



To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority
From: Janell Myhre, Regional Program Manager
Date: June 09, 2022
Re: Item 06: National Priority Project Updates

Staff Recommendation:

Approve revision to FY20 National Priority project equipment items over \$250,000, pursuant to the Bay Area UASI Approval Authority By Laws.

Approve revisions to project scope and funding amounts for the FY22 National Priority areas, pursuant to the UASI FY22 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

Action or Discussion Item:

Action.

FY20 National Priority Projects

Background

At the January 2022 Approval Authority meeting, the Soft Target/Crowded Places equipment investment supporting the enhancement of election security was approved to fund the regional procurement of four Mobile Voting Vehicles.

Discussion

Due to supply chain delays, the availability of commercial vehicle delivery has been postponed for an estimated 12-24 months and requires rescoping of the project. In order to execute project activities within the performance period, the Management Team has worked with Law Enforcement Mutual Aid contacts to identify mobile security equipment for use in elections and other crowd security events to re-scope project deliverables. This equipment will be regionally procured, and delivery will be coordinated with Bay Area Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Coordinators.

Listed in Table One below are the current and revised project descriptions. The Management Team is seeking approval to amend the project scope for the FY20 Soft Targets Project.

Table 1: FY20 National Priority Projects

Enhancing the Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places	Project Description	Total Soft Targets
Current		
Mobile Voting Vehicles (MVV) for Underserved and AFN Populations	Conduct a Gaps and Needs Assessment of Bay Area election security needs, including areas related to populations with Access and Functional Needs (AFN).	\$ 550, 625
	Identify customized needs to equip MVV for deployment during elections to serve AFN or hard to reach populations. This equipment will support secure election voting locations during an occurrence of a natural disaster as well as under a terrorist attack. Conduct a regional procurement of four (4) MVV to be positioned in the Bay Area at agreed upon locations.	\$1,000,000
Revised		
Elections Security for Access and Functional Needs Populations	Conduct a Gaps and Needs Assessment of Bay Area election security needs, including areas related to populations with Access and Functional Needs (AFN).	\$ 550, 625
	Conduct regional procurement of 14 Barrier Trailer Kits, including eight rapid deployment mobile barriers, cables, tow bar and drop deck trailers to serve as a primary security system for entry points, roadways, and perimeters.	\$1,000,000

FY22 National Priority Projects

Background

Pursuant to the FY 2022 NOFO, National Priority projects are required to be funded at 30% of the UASI grant award (\$9,058,480). Four of the six eligible National Priority Areas (NPA) are required to be funded at 3% minimum (\$905,848) for a total of 12% (\$3,623,392), providing flexibility in planning for the remaining 18% (\$5,435,088). Addressing Emergent Threats was eliminated as a NPA, however the related capabilities remain eligible for funding under other NPAs. Fiscal Year 2022 National Priority Areas, with related required funding percentages are listed below.

National Priority Area	Required %	National Priority Area	Required %
Intelligence & Information Sharing	3%	Community Preparedness and Resilience	3%
Soft Targets/Crowded Places	3%	Domestic Violent Extremism	3%
Elections Security	0	Cybersecurity	0

Discussion

In order to satisfy FEMA’s National Priority Project (NPP) requirements, the Management Team used the January 2022 Approval Authority approved FY22 NPP recommendations, UASI regional workgroup members feedback, and FEMA Technical Assistance guidance to establish a list of National Priority Projects depicted in Table 2 below. The projects align to the region’s THIRA/SPR and meet the criteria for effectiveness, which will be competitively reviewed by DHS/FEMA. Funding for each of the four required National Priority Areas meets the 3% requirement (\$905,848) for a total 12% (\$3,623,392). The remaining 18% (\$5,435,088) is allocated to other NPAs per identified gaps and input from subject matter experts.

Listed in Table 2 and Table 3 below are five FY22 national priorities, the proposed associated projects, and recommended funding amounts for a total of \$ 9,058,480– 30% of the grant award.

Table 2: FY22 National Priority Projects

Enhancing Information & Intelligence Sharing 3%	Project Description
Fusion Center Organization (Northern California Regional Intelligence Center)	This project provides the region with contractors, intelligence officers, and intelligence analysts to conduct vulnerability assessments, develop regional response plans, and consistent threat analysis. By focusing on a whole of government and community approach to identify, prevent, protect against, mitigate, and assist in the response to and the recovery from human-made threats and major hazards, sustaining the Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) process, and continuing the joint process for threat and SAR information sharing with social media companies, the goal of meeting the National Priority of Information Sharing can be advanced.
Enhancing the Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places (3% required)	Project Description
Chemical Biological Equipment, Training, and Exercise	This investment will develop regional multi-jurisdiction/multi-discipline CBRNE training and exercise opportunities for the 12 Bay Area counties. This project will focus on Chem Bio threats to coordinate a full-scale exercise, utilizing Chem Bio equipment, that aligns with the Securing the Cities Program.
Community Preparedness and Resilience (3% required)	Project Description

Community Emergency Response Teams and Stop the Bleed Training and Equipment	This project will coordinate and train Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) to help save lives and report to public safety fire rescue and security forces during a disaster. The Bay Area Training & Exercise Program will offer 24 CERT trainings to over 60 community-based organizations to build resilience among the 12 Bay Area counties, facilitating 14 exercises for community-based organizations. The distribution of up to 300 Stop the Bleed (STB) equipment kits, accompanied by 16 Stop the Bleed trainings will also be conducted in the Bay Area.
Teen Emergency Response Teams (CERT) Training and Equipment	This project will conduct 5 instances of 1 hour Teen Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) trainings in up to 10 schools within each of the 14 Bay Area UASI jurisdictions. The Bay Area Training and Exercise Program (BATEP) will coordinate with County Offices of Education and Bay Area CERT Coordinators to identify schools with underserved populations, building preparedness capacity where very little existed before. Customized school disaster and preparedness equipment supplies will be identified through a menu of choices and distributed to 140 schools and classrooms.
Combating Domestic Violent Extremism (3% required)	Project Description
Preventing DVE and Targeted Violence in Vulnerable Youth Intensive Training	A contractor will provide ten (10) 12-week iterations of an intensive social emotional learning to 225 justice-involved youth in 3 Bay Area counties.
Restorative Justice Practices Training	A contractor will provide Bay Area school districts (approximately 1800 school staff members) with 60 Restorative Justice Practices training courses including one Train-the-Trainer course for sustainability.
School Threat Assessment Case Management Tool and User Training	A contractor will create a confidential HIPAA/FERPA compliant, standalone School Threat Assessment and Management Case Management software tool that will automate field level reports of threats/student behaviors of concern by schools to be accessed by the school district and School Threat Assessment Team at the County Offices of Education. The tool will be made available to twelve County Offices of Education School Threat Assessment and Management Teams who support 250 school districts and 2000 schools in the Bay Area.
Anonymous Tip Line for Schools, Training, and Awareness	A contractor will build on the "Say Something" anonymous reporting system (SS-ARS) and respond to anonymous tips for 75 schools in 40 additional School Districts across Bay Area counties. Funding will pay to plan, prepare, and provide 24/7/365 SS-ARS services (response to tips, troubleshooting, alert/notification system for School Threat Assessment teams, app, reports, on-the-spot training, and ongoing support).

Student Mental Health Film Creation and Contest	Expanding upon the FY21 Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention grant program project a contractor will be hired to provide specialized mental health and film production training to students in 12 different high schools (6 per year) in the Bay Area who will create mental health film PSAs and host a contest.
Enhancing Cybersecurity (not required)	Project Description
Cyber Emergency Response Training	This project provides an in depth, multiple day cyber emergency response training experience that brings together end users, IT planners, managers, and leadership from multiple agencies. One multiple day training will be held in each of the 14 Bay Area jurisdictions. Thirty course attendees will be trained using NIST standards and share best practices in cyber emergency response planning and operations, resulting in close to 400 Bay Area professionals trained to develop agency specific cyber emergency response plans and protect government digital assets.

Table 3: FY22 National Priority Project Funding Recommendation

National Priority Area	Project Title	Required 12%	Eligible 18%	Total
Enhancing Intelligence and Information Sharing	Fusion Center Operations	\$ 905,848	\$ 2,406,570	\$ 3,312,418
Enhancing the Protections of Soft Targets/Crowded Places	CBRNE Multi-Agency Training and Exercise	\$ 905,848	0	\$ 905,848
Community Preparation and Resilience	Community & Teen CERT and Stop the Bleed Equipment, Training, Exercise	\$ 905,848	\$ 1,501,115	\$ 2,406,963
Combating Domestic Violent Extremism	School Threat Assessment Tools Anonymous School Tip Line Student Film Contest	\$ 905,848	\$ 1,227,403	\$ 2,133,251
Cybersecurity	Cyber Emergency Response Training	0	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
Total FY22 National Priority Funding Allocation		\$ 3,623,392	\$ 5,435,088	\$ 9,058,480