiness and Interoperability with Aviation Assets

The third goal is to improve overall SWAT operational readiness and interoperability with law enforcement aviation units. Tactical helicopter harnesses allow SWAT teams to train regularly and realistically with aviation assets, ensuring seamless coordination during real-world counterterrorism operations. This capability supports standardized deployment procedures, enhances communication between air and ground elements, and improves mission execution under time-sensitive conditions.

Regular training and operational integration are essential to combating terrorism, where coordinated, multi-unit responses are often required. This goal ensures that personnel are not only equipped but fully prepared to execute complex aerial insertion missions safely and effectively.

Goal 4: Expand Response Capabilities for Terrorism and Mass-Casualty Incidents

The final goal is to expand the department's capability to respond to terrorism-related incidents and mass-casualty events. Helicopter hoist insertion allows SWAT teams to bypass hazards such as secondary explosive devices, active shooters controlling access points, or structurally compromised areas. This capability is particularly valuable during coordinated terrorist attacks or incidents involving hostage rescue, active assailants, or weapons of mass destruction. By enabling rapid, flexible, and safe insertion options, this program strengthens the department's ability to neutralize threats, rescue victims, and secure critical infrastructure. The acquisition of tactical helicopter harnesses directly supports homeland security objectives by improving the department's preparedness to prevent, respond to, and mitigate acts of terrorism.

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

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RFD:

These grant funds will be used to purchase replacement ballistic helmets for Reno Fire Department personnel. The current inventory of helmets is expired and no longer meets the manufacturer or safety standards. These helmets provide critical head protection during high-risk incidents such as active assailant events, domestic terrorism threats, and coordinated attacks involving firearms or explosive hazards. The Reno Fire Department will complete the purchasing process through its established procurement and fiscal management systems, in coordination with the City of Reno's purchasing division. Purchases will be made upon grant award and approval, with procurement completed within the grant performance period. Distribution and implementation will occur immediately upon receipt, ensuring helmets are available for use in training and real-world responses without delay.

Preparedness Impact:

Replacing expired ballistic helmets directly supports preparedness to combat terrorism by ensuring first responders are properly protected while operating in unsecured or hostile environments. This investment enhances responder survivability, supports coordinated regional response with the region's public safety partners, and strengthens the ability to safely mitigate terrorist-related incidents while protecting the public.

RPD:

The objective of this project is to achieve the goal outlined above by equipping frontline patrol supervisors with critical ballistic protection that enhances preparedness for high-risk and terrorism-related incidents. UWS grant funding will be used to purchase one National Institute of Justice (NIJ)-rated ballistic shields to ensure the equipment is readily deployable during active shooter events, mass-casualty incidents, and other violent acts associated with domestic or international terrorism.

The Reno Police Department will complete the purchase following the City of Reno's standard purchasing procedures. The purchase will be made immediately upon grant award, and upon receipt, the ballistic shield will be outfitted in a patrol sergeant vehicle to allow for rapid deployment during critical incidents. Once deployed, the equipment will be incorporated into patrol operations and training activities to strengthen officer readiness, improve coordinated response efforts, and enhance the Department's ability to protect the public and critical infrastructure during terrorism-related and other high-risk events.

SPD:

Objective 1: Acquire Modern Ballistic Shields With Ballistic Viewports

Under this objective, the department will purchase two (2) modern ballistic shields equipped with ballistic viewports, specifically the Blueridge Armor

WMX-1. The shields will be acquired in a basic configuration, with lighting systems added after purchase to allow for flexibility and cost control. All purchases will be completed by the department through its established procurement process and in coordination with approved vendors. Armor Express, a trusted and existing body armor supplier, will be utilized for this acquisition. The purchase of the shields will occur immediately upon grant award and approval, and the equipment will be placed into service following receipt and completion of initial training.

Objective 2: Deploy Shields for Patrol and Tactical Operations

This objective focuses on implementing the ballistic shields for use by both patrol officers and tactical response personnel during high-risk incidents, including active shooter events, shots-fired calls, high-risk arrests, and suspected terrorism-related incidents. Deployment of the shields will be carried out by patrol officers and tactical personnel who are trained and certified in ballistic shield use. Oversight, instruction, and coordination will be provided by certified ballistic shield instructors within the department. Shield deployment will begin immediately after training is completed, and the shields will be available for use on all qualifying high-risk calls.

Objective 3: Sustain Training and Policy-Driven Use of Ballistic Shields

To ensure long-term effectiveness, this objective supports ongoing training and policy-driven use of ballistic shields throughout the department. Newly acquired shields will be incorporated into initial and refresher training sessions to maintain proficiency and confidence in deployment. Certified ballistic shield instructors will lead all training efforts, and shield usage will be integrated into department response policies and active threat protocols. Initial training will occur shortly after the equipment is deployed, with ongoing refresher training incorporated into regular in-service training schedules to sustain readiness and preparedness.

WCSO:

The objectives of this program focus on the specific actions and activities required to achieve the stated goals and enhance SWAT preparedness for terrorism-related incidents. Grant funding will be used to acquire, implement, and train with tactical helicopter harnesses that enable safe and effective hoist-based insertions during high-risk operations.

Acquiring Tactical Helicopter Harnesses for SWAT Hoist Operations

Grant funds will be used to purchase tactical helicopter harnesses specifically designed for law enforcement hoist operations. These harnesses will meet or exceed applicable safety and aviation standards and will be compatible with existing law enforcement aviation assets. The equipment will be used exclusively for SWAT aerial insertion missions, including counterterrorism operations, hostage rescue, and responses to high-risk incidents in inaccessible environments.

The purchases will be completed by designated SWAT team leaders in coordination with the department's procurement unit. SWAT leadership will ensure that the selected harnesses meet operational requirements, safety standards, and training needs to support effective deployment during terrorism-related incidents.

The tactical helicopter harnesses will be purchased immediately following grant award approval. Upon receipt of the equipment, SWAT personnel will conduct structured training and familiarization exercises with the aviation unit. Full operational implementation will occur after training is completed, ensuring personnel are proficient in the safe and effective use of the harnesses for hoist-based insertions.

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

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RFD:

Protection:

Ballistic helmets provide critical head protection for first responders during high-risk incidents, including active shooter events, domestic terrorism threats, and attacks involving firearms or explosives. Ensures personnel can safely operate in hostile environments, reducing injuries and fatalities.

Response:

Allows responders to act quickly and effectively during terrorist incidents without compromising their safety.

Supports operational effectiveness during emergency response and coordinated regional efforts.

RPD:

The requested ballistic shield supports the United We Stand priority of Prevention/Protection by enhancing officer and civilian safety during terrorism-related incidents and mass-casualty attacks. NII-rated ballistic shields provide immediate protection against handgun and rifle threats, enabling officers to safely approach, contain, and neutralize violent threats while reducing the risk of injury or loss of life. Equipping frontline patrol supervisors with a ballistic shield strengthens frontline protection during active shooter incidents, coordinated attacks on public spaces, and other high-risk events associated with domestic or international terrorism. Immediate access to this equipment allows officers to establish protective corridors for victim rescue, evacuation, and medical response, helping prevent further harm.

SPD:

The requested ballistic shields directly support United We Stand priorities by:

- Enhancing Law Enforcement Preparedness:** Shields improve readiness for terrorism-related incidents, including active shooter and coordinated attacks.
- Protecting First Responders:** Mobile ballistic protection reduces the risk of officer injury or death during terrorist-style assaults.
- Improving Response Capabilities:** Shields enable officers to move toward threats, rescue victims, and secure critical infrastructure.

•**Supporting Frontline Patrol Response:** By equipping patrol officers, not just specialized units, the department strengthens its immediate response capacity to terrorism events.

WCSO:

This grant request seeks funding to purchase tactical helicopter harnesses to enhance operational coordination between SWAT personnel and law enforcement aviation units during terrorism-related and high-risk incidents. The acquisition of this specialized equipment will strengthen the sheriff's office ability to conduct coordinated, multi-disciplinary responses that require precise aerial insertion of tactical personnel into complex and hostile environments.

Operational coordination is critical during acts of terrorism, which often require simultaneous actions by air and ground elements, rapid deployment, and seamless communication across units. Tactical helicopter harnesses provide a standardized and reliable method for inserting SWAT team members via hoist operations, allowing aviation crews and tactical operators to function as an integrated response force. This capability ensures that personnel can be deployed quickly and safely into areas that are inaccessible by ground vehicles or traditional aircraft landings, such as high-rise structures, confined urban spaces, rugged terrain, or compromised infrastructure.

The absence of appropriate hoist-capable harnesses limits the effectiveness of joint air-ground operations and creates safety risks that can delay response times during critical incidents. By equipping SWAT personnel with approved tactical helicopter harnesses, this project will improve interoperability, reduce deployment delays, and support coordinated mission planning and execution between SWAT, aviation units, and supporting agencies.

This investment directly supports terrorism preparedness by enabling coordinated tactical insertions during hostage rescue operations, active threat interdictions, and responses to coordinated or multi-site terrorist attacks. The ability to rapidly insert trained personnel from the air enhances situational control, allows for flexible operational planning, and supports unified command objectives during high-risk incidents.

Funding for tactical helicopter harnesses will also support joint training and exercises, reinforce standardized procedures and strengthen relationships between SWAT and aviation assets. These coordinated training efforts ensure that personnel are prepared to operate together effectively under stressful and time-sensitive conditions commonly associated with terrorism incidents.

IV. BUDGETS:

Please prioritize your request as awards may need to be reduced based on available funding. Do not round the unit prices or the line-item totals. Round up the grand total of each category to the nearest dollar.

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RFD:

\$9,943.54 towards 48 Ballistic Helmets

RPD:

\$5,900.00 towards am NIJ Ballistic shield

SPD:

\$6408.46 toward two Blueridge armor shields

WCSO:

\$9,748.00 towards four (4) Harness System

Total: \$32,000

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 Department of Emergency Management (DEM). If the 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 2023 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 .655 cents per mile. If a personal vehicle is used for personal convenience, the reimbursement allowed is .3275 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!!!

Consultant / Contract Services / Other		Amount Requested
Name		
Total Contract Training:		\$0.00

Course / Conference Costs				
Course / Conference Title:				
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
		\$0.655		
	# of Miles (Round Trip)	Personal Convenience	# of Vehicles	\$0.00
		0.3275		
	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

Supplies:

List supplies and, if applicable, identify what equipment it is used with.

Supplies Costs:			
<i>Item</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Unit Price</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>
Itemized Equipment List will be attached totaling			Exact \$ from list
			\$0
			\$0
			\$0
			\$0
Total Supplies:			\$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. As appropriate, the cost of shipping may be included in the grant request. 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

Supplies -

Explain the type of supplies requested and how it relates to achieving the established goals and objectives to support preparedness to combat terrorism.

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Equipment -

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RFD:

Grant funds will be used to replace expired ballistic helmets currently issued to Reno Fire Department personnel. This equipment supports the project objective of maintaining a fully equipped and prepared response force capable of operating alongside regional law enforcement and fire agencies during joint and mutual aid responses. Replacing expired helmets ensures consistency in protective capabilities across responding agencies, improving interoperability, responder survivability, and continuity of operations.

Replacing expired helmets directly supports the project's goals and objectives by enhancing responder survivability, maintaining operational readiness, and ensuring interoperability with regional partners. This equipment is necessary to safely perform mission-critical tasks and to effectively support preparedness and response efforts to combat terrorism while protecting both responders and the public.

RPD:

UWS grant funds are requested to purchase one Baker Ballistics ballistic shield to enhance officer safety and improve the Reno Police Department's ability to respond to high-risk, terrorism-related, and mass-casualty incidents. The ballistic shield will be assigned to a first line patrol supervisor vehicles to ensure immediate availability during critical incidents.

SPD:

Grant funds are requested to purchase two BlueRidge Armor Vengeance WMX-6 Level IIIA ballistic shields with ballistic viewports, at a cost of \$3,204.23 per unit, for a total equipment request of \$6,408.46. These shields directly support the goals of this project by enhancing officer survivability, improving tactical mobility, and strengthening patrol-level preparedness during terrorism-related and other high-risk incidents.

Ballistic shields are a critical life-saving tool that provide mobile protection when fixed cover is unavailable, a common condition during active shooter events,

ambush-style attacks, and other terrorist or extremist incidents in public spaces. The inclusion of ballistic viewports is essential to protect officers' heads and faces while maintaining situational awareness, which is necessary for safe movement toward threats and effective decision-making in rapidly evolving environments. This equipment directly supports Objective 1, which focuses on acquiring modern ballistic shields with ballistic viewports, and Objective 2, which emphasizes deploying shields for patrol and tactical operations during active shooter events, shots-fired calls, and suspected terrorism-related incidents.

Additionally, these shields support Objective 3 by allowing the department to sustain ongoing training and standardized deployment of ballistic shields across patrol and tactical units. By equipping frontline officers with modern, serviceable ballistic shields, the department increases its ability to respond quickly and safely to terrorism-related threats, reduces the risk of officer injury or death, and enhances overall operational readiness. This investment directly aligns with the project's overarching goal of improving preparedness to combat terrorism while protecting both officers and the community.

WCSO:

Grant funds in the amount of \$9,748 are requested to purchase four (4) tactical helicopter harnesses for the SWAT team. These harnesses are mission-critical safety and operational equipment designed for tactical aviation operations, including hoist and other helicopter-assisted deployments.

The requested harnesses will be issued to SWAT operators assigned to aviation-based tactical missions. Each harness is specifically engineered to provide fall protection, load-bearing support, and secure attachment points necessary for safe insertion, extraction, and rescue operations conducted in coordination with aviation assets. The total cost reflects the purchase of four harnesses at \$2,499 per unit, for a total of \$9,996, grant to cover \$9,748.

This equipment directly supports the goals and objectives of the project by enhancing officer safety, increasing operational capability, and ensuring mission readiness during high-risk tactical incidents. SWAT operations frequently involve remote elevated environments and helicopter-assisted responses where standard duty gear does not provide adequate protection or functionality. Without properly rated harnesses, the team's ability to safely conduct airborne tactical operations would be significantly limited, increasing risk to personnel and the public.

The acquisition of these harnesses will:

- Improve officer safety by providing certified, purpose-built equipment for aviation operations.
- Expand tactical response capabilities, allowing SWAT to conduct rapid insertions, extractions, and rescues in environments otherwise inaccessible.
- Support interagency coordination with aviation units by ensuring compatibility with established airborne tactical procedures.
- Enhance training and operational readiness, allowing operators to train and deploy with the same equipment used during real-world missions.

This equipment purchase is essential to achieving the project's objective of maintaining a highly trained, properly equipped SWAT team capable of responding effectively to critical incidents while minimizing risk to officers and the community.

Describe the equipment and how it will benefit the project, and why it is necessary to achieving established goals and objectives.



CERTIFIED ASSURANCES For LEPCs

Grant Title: 2027 UWS 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 expenditure 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 expenditure 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 30** - for reporting period July 1 to September 30.
- January 29** - for reporting period October 1 to December 31.
- April 30** - for reporting period January 1 to March 31; and
- July 9** - for reporting period April 1 to May 31.

- 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. 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 # **27-UWS-__-__**, 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):	<u>Kelly Echeverria</u>	Title:	<u>Kelly Echeverria, Washoe County Emergency Management Administrator</u>
Signature:		Date:	<u>3.18.26</u>

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Name (print):	<u>Noah Boyer</u>	Title:	<u>Washoe LEPC Chair</u>
Signature:		Date:	<u>3.18.26</u>

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LEPC COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

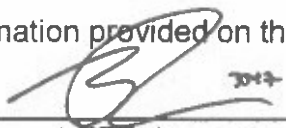
The following requirements must be met by the LEPCs for compliance with federal, State and SERC laws, regulations and policies and procedures. This checklist must be completed, signed and returned annually by March 31, even if the LEPC is not a recipient of grant funds.

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: **12.18.25** Submitted: **01.22.26**
Membership list reviewed/updated - Date: **12.18.25** Submitted: **01.22.26**
- 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: **12.18.25** Submitted: **01.22.26**
NRT – 1 update – Date: **12.18.25** Submitted: **01.22.26**
Level of Response Questionnaire update – Date: **12.18.25** Submitted: **01.22.26**
Letter of Promulgation update – Date: **12.18.25** Submitted: **01.22.26**
- 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: **07.22.25** Submitted: **01.22.26**
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?
Date of publication: **11.18.25** Affidavit Submitted: **11.18.25**
- Has LEPC read SERC policies?

As chair of **Washoe** Local Emergency Planning Committee, I attest
County Name

all information provided on this Compliance Certification is accurate



LEPC Chair Signature

01.22.26

Date

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Applicant Agency (Discipline)		Date
Reno Fire Department		01/05/2026
Address		Contact Person
1 E. First St. Reno NV, 89501		Aaron Wike
Phone Number	Email Address	Grant Applying For
775-334-3460	wikea@reno.gov	UWS

Complete the amount requested in each category:

Planning	\$
Training	\$
Supplies	\$
Equipment	\$ 27,939
Total Funds Requested	\$

<p>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.</p>
<p>Reno Fire Department is requesting to replace expired ballistic helmets. These helmets are essential for protecting first responders during high-risk incidents such as active assailant events and other violent or unstable situations. Replacing them ensures responder safety, maintains operational readiness, and allows Reno Fire to effectively operate alongside regional police and fire agencies during coordinated and mutual aid responses.</p>
<p>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:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> WHAT will be purchased with these grant funds? <input type="checkbox"/> WHO will complete the purchases awarded? <input type="checkbox"/> WHEN will the purchases be made and the activity implemented?</p>

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WHAT:

These grant funds will be used to purchase replacement ballistic helmets for Reno Fire Department personnel. The current inventory of helmets is expired and no longer meets the manufacturer or safety standards. These helmets provide critical head protection during high-risk incidents such as active assailant events, domestic terrorism threats, and coordinated attacks involving firearms or explosive hazards.

WHO:

The Reno Fire Department will complete the purchasing process through its established procurement and fiscal management systems, in coordination with the City of Reno's purchasing division.

WHEN:

Purchases will be made upon grant award and approval, with procurement completed within the grant performance period. Distribution and implementation will occur immediately upon receipt, ensuring helmets are available for use in training and real-world responses without delay.

Preparedness Impact:

Replacing expired ballistic helmets directly supports preparedness to combat terrorism by ensuring first responders are properly protected while operating in unsecured or hostile environments. This investment enhances responder survivability, supports coordinated regional response with the region's public safety partners, and strengthens the ability to safely mitigate terrorist-related incidents while protecting the public.

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.



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Protection:

Ballistic helmets provide critical head protection for first responders during high-risk incidents, including active shooter events, domestic terrorism threats, and attacks involving firearms or explosives. Ensures personnel can safely operate in hostile environments, reducing injuries and fatalities.

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Response:

Allows responders to act quickly and effectively during terrorist incidents without compromising their safety. Supports operational effectiveness during emergency response and coordinated regional efforts.

IV. BUDGETS:

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

Budget will consist of one payment to the vendor of \$27,939 for 134 helmets.

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 - No consultant services are requested. Equipment selection and planning will be conducted internally by the Reno Fire Department in coordination with the City of Reno procurement division to ensure compliance with safety standards and interoperability with regional partners.

Training – No training funds are requested. Personnel are already trained in the use of ballistic protective equipment, and replacement helmets will be incorporated into existing training and operational activities. No travel or per diem costs apply.

Supplies – No supplies are requested under this project. The request is limited to equipment necessary for responder protection.

Equipment – Grant funds will be used to replace expired ballistic helmets currently issued to Reno Fire Department personnel. This equipment supports the project objective of maintaining a fully equipped and prepared response force capable of operating alongside regional law enforcement and fire agencies during joint and mutual aid responses. Replacing expired helmets ensures consistency in protective capabilities across responding agencies, improving interoperability, responder survivability, and continuity of operations.

Replacing expired helmets directly supports the project's goals and objectives by enhancing responder survivability, maintaining operational readiness, and ensuring interoperability with regional partners. This equipment is necessary to safely perform mission-critical tasks and to effectively support preparedness and response efforts to combat terrorism while protecting both responders and the public.

Additional Information:

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111 Deerwood Road #200
 San Ramon, CA. 94583

Quote

Date	Estimate #
1/6/2026	26-003

Name / Address
Reno Fire Department 1 East First Street, 4th Floor Reno, NV. 89501

Project

Description	Qty	Cost	Total
NIJ 0106.01 Level IIIA MICH Style Non-Technical Ballistic Helmet - Includes OCC Liner and BOA Suspension Harness. (Specify Size and Color)	134	208.50	27,939.00
Sales Tax		0.00%	0.00
		Total	\$27,939.00

Customer Signature _____



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Applicant Agency (Discipline)		Date
Reno Police Department – Patrol Division		1/19/2026
Address		Contact Person
911 Kuenzli St. Reno, NV 89502		Sgt. Rand Hutson
Phone Number	Email Address	Grant Applying For
(775) 745-3797	hutsonr@reno.gov	United We Stand (UWS)

Complete the amount requested in each category:

Planning	\$ 0
Training	\$ 0
Supplies	\$ 0
Equipment	\$ 14,046.00
Total Funds Requested	\$ 14,046.00

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 this grant is the purchase of two (2) ballistic shields for the patrol division to enhance officer safety and improve tactical response during high-risk incidents, including potential acts of terrorism and mass-casualty attacks. A ballistic shield is a portable protective barrier, similar in appearance to a riot shield, designed to stop or deflect bullets and other projectiles. The grant will equip two first-line supervisor patrol vehicles with one ballistic shield each, ensuring immediate access to protective equipment during critical situations such as active shooter incidents, coordinated attacks on public spaces, high-risk warrant service, and other violent confrontations that may be associated with domestic or international terrorism.

The funding will cover the purchase of durable, National Institute of Justice (NIJ)-rated ballistic shields capable of providing protection against handgun and rifle threats, along with product-specific carry cases and tactical lighting. This will equip two patrol sergeant vehicles that currently have no ballistic shield capability. Ballistic shields are a critical tool for frontline response to terrorism-related incidents, where officers may be required to rapidly enter unsecured environments to neutralize threats, rescue victims, or protect critical infrastructure.

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The ballistic shields will also be used in training scenarios to prepare officers for real-world application and maximize their effectiveness during critical incidents. Training with this equipment strengthens readiness for terrorism-related events by familiarizing officers with shield deployment, movement, and coordination under high-threat conditions.

Ballistic shields are a practical investment in officer survivability and public safety, which are core components of the Reno Police Department's mission to serve and protect with integrity and professionalism.

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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The objective of this project is to achieve the goal outlined above by equipping frontline patrol supervisors with critical ballistic protection that enhances preparedness for high-risk and terrorism-related incidents. UWS grant funding will be used to purchase two (2) National Institute of Justice (NIJ)-rated ballistic shields, along with product-specific carry cases and tactical lighting, to ensure the equipment is readily deployable during active shooter events, mass-casualty incidents, and other violent acts associated with domestic or international terrorism.

The Reno Police Department will complete the purchase following the City of Reno's standard purchasing procedures. The purchase will be made immediately upon grant award, and upon receipt, the ballistic shields will be outfitted in the two patrol sergeant vehicles to allow for rapid deployment during critical incidents. Once deployed, the equipment will be incorporated into patrol operations and training activities to strengthen officer readiness, improve coordinated response efforts, and enhance the Department's ability to protect the public and critical infrastructure during terrorism-related and other high-risk events.

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.



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The requested ballistic shields support the United We Stand priority of Prevention/Protection by enhancing officer and civilian safety during terrorism-related incidents and mass-casualty attacks. NIJ-rated ballistic shields provide immediate protection against handgun and rifle threats, enabling officers to safely approach, contain, and neutralize violent threats while reducing the risk of injury or loss of life.

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Equipping frontline patrol supervisors with ballistic shields strengthens frontline protection during active shooter incidents, coordinated attacks on public spaces, and other high-risk events associated with domestic or international terrorism. Immediate access to this equipment allows officers to establish protective corridors for victim rescue, evacuation, and medical response, helping prevent further harm.

Carry cases and integrated tactical lighting support rapid deployment and effective use in low-light, high-stress environments common to terrorist and mass-casualty incidents.

IV. BUDGETS:

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

Baker Ballistics

- **Item: MRAPS Level III++**
Model: M3-PP Level III++ Regular Size Ballistic Shield
Color: Black, Insignia: Police
Quantity: 2
Rate: \$5,930.00
Amount: 11,860.00
 - **Item: Carrying Bag - MRAPS, Size Regular**
Model: MBAG-REG Optional Carry Bag for MRAPS regular size shield models
Quantity: 2
Rate: \$263.00
Amount: \$526.00
 - **Item: ULTRA-LED Light System**
Model: ULTRA-LED Advanced military grade LED lighting. Provides 4 intensity levels of wide angle, focused, covert shield navigation, strobe, and long range IR illumination.
Quantity: 2
Rate: \$830.00
Amount: \$1660.00
- Subtotal: \$14,046.00**
Tax (0%): Exempt
- TOTAL: \$14,046.00**

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V. BUDGET NARRATIVE

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Equipment – UWS grant funds are requested to purchase two (2) Baker Ballistics ballistic shields and associated accessories to enhance officer safety and improve the Reno Police Department’s ability to respond to high-risk, terrorism-related, and mass-casualty incidents. The ballistic shields will be assigned to two first-line patrol supervisor vehicles to ensure immediate availability during critical incidents.

The project includes two (2) MRAPS Level III++ Model M3-PP ballistic shields at a unit cost of \$5,930.00, for a total of \$11,860.00. These NIJ-rated shields provide protection against common handgun and rifle threats and are essential for active shooter incidents, coordinated attacks on public spaces, high-risk warrant service, and other violent confrontations associated with domestic or international terrorism. The shields enable officers to safely advance toward threats, protect civilians, and conduct rescues during the initial and most dangerous phases of an incident.

Two (2) MRAPS carrying bags (Model MBAG-REG) are requested at \$263.00 each, for a total of \$526.00. The carrying bags allow for secure transport, proper storage, and rapid deployment of the shields from patrol vehicles, ensuring equipment readiness and longevity.

The project also includes two (2) ULTRA-LED advanced military-grade LED light systems at \$830.00 each, for a total of \$1,660.00. These integrated lighting systems provide multiple illumination modes that are critical for low-light and indoor environments commonly encountered during active shooter and terrorism-related incidents.

The total equipment cost is \$14,046.00. These items directly support the goals and objectives of this project by improving officer survivability, enhancing tactical response capabilities, and increasing readiness to respond to acts of terrorism and mass violence.

Additional Information:

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Baker Ballistics, LLC

P.O. Box 5104

Lancaster, PA 17606 US

8556141800

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QUOTATION

ADDRESS

Reno Police Department, NV
911 Kuenzli Street
Reno, NV 89502 USA

SHIP TO

Reno Police Department, NV
Attn: Sgt. Kellie Dunn
Cell Phone (775) 433-9163
TBD

QUOTATION # 25053

DATE 07/31/2025

EXPIRATION DATE 09/30/2025

SHIP VIA

FedEx

TRANSACTION TYPE

Factory Direct Sale

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
MRAPS Level III++	Model: M3-PP Level III++ Regular Size Ballistic Shield Color: TBD, Insignia: TBD	8	5,930.00	47,440.00
Carrying Bag - MRAPS, Size Regular	Model: MBAG-REG Optional Carry Bag for MRAPS regular size shield models	8	263.00	2,104.00
ULTRA-LED Light System	Model: ULTRA-LED Advanced military grade LED lighting. Provides 4 intensity levels of wide angle, focused, covert shield navigation, strobe, and long range IR illumination	4	830.00	3,320.00
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Shipping & Ins at N/C	Shipping and Insurance at no additional charge to CONUS locations	1	0.00	0.00

Terms: Net 30 Days

Notice: Confidential Controlled Technology. In accordance with US export law, the advanced military grade armor materials and proprietary construction techniques utilized within all Baker Ballistics armor products are subject to export controls and approvals. Please contact Baker Ballistics for additional information if end-users are located outside of the USA.

SUBTOTAL

62,400.00

TAX (0%)

0.00

TOTAL

\$62,400.00



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Applicant Agency (Discipline)		Date
Sparks Police Department		1/5/2026
Address		Contact Person
1701 E. Prater Way, Sparks, NV 89434		Becky Brown
Phone Number	Email Address	Grant Applying For
775-353-2241 x5535	becbrown@cityofsparks.us	United We Stand

Complete the amount requested in each category:

Planning	\$ 0.00
Training	\$ 0.00
Supplies	\$ 0.00
Equipment	\$ 12,900.91
Total Funds Requested	\$ 12,900.91

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.

Goal 1: Enhance Officer Protection During Terrorism-Related and High-Risk Incidents
The primary goal of this project is to improve officer survivability and protection during terrorism-related incidents and other high-risk, rapidly evolving events where officers may face armed suspects, active shooters, or ambush-style attacks. Ballistic shields provide mobile cover when fixed cover is unavailable, allowing officers to safely approach, contain, or neutralize threats.
Current shield doctrine emphasizes the importance of patrol-accessible shields with ballistic viewports to protect officers' heads and faces while maintaining situational awareness. At present, the department lacks portable ballistic shields that are modern, serviceable, and equipped with viewports. Addressing this gap is critical to preparedness for terrorism-related incidents, which are often unpredictable, dynamic, and occur in public spaces where traditional cover is limited.

Goal 2: Improve Tactical Mobility and Response Effectiveness in Dynamic Threat Environments
A second goal is to enhance the department's ability to move toward and resolve active threats quickly and safely. Terrorism incidents often require officers to advance toward danger rather than remain

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behind static cover. Ballistic shields allow officers to maneuver, protect teammates, and extract victims in environments such as schools, government facilities, transportation corridors, and high-risk vehicle stops.

By equipping officers with modern shields, the department strengthens its capability to respond decisively to terrorism-related incidents while minimizing risk to officers and the public.

Goal 3: Strengthen Patrol-Level Preparedness Through Training and Standardized Equipment

The final goal is to institutionalize ballistic shields as a standard patrol and tactical response tool rather than a limited specialty item. Agencies that integrate shields into routine patrol operations experience higher utilization rates and better outcomes during critical incidents.

The department has already invested in training capacity by certifying two ballistic shield instructors. This project builds upon that investment by ensuring officers have the proper equipment to train with and deploy in real-world incidents.

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

Objective 1: Acquire Modern Ballistic Shields With Ballistic Viewports

Under this objective, the department will purchase four (4) modern ballistic shields equipped with ballistic viewports, specifically the Blueridge Armor WMX-1. The shields will be acquired in a basic configuration, with lighting systems added after purchase to allow for flexibility and cost control. All purchases will be completed by the department through its established procurement process and in coordination with approved vendors. Armor Express, a trusted and existing body armor supplier, will be utilized for this acquisition. The purchase of the shields will occur immediately upon grant award and approval, and the equipment will be placed into service following receipt and completion of initial training.

Objective 2: Deploy Shields for Patrol and Tactical Operations

This objective focuses on implementing the ballistic shields for use by both patrol officers and tactical response personnel during high-risk incidents, including active shooter events, shots-fired calls, high-risk arrests, and suspected terrorism-related incidents. Deployment of the shields will be carried out by patrol officers and tactical personnel who are trained and certified in ballistic shield use. Oversight, instruction, and coordination will be provided by certified ballistic shield instructors within the department. Shield

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deployment will begin immediately after training is completed, and the shields will be available for use on all qualifying high-risk calls.

Objective 3: Sustain Training and Policy-Driven Use of Ballistic Shields

To ensure long-term effectiveness, this objective supports ongoing training and policy-driven use of ballistic shields throughout the department. Newly acquired shields will be incorporated into initial and refresher training sessions to maintain proficiency and confidence in deployment. Certified ballistic shield instructors will lead all training efforts, and shield usage will be integrated into department response policies and active threat protocols. Initial training will occur shortly after the equipment is deployed, with ongoing refresher training incorporated into regular in-service training schedules to sustain readiness and preparedness.

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.



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The requested ballistic shields directly support United We Stand priorities by:

- **Enhancing Law Enforcement Preparedness:** Shields improve readiness for terrorism-related incidents, including active shooter and coordinated attacks.
- **Protecting First Responders:** Mobile ballistic protection reduces the risk of officer injury or death during terrorist-style assaults.
- **Improving Response Capabilities:** Shields enable officers to move toward threats, rescue victims, and secure critical infrastructure.
- **Supporting Frontline Patrol Response:** By equipping patrol officers, not just specialized units, the department strengthens its immediate response capacity to terrorism events.

IV. BUDGETS:

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

- Item: Level IIIA Ballistic Shield with Ballistic Viewport
- Make/Model: BlueRidge Armor Vengeance WMX-6
- Unit Cost: \$3,204.23
- Quantity Requested: 4
- Total Cost: \$12,900.91

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QUOTE

Quote Information

Quote Number 2601-3473 Commencement Date 1/6/2026
Customer No. 00-00CLAE Expiration Date 2/28/2026

Quote Approval Status

Approved

Customer Information

Bill To Name Sparks Police Department Ship To Name Sparks Police Department
Bill To 1701 East Prater Way Ship To 1701 East Prater Way
Sparks, Nevada 89434 Sparks, Nevada 89434
United States United States

Table with 6 columns: Quantity, Product Code, Product, Description, Sales Price, Total Price. Row 1: 4.00, SHV62436VPBLK, BLUERIDGE ARMOR SHIELD - VENGEANCE WMX6 LEVEL IIIA - 24X36 - CURVED - VIEWPORT NO LIGHT - BLACK, BlueRidge Armor Shield - Venge, \$3,204.23, \$12,816.92. Grand Total \$12,816.92

*Quoted prices are based on current market conditions. Should Armor Express receive any cost increases during the validity period of this quote due to additional Government requirements, we reserve the right to adjust our pricing accordingly.

**Armor Express sources hard armor items from a number of manufacturers. These commercial products vary in size, shape, and weight, and may change without notice. Please verify these details if needed prior to placing order.

***When exporting plates, helmets or shields outside of the USA, Export License and End User Certificate are required. Any items to be exported must be in accordance with the Export Administration Regulations. Diversion contrary to U.S. law is prohibited

Terms and Conditions

Shipping Method FedEx / UPS Ground Estimated Ship Date TBD
Prices are FOB Eden, North Carolina Terms Net 30
Freight To be added at time of shipment

For Questions Contact - Email: Sales@armorexpress.com / Phone: (866) 357-3845

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• Purpose:

- Provides mobile ballistic protection for patrol and tactical officers during active shooter events, shots-fired calls, high-risk arrests, and terrorism-related incidents.
- Supports project goals of enhancing officer survivability, improving tactical mobility, and strengthening patrol-level preparedness.

• Grant Funds Requested:

- \$12,900.91 (Equipment)

V. BUDGET NARRATIVE

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Planning - (Explain the basis for selection of each consultant and describe how the service to be provided is essential to achieving established goals.)

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 DEM.)

Supplies - (Explain the type of supplies requested and how it relates to achieving the established goals and objectives to support preparedness to combat terrorism.)

Equipment - (Describe the equipment and how it will benefit the project, and why it is necessary to achieve established goals and objectives.)

Grant funds are requested to purchase four BlueRidge Armor Vengeance WMX-6 Level IIIA ballistic shields with ballistic viewports, at a cost of \$3,204.23 per unit, for a total equipment request of \$12,900.91. These shields directly support the goals of this project by enhancing officer survivability, improving tactical mobility, and strengthening patrol-level preparedness during terrorism-related and other high-risk incidents. Ballistic shields are a critical life-saving tool that provide mobile protection when fixed cover is unavailable, a common condition during active shooter events, ambush-style attacks, and other terrorist or extremist incidents in public spaces. The inclusion of ballistic viewports is essential to protect officers' heads and faces while maintaining situational awareness, which is necessary for safe movement toward threats and effective decision-making in rapidly evolving environments. This equipment directly supports **Objective 1**, which focuses on acquiring modern ballistic shields with ballistic viewports, and **Objective 2**, which emphasizes

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deploying shields for patrol and tactical operations during active shooter events, shots-fired calls, and suspected terrorism-related incidents.

Additionally, these shields support **Objective 3** by allowing the department to sustain ongoing training and standardized deployment of ballistic shields across patrol and tactical units. By equipping frontline officers with modern, serviceable ballistic shields, the department increases its ability to respond quickly and safely to terrorism-related threats, reduces the risk of officer injury or death, and enhances overall operational readiness. This investment directly aligns with the project's overarching goal of improving preparedness to combat terrorism while protecting both officers and the community.

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Applicant Agency (Discipline)		Date
Washoe County Sheriff's Office		01/14/2026
Address		Contact Person
911 Parr Blvd Reno Nevada 89512		Sgt Noah Boyer
Phone Number	Email Address	Grant Applying For
775-785-6217	nboyer@washoecounty.gov	UWS

Complete the amount requested in each category:

Planning	\$
Training	\$
Supplies	\$
Equipment	\$ 9,996.00
Total Funds Requested	\$

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 primary goal of this grant request is to enhance the tactical insertion capabilities, safety, and operational readiness of Washoe County Sheriff's Office SWAT personnel during high-risk operations through the acquisition of specialized tactical helicopter harnesses for hoist-based insertions. These harnesses will allow SWAT team members to be safely and rapidly deployed into environments that are otherwise inaccessible by ground or landing aircraft, thereby strengthening preparedness and response capabilities for terrorism-related incidents.

Goal 1: Improve Rapid Tactical Access to High-Risk and Inaccessible Locations

The first goal of this program is to provide SWAT personnel with the capability to be inserted via helicopter hoist into locations that cannot be safely accessed by traditional ground entry or helicopter landing. Terrorism incidents often occur in complex and elevated environments such as high-rise buildings, rugged terrain, confined urban spaces, maritime vessels, or disaster-damaged infrastructure. Tactical helicopter harnesses

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enable precise aerial insertion of personnel, allowing teams to quickly reach suspects, victims, or critical infrastructure without delay.

This capability directly supports counterterrorism preparedness by reducing response times, increasing operational flexibility, and allowing law enforcement to intervene before threats escalate, thereby minimizing potential casualties and infrastructure damage.

Goal 2: Enhance Officer Safety During Aerial Insertion Operations

A second goal is to significantly improve the safety of SWAT personnel during aerial insertion missions. Tactical helicopter harnesses are designed specifically for law enforcement hoist operations and provide secure attachment, stability, and controlled descent under dynamic conditions. Without properly designed harnesses, personnel face increased risk of injury or equipment failure during hoisting operations.

Ensuring officer safety is a critical component of terrorism preparedness. Well-protected and properly equipped personnel are better able to operate effectively under stress, maintain mission focus, and sustain prolonged operations during terrorist incidents. This investment reduces the likelihood of mission failure caused by preventable injuries and ensures continuity of operations during high-threat events.

Goal 3: Increase Operational Readiness and Interoperability with Aviation Assets

The third goal is to improve overall SWAT operational readiness and interoperability with law enforcement aviation units. Tactical helicopter harnesses allow SWAT teams to train regularly and realistically with aviation assets, ensuring seamless coordination during real-world counterterrorism operations. This capability supports standardized deployment procedures, enhances communication between air and ground elements, and improves mission execution under time-sensitive conditions.

Regular training and operational integration are essential to combating terrorism, where coordinated, multi-unit responses are often required. This goal ensures that personnel are not only equipped but fully prepared to execute complex aerial insertion missions safely and effectively.

Goal 4: Expand Response Capabilities for Terrorism and Mass-Casualty Incidents

The final goal is to expand the department's capability to respond to terrorism-related incidents and mass-casualty events. Helicopter hoist insertion allows SWAT teams to bypass hazards such as secondary explosive devices, active shooters controlling access points, or structurally compromised areas. This

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capability is particularly valuable during coordinated terrorist attacks or incidents involving hostage rescue, active assailants, or weapons of mass destruction.

By enabling rapid, flexible, and safe insertion options, this program strengthens the department's ability to neutralize threats, rescue victims, and secure critical infrastructure. The acquisition of tactical helicopter harnesses directly supports homeland security objectives by improving the department's preparedness to prevent, respond to, and mitigate acts of terrorism.

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

The objectives of this program focus on the specific actions and activities required to achieve the stated goals and enhance SWAT preparedness for terrorism-related incidents. Grant funding will be used to acquire, implement, and train with tactical helicopter harnesses that enable safe and effective hoist-based insertions during high-risk operations.

Acquire Tactical Helicopter Harnesses for SWAT Hoist Operations

What will be purchased with these grant funds:

Grant funds will be used to purchase tactical helicopter harnesses specifically designed for law enforcement hoist operations. These harnesses will meet or exceed applicable safety and aviation standards and will be compatible with existing law enforcement aviation assets. The equipment will be used exclusively for SWAT aerial insertion missions, including counterterrorism operations, hostage rescue, and responses to high-risk incidents in inaccessible environments.

Who will complete the purchases awarded:

The purchases will be completed by designated SWAT team leaders in coordination with the department's

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procurement unit. SWAT leadership will ensure that the selected harnesses meet operational requirements, safety standards, and training needs to support effective deployment during terrorism-related incidents.

When will the purchases be made and the activity implemented:

The tactical helicopter harnesses will be purchased immediately following grant award approval. Upon receipt of the equipment, SWAT personnel will conduct structured training and familiarization exercises with the aviation unit. Full operational implementation will occur after training is completed, ensuring personnel are proficient in the safe and effective use of the harnesses for hoist-based insertions.

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

This grant request seeks funding to purchase tactical helicopter harnesses to enhance operational coordination between SWAT personnel and law enforcement aviation units during terrorism-related and high-risk incidents. The acquisition of this specialized equipment will strengthen the sheriff's office ability to conduct coordinated, multi-disciplinary responses that require precise aerial insertion of tactical personnel into complex and hostile environments.

Operational coordination is critical during acts of terrorism, which often require simultaneous actions by air and ground elements, rapid deployment, and seamless communication across units. Tactical helicopter harnesses provide a standardized and reliable method for inserting SWAT team members via hoist operations, allowing aviation crews and tactical operators to function as an integrated response force. This capability ensures that personnel can be deployed quickly and safely into areas that are inaccessible by ground vehicles or traditional aircraft landings, such as high-rise structures, confined urban spaces, rugged terrain, or compromised infrastructure.

The absence of appropriate hoist-capable harnesses limits the effectiveness of joint air-ground operations and creates safety risks that can delay response times during critical incidents. By equipping SWAT personnel with approved tactical helicopter harnesses, this project will improve interoperability, reduce deployment

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delays, and support coordinated mission planning and execution between SWAT, aviation units, and supporting agencies.

This investment directly supports terrorism preparedness by enabling coordinated tactical insertions during hostage rescue operations, active threat interdictions, and responses to coordinated or multi-site terrorist attacks. The ability to rapidly insert trained personnel from the air enhances situational control, allows for flexible operational planning, and supports unified command objectives during high-risk incidents.

Funding for tactical helicopter harnesses will also support joint training and exercises, reinforcing standardized procedures and strengthening relationships between SWAT and aviation assets. These coordinated training efforts ensure that personnel are prepared to operate together effectively under stressful and time-sensitive conditions commonly associated with terrorism incidents.

IV. BUDGETS:

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

- **\$9,996.00 for 4 harness systems**

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 - (Explain the basis for selection of each consultant and describe how the service to be provided is essential to achieving established goals.)

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 DEM.)

Supplies – (Explain the type of supplies requested and how it relates to achieving the established goals and objectives to support preparedness to combat terrorism.)

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Equipment – (Describe the equipment and how it will benefit the project, and why it is necessary to achieve established goals and objectives.)

Grant funds in the amount of \$9,996 are requested to purchase four (4) tactical helicopter harnesses for the SWAT team. These harnesses are mission-critical safety and operational equipment designed for tactical aviation operations, including hoist and other helicopter-assisted deployments.

The requested harnesses will be issued to SWAT operators assigned to aviation-based tactical missions. Each harness is specifically engineered to provide fall protection, load-bearing support, and secure attachment points necessary for safe insertion, extraction, and rescue operations conducted in coordination with aviation assets. The total cost reflects the purchase of four harnesses at \$2,499 per unit, for a total of \$9,996.

This equipment directly supports the goals and objectives of the project by enhancing officer safety, increasing operational capability, and ensuring mission readiness during high-risk tactical incidents. SWAT operations frequently involve remote elevated environments and helicopter-assisted responses where standard duty gear does not provide adequate protection or functionality. Without properly rated harnesses, the team's ability to safely conduct airborne tactical operations would be significantly limited, increasing risk to personnel and the public.

The acquisition of these harnesses will:

- Improve officer safety by providing certified, purpose-built equipment for aviation operations.
- Expand tactical response capabilities, allowing SWAT to conduct rapid insertions, extractions, and rescues in environments otherwise inaccessible.
- Support interagency coordination with aviation units by ensuring compatibility with established airborne tactical procedures.
- Enhance training and operational readiness, allowing operators to train and deploy with the same equipment used during real-world missions.

This equipment purchase is essential to achieving the project's objective of maintaining a highly trained, properly equipped SWAT team capable of responding effectively to critical incidents while minimizing risk to officers and the community.

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Invoice Discount								0.00
Total Tax								0.00
Total USD Incl. Tax								9,996.00

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Washoe County

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

General Membership Committee Meeting

Draft Minutes

February 19, 2026, 10:00 A.M.

Regional Emergency Operations Center

5195 Spectrum Boulevard, Reno, Nevada

1. CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chair Noah Boyer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was established.

PRESENT: Noah Boyer – WCSO; John Galicia – UNRPD; Andy Ancho – RFD; Kevin Jakubos – SFD; Zeb Nomura – TMFPD; Francisco Vega – HD Air; Gary Muro – DA; Kelly Echeverria – WCEM; Paulo Vandenberg - WCTS; Sean Slamon - REMSA; Andrea Esp – NNPH; Leslie Alfree - IHCC; Brittany Nevin; Cameron Kramer – VA; Jamie Borino - RTC; Wade Barnett – KOLO-TV; Sara Colacurcio - RPSD; Joe Kammann – TMFPD; Robert Wooster – WC Animal Services; Don Pelt – Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; Ben Russell - SPD; Jennifer Delaney - UNR; Scott Means – SFD; Michael Peck – NLTFPD; Stephen Shipman – NNPH; Jordyn Marchi – IHCC; Jim Nelligan – NLTFPD; Elizabeth Kunz – RPD; Roy Anderson – WCSD; Drew Olivero - WCSD; Nathan Goins - RFD; Charlie Tabano - NVPSN; Brett Zolkos - SPD; and Tim Hill - NV Energy;

ABSENT: Rand Hutson – RPD; Jace Thelin - SPD; Ryan Sommers – NLTFPD; Nick Klaich – TRIAD; James Schmidt - TRIAD; Shyanne Schull – WC Animal Services; Sabrina Brassuel - WCEM; Eric Smith - Renown; Clinte Bellamy - SPD; Matt Williams – UNR; Becky Brown – SPD; Garrett Bird - WCSO; Josh Reynolds – UNRPD; Chris Nero – UNRPD; Michael Perry – WCSD; Aaron Wike – RFD; Russell Barnum - NLTFPD; Thomas Roes – NLTFPD; Ryan Rizzuto – TMFPD; Chris Ketring – TMFPD; Jonathan Prichard - Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; David Paulon – Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; Craig Petersen - HD Air; Brendan Schneider - HD Air; Stephanie Shuman - DA;

Joel Reynolds - DA; Tammy Wines-Jennings – WC Animal Services; Jarrod Nunes - RS Indian Colony; Paul Burton – REMSA; Todd Kerfoot – REMSA; Raquel DuPuy Grafton –NNPH; Julie Fry - IHCC; James Riley – VA; Yvonne Feldhaus - Renown; James Gee – RTC; Oren Fallon - RTAA; Ben Carpenter – RTAA; Ricardo Duarte – RTC; Erin Yeung - RPSD; Terry Donshick – CERT; Ian Dasmann – TMWA; Macy Campbell - NV Energy; Elaina Hooper - RPSD; Joe Olaciregui – CERT; Aaron Reyes – TMWA; and Yuri Graves - NV Energy;

Also Present: Katherine Hoffman - Legal; Kelsey Zaski - LEPC Secretary; and Francisco Ceballos - LEPC Treasurer.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Noah Boyer explained that public comment can be called in using the TEAMS number, 775-325-0620. The phone conference ID is 706 051 842#.

There was no public comment.

Kelsey Zaski was unsure if legal was present.

Katherine Hoffman confirmed her presence.

3. Approval of December 18, 2025, General Membership Minutes (for Possible Action) – Noah Boyer, Chair


It was moved by Leslie Allfree, seconded by Nathan Goins to approve the minutes as presented.

There was no public comment.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion of HazMat Needs and Response Capacity Across Washoe County – Discussion on possible impacts cuts to federal, state, and local funding have had on regional HazMat response. – General Membership

Noah Boyer explained that over the past 18 to 24 months there had been noticeable shifts in the structure and timing of response-related funding. He stated that the purpose of placing the item on the agenda was to begin a broader regional conversation



about whether any significant gaps were emerging in the county's ability to respond to hazardous materials or CBRNE-related incidents. He noted that the meeting included a large number of participants and expressed hope that potential solutions could emerge collaboratively among member agencies. Boyer encouraged participants to raise any operational concerns they had observed and suggested that even small issues identified through day-to-day work could be valuable for regional planning.

Elizabeth Kunz asked whether the primary issue being observed was simply delays in the release of standard grant funding or whether there were more intentional shifts in funding priorities that were redirecting resources.

Boyer responded that several federal funding streams had been delayed, including the Justice Assistance Grant. He explained that funding from sources such as the State Homeland Security Program and the Division of Emergency Management had also been delayed. He stated that the delays were largely related to federal government shutdowns that had affected FEMA operations, which in turn impacted the timeline for distributing grant funds. Boyer added that the delays also complicated agencies' ability to complete projects on schedule and anticipated that similar timeline disruptions could affect both the 2025 and 2026 funding cycles depending on federal budget developments.

Kunz then asked whether program officers were becoming less willing to informally approve minor grant adjustments, noting that in her experience requests that previously could be approved by email were now requiring formal grant amendment processes.

Boyer stated that his experience had varied depending on the specific grant program. He explained that some project change requests were still processed quickly, while others were now taking several months to receive approval. He described the situation as inconsistent and dependent on the specific grant and reviewing office.

Stephen Shipman then provided additional comments regarding regional hazmat preparedness efforts. He stated that plans were underway to host a hazardous materials workshop in April, tentatively scheduled for April 28. He explained that the workshop would provide an opportunity to evaluate the impacts of funding reductions and staffing limitations on regional hazardous materials response capabilities. Shipman added that several agencies, including CLEAR, TRIAD, and Emergency Management, had been reviewing regional CBRNE resource needs following a recent clandestine laboratory incident.

Shipman noted that one issue identified during that review was the lack of a secure location for storing hazardous materials collected as evidence during investigations. He explained that agencies currently lack a dedicated facility or funding mechanism for

safely storing, sampling, and eventually disposing of hazardous substances that must be retained for evidentiary purposes. Shipman stated that these situations can result in unexpected costs for jurisdictions, sometimes reaching tens of thousands of dollars, which can significantly impact agency budgets. He emphasized that while response operations may be manageable, the recovery and evidence-handling phases often present substantial logistical and financial challenges.

Boyer responded that this type of issue was exactly the reason the discussion item had been placed on the agenda. He reiterated that the intention was to begin gathering input from across the region and revisit the topic in future meetings after members had time to evaluate operational gaps within their own agencies. Boyer noted that the Local Emergency Planning Committee provides one of the few regional forums where all components of emergency response—from dispatch through field response, investigation, recovery, and evidence management—are represented in one place. He encouraged members to document any concerns or operational gaps they identified and bring them forward during future discussions so the committee could begin developing regional solutions.

5. Treasurers Report – Information on existing FY 26 Operations, Planning, Training, and Equipment (OPTE) and FY 26 United We Stand (UWS). Information and upcoming grants, member information, and trainings. – Francisco Ceballos, LEPC Treasurer

Francisco Ceballos began with the Fiscal Year 2026 OPTE grant, stating that most of the funds had been successfully expended and that approximately \$940.22 remained in the operations category. He explained that the remaining funds would be spent prior to the grant deadline of May 30. Ceballos noted that both REMSA-TEMS and TRIAD-RFD had already completed their purchases under this grant.

He then provided an update on the Fiscal Year 2026 United We Stand grant. Ceballos reported that REMSA and the Washoe County Sheriff's Office had completed their purchases, while Reno Police and Sparks Police were still in the process of completing theirs. He stated that, including a small remaining balance from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office allocation, approximately \$19,398.59 remained available.

Ceballos next reported on the Homeland Security Grant Program balances. He stated that the Fiscal Year 2023 grant had a remaining balance of \$1,937.88 and the Fiscal Year 2024 grant had a remaining balance of \$5,583.60. He explained that these remaining funds were primarily allocated for travel and would likely be spent within the next several months.

Finally, Ceballos provided an update on the Fiscal Year 2026 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant. He explained that the program had returned to state administration and that the state was currently determining how the funding would be distributed moving forward. Ceballos stated that once the state provided additional guidance, he would share that information with the committee.

- 6. Approval of FY 2027 LEPC Grant Applications (for Possible Action) – Review and consider possible approval of the Grants and Finance Subcommittee’s recommendations on FY 2027 LEPC grant applications submitted under the United We Stand (UWS) and Operations, Planning, Training, and Equipment (OPTE) programs. The Membership may also consider re-categorizing applications between the two programs. Applications submitted:**

UWS:

- Reno Fire Department – \$27,939
- Sparks Police Department – \$12,900.91
- Reno Police Department, Patrol Division – \$14,046
- Washoe County Sheriff’s Office, SWAT – \$9,996
- Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District – \$28,680

The total recommended funding shall not exceed \$32,000.

OPTE:

- Reno Police Department, CLEAR Team – \$17,360

The total recommended funding shall not exceed \$36,000 (including \$4,000 for Operations).

Upon approval, applications will be authorized for submission to the Nevada State Emergency Response Commission.– Francisco Ceballos, LEPC Treasurer

Noah Boyer introduced the agenda item regarding the Fiscal Year 2027 grant applications and the proposed funding allocations between the two programs. He explained that the projects had previously been reviewed during the Grants and Finance Committee meeting, where each applicant provided a presentation on their request. Boyer noted that during that meeting several adjustments had been made, including reductions to some project requests and the movement of one project between funding programs in order to better align with grant eligibility requirements.

Boyer stated that the proposed allocations displayed by Francisco Ceballos reflected the final distribution of funds between the two programs based on those discussions.

2027 OPTE and UWS grants by Washoe LEPC Grants and Finance Subcommittee				
Operations, Planning, Training & Equipment (OPTE) \$32K				
32,000.00	Applicant		Amount	Item
1	Reno PD - Clear		\$ 17,360.00	Tactical SCBA - 2 / Cylinder with Valve - 2
5	TMFPD		\$ 14,640.00	Cyano
3				
		Total	\$ 32,000.00	
United We Stand (UWS) 32 K				
32,000.00	Applicant		Amount	Item
1	Reno Fire		\$ 9,943.54	- Non-Technical Ballistic Helmet/
2	Sparks PD		\$ 6,408.46	Blueidge armor shield
3	Reno-PD-Patrol		\$ 5,900.00	-NIJ ballistic shields
4	WCSO - Swat		\$ 9,748.00	Harness System
		Total	\$ 32,000.00	

Boyer then asked whether any members had questions or comments regarding the projects that had been submitted or the funding allocations as presented.

It was moved by Kelly Echeverria, seconded by Tim Hill to approve the grant allocations as presented.

There was no public comment.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. Update on Regional Emergency Management Events – A briefing of regional meetings, events, trainings, and exercises. – Kelly Echeverria, Washoe County Emergency Manager

Kelly Echeverria provided an update on activities within Washoe County Emergency Management. She announced that the department had successfully completed the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) review process. Echeverria noted that the accreditation effort required extensive preparation over several weeks and thanked the many partners who contributed to achieving the milestone. She explained that while the accreditation has been completed, the official confirmation is expected later in the year following final review and approval by the EMAP commission.

Echeverria then provided an update on the ongoing SWIFT evacuation study. She explained that the project team is currently completing the mapping phase, which involves defining evacuation zones across Washoe County as well as within the Cities of Reno and Sparks. She stated that the zone mapping was expected to be completed by the end of February, after which modeling work would begin in March. The modeling phase will examine evacuation scenarios involving wildfire, flooding, and other hazards to evaluate traffic movement and evacuation effectiveness.

She also discussed upcoming training efforts related to the Incident Support Model and Emergency Operations Center staffing. Echeverria noted that the department is working to better identify specific training needs for each section of the EOC structure. She stated that the G-191 course is scheduled to be offered in June and that the department has requested an additional earlier offering from the state. She also mentioned that the Earth Day 300/400 level ICS training will be hosted at the Emergency Operations Center and would be applicable to personnel who may fill operational roles during incidents. She recommended that participants complete the Basic EOC Functions (IS-2200) and Intermediate EOC Functions (IS-2300), though she noted that the government's online training system was temporarily unavailable due to the federal shutdown.

Echeverria next reviewed several regional planning efforts currently underway. She stated that the Flood Response Action Plan is being updated, as well as the regional Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). She noted that the City of Reno has already completed its CWPP update and commended the city for completing that work.

She also highlighted upcoming exercise activities in the region. Echeverria noted that a hazardous materials workshop is being planned, potentially followed by a tabletop exercise. She added that the Reno-Tahoe International Airport will also be conducting a tabletop exercise followed by a full-scale exercise.

Finally, Echeverria discussed the region's focus on identifying capability gaps. She noted that although the Grants and Finance Committee had recently reviewed and approved several funding requests, none of those projects had been identified as capability gaps during the Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop. She explained that this disconnect indicates that agencies may not be fully communicating their operational needs during the planning process. Echeverria emphasized the importance of improving that coordination so that regional planning efforts more accurately identify gaps and ensure that grant funding is directed toward projects that strengthen overall emergency response capabilities. She stated that improving this process would be a key focus for Emergency Management moving forward.

8. Update on the Radiological Task Force – Updates on current radiological issues within the region – General Membership

Noah Boyer provided an update regarding upcoming training opportunities connected to the Securing the Cities program. He explained that the program, which has previously funded training and equipment in the Reno area, is administered through the Securing the Cities initiative based in San Francisco.

Boyer stated that representatives from the program are planning to visit the region to conduct an equipment inventory and provide a short training block. The training is expected to focus on radiological detection and response and would serve as a refresher for personnel who have previously participated in the program.

He noted that the training is tentatively being planned for April or May and stated that once specific dates and details are confirmed, the information will be distributed to the group.

9. **Update of Washoe County Citizen Corps** – A briefing on events and activities supported by the Washoe County Citizen Corps including, but not limited to, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) – Joe Olaciregui, Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) or designee

A representative from Washoe County Citizen Corps was not present to give comment.

10. **Update on State Emergency Response Commission** – A briefing on State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) happenings – Designee

Francisco Ceballos stated that the grant application period had officially opened, allowing the recently approved grant applications to be submitted. Ceballos explained that following the committee's earlier actions, he would proceed with submitting the Fiscal Year 2027 grant applications.

He also reported that the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant program is expected to reopen. Ceballos stated that once additional information becomes available regarding application timelines and program details, he would share the information with the group. He noted that the grant typically provides a substantial amount of funding that could benefit the committee and its member agencies.

Noah Boyer asked about the allowable uses of the grant.

Ceballos confirmed that the funding is generally used for training and equipment related to hazardous materials preparedness and response.

11. **Training Review** – Briefing on trainings that have occurred in the past 2 months and requests for future trainings. Upcoming Trainings. – Noah Boyer, Chair

Noah Boyer announced an upcoming training opportunity scheduled for March 4 at the Regional Public Safety Training Center. The course, titled Drone Assessment and Response Tactics, will be hosted locally and funded through Emertec, an organization affiliated with New Mexico Tech. Boyer explained that the eight-hour course is designed for emergency responders and other personnel who may encounter unmanned aircraft systems in the course of their duties. The training will focus on detecting, assessing, and responding to drone-related threats. He noted that approximately thirty individuals were already registered but that additional participants could still be accommodated, and he encouraged interested attendees to contact him directly to be added to the list.

Charlie Tabano from the Nevada Peer Support Network, announced an upcoming Basic Peer Support and Critical Incident Stress Management training. The course will be held March 23 and 24 at the Truckee Meadows Community College Redfield Campus. He explained that the two-day training is open for registration through the Nevada Peer Support Network website and that the cost is \$55 per person, which includes lunch. Tabano noted that the training provides foundational peer support and stress management techniques for individuals working in emergency response environments.

- 12. LEPC Chairperson/ Board member announcements/items and selection of topics for future meetings** – No discussion among committee members will take place on this item. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

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Washoe County

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

General Membership Committee Meeting

Draft Minutes

February 19, 2026, 10:00 A.M.

Regional Emergency Operations Center

5195 Spectrum Boulevard, Reno, Nevada

1. CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chair Noah Boyer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was established.

PRESENT: Noah Boyer – WCSO; John Galicia – UNRPD; Andy Ancho – RFD; Kevin Jakubos – SFD; Zeb Nomura – TMFPD; Francisco Vega – HD Air; Gary Muro – DA; Kelly Echeverria – WCEM; Paulo Vandenberg - WCTS; Sean Slamon - REMSA; Andrea Esp – NNPH; Leslie Alfree - IHCC; Brittany Nevin; Cameron Kramer – VA; Jamie Borino - RTC; Wade Barnett – KOLO-TV; Sara Colacurcio - RPSD; Joe Kammann – TMFPD; Robert Wooster – WC Animal Services; Don Pelt – Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; Ben Russell - SPD; Jennifer Delaney - UNR; Scott Means – SFD; Michael Peck – NLTFPD; Stephen Shipman – NNPH; Jordyn Marchi – IHCC; Jim Nelligan – NLTFPD; Elizabeth Kunz – RPD; Roy Anderson – WCSD; Drew Olivero - WCSD; Nathan Goins - RFD; Charlie Tabano - NVPSN; Brett Zolkos - SPD; and Tim Hill - NV Energy;

ABSENT: Rand Hutson – RPD; Jace Thelin - SPD; Ryan Sommers – NLTFPD; Nick Klaich – TRIAD; James Schmidt - TRIAD; Shyanne Schull – WC Animal Services; Sabrina Brassuel - WCEM; Eric Smith - Renown; Clinte Bellamy - SPD; Matt Williams – UNR; Becky Brown – SPD; Garrett Bird - WCSO; Josh Reynolds – UNRPD; Chris Nero – UNRPD; Michael Perry – WCSD; Aaron Wike – RFD; Russell Barnum - NLTFPD; Thomas Roes – NLTFPD; Ryan Rizzuto – TMFPD; Chris Ketring – TMFPD; Jonathan Prichard - Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; David Paulon – Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; Craig Petersen - HD Air; Brendan Schneider - HD Air; Stephanie Shuman - DA;

Joel Reynolds - DA; Tammy Wines-Jennings – WC Animal Services; Jarrod Nunes - RS Indian Colony; Paul Burton – REMSA; Todd Kerfoot – REMSA; Raquel DuPuy Grafton –NNPH; Julie Fry - IHCC; James Riley – VA; Yvonne Feldhaus - Renown; James Gee – RTC; Oren Fallon - RTAA; Ben Carpenter – RTAA; Ricardo Duarte – RTC; Erin Yeung - RPSD; Terry Donshick – CERT; Ian Dasmann – TMWA; Macy Campbell - NV Energy; Elaina Hooper - RPSD; Joe Olaciregui – CERT; Aaron Reyes – TMWA; and Yuri Graves - NV Energy;

Also Present: Katherine Hoffman - Legal; Kelsey Zaski - LEPC Secretary; and Francisco Ceballos - LEPC Treasurer.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Noah Boyer explained that public comment can be called in using the TEAMS number, 775-325-0620. The phone conference ID is 706 051 842#.

There was no public comment.

Kelsey Zaski was unsure if legal was present.

Katherine Hoffman confirmed her presence.

3. Approval of December 18, 2025, General Membership Minutes (for Possible Action) – Noah Boyer, Chair

It was moved by Leslie Allfree, seconded by Nathan Goins to approve the minutes as presented.

There was no public comment.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion of HazMat Needs and Response Capacity Across Washoe County – Discussion on possible impacts cuts to federal, state, and local funding have had on regional HazMat response. – General Membership

Noah Boyer explained that over the past 18 to 24 months there had been noticeable shifts in the structure and timing of response-related funding. He stated that the purpose of placing the item on the agenda was to begin a broader regional conversation

about whether any significant gaps were emerging in the county's ability to respond to hazardous materials or CBRNE-related incidents. He noted that the meeting included a large number of participants and expressed hope that potential solutions could emerge collaboratively among member agencies. Boyer encouraged participants to raise any operational concerns they had observed and suggested that even small issues identified through day-to-day work could be valuable for regional planning.

Elizabeth Kunz asked whether the primary issue being observed was simply delays in the release of standard grant funding or whether there were more intentional shifts in funding priorities that were redirecting resources.

Boyer responded that several federal funding streams had been delayed, including the Justice Assistance Grant. He explained that funding from sources such as the State Homeland Security Program and the Division of Emergency Management had also been delayed. He stated that the delays were largely related to federal government shutdowns that had affected FEMA operations, which in turn impacted the timeline for distributing grant funds. Boyer added that the delays also complicated agencies' ability to complete projects on schedule and anticipated that similar timeline disruptions could affect both the 2025 and 2026 funding cycles depending on federal budget developments.

Kunz then asked whether program officers were becoming less willing to informally approve minor grant adjustments, noting that in her experience requests that previously could be approved by email were now requiring formal grant amendment processes.

Boyer stated that his experience had varied depending on the specific grant program. He explained that some project change requests were still processed quickly, while others were now taking several months to receive approval. He described the situation as inconsistent and dependent on the specific grant and reviewing office.

Stephen Shipman then provided additional comments regarding regional hazmat preparedness efforts. He stated that plans were underway to host a hazardous materials workshop in April, tentatively scheduled for April 28. He explained that the workshop would provide an opportunity to evaluate the impacts of funding reductions and staffing limitations on regional hazardous materials response capabilities. Shipman added that several agencies, including CLEAR, TRIAD, and Emergency Management, had been reviewing regional CBRNE resource needs following a recent clandestine laboratory incident.

Shipman noted that one issue identified during that review was the lack of a secure location for storing hazardous materials collected as evidence during investigations. He explained that agencies currently lack a dedicated facility or funding mechanism for

safely storing, sampling, and eventually disposing of hazardous substances that must be retained for evidentiary purposes. Shipman stated that these situations can result in unexpected costs for jurisdictions, sometimes reaching tens of thousands of dollars, which can significantly impact agency budgets. He emphasized that while response operations may be manageable, the recovery and evidence-handling phases often present substantial logistical and financial challenges.

Boyer responded that this type of issue was exactly the reason the discussion item had been placed on the agenda. He reiterated that the intention was to begin gathering input from across the region and revisit the topic in future meetings after members had time to evaluate operational gaps within their own agencies. Boyer noted that the Local Emergency Planning Committee provides one of the few regional forums where all components of emergency response—from dispatch through field response, investigation, recovery, and evidence management—are represented in one place. He encouraged members to document any concerns or operational gaps they identified and bring them forward during future discussions so the committee could begin developing regional solutions.

5. Treasurers Report – Information on existing FY 26 Operations, Planning, Training, and Equipment (OPTE) and FY 26 United We Stand (UWS). Information and upcoming grants, member information, and trainings. – Francisco Ceballos, LEPC Treasurer

Francisco Ceballos began with the Fiscal Year 2026 OPTE grant, stating that most of the funds had been successfully expended and that approximately \$940.22 remained in the operations category. He explained that the remaining funds would be spent prior to the grant deadline of May 30. Ceballos noted that both REMSA-TEMS and TRIAD-RFD had already completed their purchases under this grant.

He then provided an update on the Fiscal Year 2026 United We Stand grant. Ceballos reported that REMSA and the Washoe County Sheriff's Office had completed their purchases, while Reno Police and Sparks Police were still in the process of completing theirs. He stated that, including a small remaining balance from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office allocation, approximately \$19,398.59 remained available.

Ceballos next reported on the Homeland Security Grant Program balances. He stated that the Fiscal Year 2023 grant had a remaining balance of \$1,937.88 and the Fiscal Year 2024 grant had a remaining balance of \$5,583.60. He explained that these remaining funds were primarily allocated for travel and would likely be spent within the next several months.

Finally, Ceballos provided an update on the Fiscal Year 2026 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant. He explained that the program had returned to state administration and that the state was currently determining how the funding would be distributed moving forward. Ceballos stated that once the state provided additional guidance, he would share that information with the committee.

- 6. Approval of FY 2027 LEPC Grant Applications (for Possible Action) – Review and consider possible approval of the Grants and Finance Subcommittee’s recommendations on FY 2027 LEPC grant applications submitted under the United We Stand (UWS) and Operations, Planning, Training, and Equipment (OPTE) programs. The Membership may also consider re-categorizing applications between the two programs. Applications submitted:**

UWS:

- Reno Fire Department – \$27,939
- Sparks Police Department – \$12,900.91
- Reno Police Department, Patrol Division – \$14,046
- Washoe County Sheriff’s Office, SWAT – \$9,996
- Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District – \$28,680

The total recommended funding shall not exceed \$32,000.

OPTE:

- Reno Police Department, CLEAR Team – \$17,360

The total recommended funding shall not exceed \$36,000 (including \$4,000 for Operations).

Upon approval, applications will be authorized for submission to the Nevada State Emergency Response Commission.– Francisco Ceballos, LEPC Treasurer

Noah Boyer introduced the agenda item regarding the Fiscal Year 2027 grant applications and the proposed funding allocations between the two programs. He explained that the projects had previously been reviewed during the Grants and Finance Committee meeting, where each applicant provided a presentation on their request. Boyer noted that during that meeting several adjustments had been made, including reductions to some project requests and the movement of one project between funding programs in order to better align with grant eligibility requirements.

Boyer stated that the proposed allocations displayed by Francisco Ceballos reflected the final distribution of funds between the two programs based on those discussions.

2027 OPTE and UWS grants by Washoe LEPC Grants and Finance Subcommittee			
Operations, Planning, Training & Equipment (OPTE) \$32K			
Amount	Applicant	Amount	Item
\$ 32,000.00			
1	Reno PD- Clear	\$ 17,360.00	Tactical SCBA - 2 / Cylinder with Valve - 2
5	TMFPD	\$ 14,640.00	Cyano
3			
	Total	\$ 32,000.00	
United We Stand (UWS) 32 K			
Amount	Applicant	Amount	Item
\$ 32,000.00			
1	Reno Fire	\$ 9,943.54	- Non-Technical Ballistic Helmet
2	Sparks PD	\$ 6,408.46	Blueridge armor shield
3	Reno-PD-Patrol	\$ 5,900.00	- NIJ ballistic shields
4	WCSO - Swat	\$ 9,748.00	Harness System
	Total	\$ 32,000.00	

Boyer then asked whether any members had questions or comments regarding the projects that had been submitted or the funding allocations as presented.

It was moved by Kelly Echeverria, seconded by Tim Hill to approve the grant allocations as presented.

There was no public comment.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. Update on Regional Emergency Management Events – A briefing of regional meetings, events, trainings, and exercises. – Kelly Echeverria, Washoe County Emergency Manager

Kelly Echeverria provided an update on activities within Washoe County Emergency Management. She announced that the department had successfully completed the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) review process. Echeverria noted that the accreditation effort required extensive preparation over several weeks and thanked the many partners who contributed to achieving the milestone. She explained that while the accreditation has been completed, the official confirmation is expected later in the year following final review and approval by the EMAP commission.

Echeverria then provided an update on the ongoing SWIFT evacuation study. She explained that the project team is currently completing the mapping phase, which involves defining evacuation zones across Washoe County as well as within the Cities of Reno and Sparks. She stated that the zone mapping was expected to be completed by the end of February, after which modeling work would begin in March. The modeling phase will examine evacuation scenarios involving wildfire, flooding, and other hazards to evaluate traffic movement and evacuation effectiveness.

She also discussed upcoming training efforts related to the Incident Support Model and Emergency Operations Center staffing. Echeverria noted that the department is working to better identify specific training needs for each section of the EOC structure. She stated that the G-191 course is scheduled to be offered in June and that the department has requested an additional earlier offering from the state. She also mentioned that the Earth Day 300/400 level ICS training will be hosted at the Emergency Operations Center and would be applicable to personnel who may fill operational roles during incidents. She recommended that participants complete the Basic EOC Functions (IS-2200) and Intermediate EOC Functions (IS-2300), though she noted that the government's online training system was temporarily unavailable due to the federal shutdown.

Echeverria next reviewed several regional planning efforts currently underway. She stated that the Flood Response Action Plan is being updated, as well as the regional Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). She noted that the City of Reno has already completed its CWPP update and commended the city for completing that work.

She also highlighted upcoming exercise activities in the region. Echeverria noted that a hazardous materials workshop is being planned, potentially followed by a tabletop exercise. She added that the Reno-Tahoe International Airport will also be conducting a tabletop exercise followed by a full-scale exercise.

Finally, Echeverria discussed the region's focus on identifying capability gaps. She noted that although the Grants and Finance Committee had recently reviewed and approved several funding requests, none of those projects had been identified as capability gaps during the Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop. She explained that this disconnect indicates that agencies may not be fully communicating their operational needs during the planning process. Echeverria emphasized the importance of improving that coordination so that regional planning efforts more accurately identify gaps and ensure that grant funding is directed toward projects that strengthen overall emergency response capabilities. She stated that improving this process would be a key focus for Emergency Management moving forward.

8. Update on the Radiological Task Force – Updates on current radiological issues within the region – General Membership

Noah Boyer provided an update regarding upcoming training opportunities connected to the Securing the Cities program. He explained that the program, which has previously funded training and equipment in the Reno area, is administered through the Securing the Cities initiative based in San Francisco.

Boyer stated that representatives from the program are planning to visit the region to conduct an equipment inventory and provide a short training block. The training is expected to focus on radiological detection and response and would serve as a refresher for personnel who have previously participated in the program.

He noted that the training is tentatively being planned for April or May and stated that once specific dates and details are confirmed, the information will be distributed to the group.

9. **Update of Washoe County Citizen Corps** – A briefing on events and activities supported by the Washoe County Citizen Corps including, but not limited to, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) – Joe Olaciregui, Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) or designee

A representative from Washoe County Citizen Corps was not present to give comment.

10. **Update on State Emergency Response Commission** – A briefing on State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) happenings – Designee

Francisco Ceballos stated that the grant application period had officially opened, allowing the recently approved grant applications to be submitted. Ceballos explained that following the committee's earlier actions, he would proceed with submitting the Fiscal Year 2027 grant applications.

He also reported that the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant program is expected to reopen. Ceballos stated that once additional information becomes available regarding application timelines and program details, he would share the information with the group. He noted that the grant typically provides a substantial amount of funding that could benefit the committee and its member agencies.

Noah Boyer asked about the allowable uses of the grant.

Ceballos confirmed that the funding is generally used for training and equipment related to hazardous materials preparedness and response.

11. **Training Review** – Briefing on trainings that have occurred in the past 2 months and requests for future trainings. Upcoming Trainings. – Noah Boyer, Chair

Noah Boyer announced an upcoming training opportunity scheduled for March 4 at the Regional Public Safety Training Center. The course, titled Drone Assessment and Response Tactics, will be hosted locally and funded through Emertec, an organization affiliated with New Mexico Tech. Boyer explained that the eight-hour course is designed for emergency responders and other personnel who may encounter unmanned aircraft systems in the course of their duties. The training will focus on detecting, assessing, and responding to drone-related threats. He noted that approximately thirty individuals were already registered but that additional participants could still be accommodated, and he encouraged interested attendees to contact him directly to be added to the list.

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WASHOE COUNTY LEPC FY27 UWS APPLICATION

MARCH 17, 2026
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Nevada LEPCs,

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Nevada LEPCs is eligible to apply for this grant if they are compliant with Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) and SERC policy requirements. Policies may be found on the SERC website, <http://serc.nv.gov>.

Please read the entire application as changes have been made, complete all forms and provide information in the format as outlined. All the applicable sections of the template must be completed. Minor adaptations to the template may be made keeping the requirements and the purpose of the sections intact.

The application is due to the SERC office or postmarked by April 24, 2026

Failure to submit the application by the due date will result in denial.

The application may not exceed \$32,000. Do not round the unit prices or the line-item totals. Round up the grand total of each category to the nearest dollar.

Pursuant to NRS 459.735 (4), this grant is to provide financial assistance to state or local governments in this state to **support preparedness to combat terrorism** including, without limitation, planning, training, and purchasing of supplies and equipment. The application **must** relate to activities that support preparedness to combat terrorism, and requests must address one or more of the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security priorities (information attached and on the SERC website). Please include a prioritization of the items requested.

Applications requesting communication equipment are required to complete the Communication Interoperability Questionnaire.

Please do not hesitate to contact SERC staff if you need assistance or have any questions.

State of Nevada

Emergency Response Commission

UWS Grant Application

Planning, Training, Supplies and Equipment
Fiscal Year 2027

For Local Emergency Planning Committees

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

Due Date: April 24, 2026

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STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (SERC)

SERC UWS Grant Application Kit

FY2027

For Local Emergency Planning Committees

SERC has developed this application kit as a template for Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) to apply for the UWS Planning, Training, Supplies and Equipment (UWS) Grant. Application and award of grants are managed pursuant to SERC policy 8.2a. The source of funding is derived from fees collected from the sale and annual renewal of United We Stand specialty license plates. As these are State funds, there is no Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number associated with this grant.

The grant project period is expected to be July 13, 2026, to May 31, 2027. Grant funds are distributed on a reimbursement basis; however, the LEPC may request advance funding for expenses over \$2,000, policy 8.5.

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The application must include justifications of use of funds to support preparedness to combat terrorism - NRS 202.4415 defines acts of terrorism.

Pursuant to SERC policy 8.2a, the grant application must address one or more of the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security priorities available 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 support preparedness to combat terrorism for the period July 2026 through May 2027.
- II. **Objectives** - Identify the specific approaches to achieve goals through preparedness to combat terrorism. Objectives need to be specific and measurable.
- III. **Homeland Security Priorities** – Justify how each requested item or category of items address at least one of the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security priorities. If the grant application request categories of items (i.e., PPE, Communications, etc.), it is not necessary to list each item individually in this section.
- IV. **Line-Item Budgets** – List each item as a line item on the budget page. **The grant request shall be for NO MORE THAN \$32,000.** Please include a prioritization of the items requested.
- V. **Budget Narrative** – Explain each item listed in the line-item budget. Remember to comply with SERC Policy 8.2a related to the required quotes or sole source for appropriate purchases. If you have questions, please contact the SERC office.

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 it 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.

Application must be received in this office or postmarked by April 24, 2026:

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

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 (original signatures)
- LEPC Compliance Certification (signed by Chair)
- E-mail the application with quotes 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 April 24, 2026**