



**To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority**  
**From: Janell Myhre, Regional Program Manager**  
**Date: March 09, 2023**  
**Re: Item 05: FY23 National Priority Projects**

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**Staff Recommendation:**

Approve project scope and funding amounts for the FY23 National Priority areas, pursuant to the UASI FY23 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

**Action or Discussion Item:**

Action.

**Background**

Pursuant to the FY 2022 NOFO, National Priority projects are required to be funded at 30% of the UASI grant award (\$8,922,603). Five of the six eligible National Priority Areas (NPA) are required to be funded at 3% minimum (\$892,260) each for a total of 15% (\$4,461,300), providing flexibility in planning for the remaining 15% (\$4,461,303). Fiscal Year 2023 National Priority Areas, with related required funding percentages are listed below.

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

**Discussion**

In order to satisfy FEMA’s National Priority Project (NPP) requirements, the Management Team leverages lessons learned from the approved FY22 National Priority Projects, as well as UASI regional workgroup members feedback and FEMA Technical Assistance guidance to establish a list of National Priority Projects depicted in Table 1 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 five required National Priority Areas meets the 3% requirement (\$892,260) for a total 15% (\$4,461,300). The remaining 15% (\$4,461,303) is allocated to other NPAs per identified gaps and input from subject matter experts.

Listed in Table 1 and Table 2 below are six FY23 national priorities, the proposed associated projects, and recommended funding amounts for a total of \$ 8,922,603 - 30% of the UASI grant award.

**Table 1: FY23 National Priority Projects**

<b>Enhancing Information &amp; Intelligence Sharing (3% required)</b>	<b>Project Description</b>
<p>Fusion Center Organization</p> <p><i>(Northern California Regional Intelligence Center)</i></p>	<p>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.</p>
<b>Enhancing Elections Security (3% required)</b>	<b>Project Description</b>
<p>Mobile Barrier Trailer Kits</p>	<p>This project builds on lessons learned from the FY20 Elections Security project equipment to include an additional 10-12 Bay Area cities through regional procurement of Mobile 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, perimeters, polling sites, and ballot drop off boxes.</p>
<b>Enhancing the Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places (3% required)</b>	<b>Project Description</b>
<p>Chemical Biological Explosive Protective Equipment</p>	<p>This project continues to build on equipment needs identified during the FY20 HazMat Emergent Threats NPP, BATEP Hazardous Materials Readiness Drills, and the FY21 CBRNE Full-Scale Exercise. This investment will provide first responder agencies with updated equipment from the CalOES/FIRESCOPE standard equipment list required for team "typing". Equipment selections will include bomb suits, portable mass spectrometers, and portable wireless multi-gas detector for area monitoring.</p>

<b>Community Preparedness and Resilience (3% required)</b>	<b>Project Description</b>
Building Community Preparedness through Disaster Readiness Training, Exercise, and Equipment	This project builds on the FY22 Community Resilience NPP by reaching additional Bay Area jurisdictions, municipalities, and underserved populations providing opportunities to engage and participate in citizen preparedness planning, training, and exercise activities. A menu of options will be provided to jurisdictions to customize selections allowing the community to address their specific needs (i.e., CERT and Stop The Bleed training, ICS for CBOs, emergency management and business continuity planning). Funding will also be offered for a menu of preparedness equipment options, such as shelter kits, Stop the Bleed kits, CERT backpacks, and other customized preparedness items.
Building Community Resilience through Technical Assistance	Using lessons learned from FY22 Community Resilience NPP discussions, hire a consultant to offer technical assistance to Bay Area Community Based Organizations (CBO) and underserved neighborhood businesses to support disaster readiness planning. Provide consultant expertise to eligible organizations for developing Emergency Response Plans, Business Continuity of Operations Plans, and Disaster Recovery Plans.
Community Crisis Communications	Hire a contractor to build an All-Hazards database of community resources, such as incident specific public information and awareness tools, to serve CBOs and other neighborhood organizations during a disaster. Outcomes of this project will be to coordinate and work with community members and CBOs to deliver critical lifesaving emergency information through public messaging to underserved communities, including pre-vetted translations for those with limited English proficiency, creating equitability in the dissemination of public information at the community level.
<b>Combating Domestic Violent Extremism (3% required)</b>	<b>Project Description</b>
Community Based Violence Prevention Training	A contractor will be hired to design and deliver a 2-day culturally competent Bay Area Regional Interfaith Council Violence Prevention Summit that will include all faiths across the 12 county Bay Area region. The 2-day interfaith council summit will coordinate with the Bay Area Public Safety Preparedness Summit to include SME speakers, panel discussions, and training courses to develop partnerships and build awareness in the areas of preventing violent extremism. Training attendance will be geared toward Intelligence and Security staff, as well as Bay Area schools and Community Based Organizations.

Targeted Violence Prevention Strategies for School Staff - Online learning program	This project will fund a specialized, occupational-specific e-learning program that will increase the capacity of targeted violence and terrorism prevention trained school counselors, teachers, and office staff to identify, prevent, and respond to students exhibiting behaviors of concern. Training efforts will also coordinate with and serve statewide school counselors.
Targeted Violence Prevention Strategies for Mental and Behavioral Health Practitioners - Online learning program	This project will fund specialized training for mental and behavioral health professionals on targeted violence and terrorism prevention, as well as training on Prevention Strategies for Mental & Behavioral Health Practitioners and Clinicians and the development of protocols, handling referrals, and work with individuals with risk factors for TVTP. Training efforts will serve statewide private and public mental and behavioral health practitioners.
Juvenile Justice Academic Success Initiative	A training contractor will be hired to deliver the “Racial and Juvenile Justice Academic Success Initiative” training program, which partners with Historic Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), to deliver culturally competent tutoring programs. This training partners with courts, juvenile probation and district attorneys to incentivize attendance and completion of the program through reduced sentencing.
Targeted Violence Prevention Psychosocial Community Program	A contractor will be hired to develop and deliver multi-disciplinary intervention pathways to stop the spread of on-line extremism, connecting at-risk users in 12 counties with psychosocial support and intervention services. This project will expand prevention capabilities beyond schools by leveraging innovative and online approaches to address general population needs, with a focus on establishing services for small and medium-sized communities, underserved rural communities, and native Spanish-speakers. Local threat assessment and management capabilities will be supported by creating a multi-disciplinary network of intervention services, including connecting online interventions campaigns with individuals at-risk.
<b>Enhancing Cybersecurity (not required)</b>	<b>Project Description</b>
Cyber Security Training	Through the Bay Area Training and Exercise Program, offer training and exercise opportunities to Bay Area internet technology professionals, including virtual gamification activities and the ability to complete industry-leading cybersecurity certifications.

**Table 2: FY23 National Priority Project Funding Recommendation**

<b>National Priority Area</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Required 15%</b>	<b>Eligible 15%</b>	<b>Total</b>
Enhancing Intelligence and Information Sharing	Fusion Center Operations	\$ 892,260	\$ 2,213,682	\$ 3,105,942
Enhancing the Protections of Soft Targets/Crowded Places	Chemical Biological Explosive Protective Equipment	\$ 892,260	0	\$ 892,260
Enhancing Community Preparedness and Resilience	Building Community and Small Business Preparedness and Community Crisis Communications	\$ 892,260	\$ 1,044,548	\$ 1,936,808
Combating Domestic Violent Extremism	Targeting Violent Extremism Awareness and Training	\$ 892,260	\$ 1,044,548	\$ 1,936,808
Enhancing Elections Security	Mobile Barrier Trailer Kits	\$ 892,260	0	\$ 892,260
Enhancing Cybersecurity	Cyber Security Training and Exercise	0	\$ 158,524	\$ 158,524
<b>Total FY23 National Priority Funding Allocation</b>				
		<b>\$ 4,461,300</b>	<b>\$ 4,461,303</b>	<b>\$ 8,922,603</b>