



To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority
From: Janell Myhre, Regional Program Manager
Date: September 08, 2022
Re: Item 04: National Priority Project Progress Update

Staff Recommendation:

Discussion only.

Action or Discussion Item:

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Background

In the FY20 NOFO, FEMA established National Priority Areas (NPA) with required funding amounts. FEMA updated the focus of NPAs and required funding amounts for FY21 and FY22. All NPA projects must have a regional approach, be cost effective, and align with the Bay Area THIRA/SPR. Each year FEMA uses these requirements to conduct an Evaluation Effectiveness Review (EER) to approve the release of NPP funds.

The UASI Management Team uses input from the THIRA/SPR to support identification of National Priority Projects (NPP) and works closely with Bay Area Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) and stakeholders to draft NPP details. Outreach to FEMA Technical Assistance representatives is conducted to review Bay Area NPP alignment with EER goals. During NPP development and execution, stakeholder engagement is conducted as early as possible and throughout all phases of the project to ensure effective project outcomes.

Discussion

This item provides a status update on Bay Area UASI National Priority Projects. The FY20-22 National Priority Areas and funding requirements are summarized below, including a list of National Priority Projects and their related progress status in Tables 1-3.

Table 1: FY20 National Priority Project Progress

In FY20, FEMA requires a 20% investment of the UASI grant to be invested in four National Priority Areas (NPA). A 5% funding level is required for each NPA. Investments in elections security is required for a portion of the Soft Targets and Cybersecurity National Priority Areas.

FY20 National Priority Areas and Funding Requirements

National Priority Area	Required %	National Priority Area	Required %
Intelligence & Information Sharing	5%	Emergent Threats	5%
Soft Targets/Crowded Places	5%	Cybersecurity	5%

FY20 National Priority Project Progress

National Priority Area	Project Title	Total
Enhancing Intelligence and Information Sharing	First Watch – Pilot	\$1,550,650
Enhancing the Protections of Soft Targets/Crowded Places	1. Access and Functional Needs (AFN) Planning during Elections 2. Equipment for Elections Security - Mobile Barrier Trailer Kits	\$ 1,550,650
Addressing Emergent Threats	HazMat Decontamination and Equipment	\$ 1,550,650
Enhancing Cybersecurity	1. Cyber Navigator – Cyber Threat Analysis and Equipment 2. Cyber Training for Elections Security	\$ 1,550,650
Total FY20 National Priority Funding Allocation		\$ 6,202,600

Table 2: FY21 National Priority Project Progress

In FY21, FEMA requires a 30% investment of the UASI grant to be invested in five National Priority Areas (NPA). A 7.5% or 5% funding level is required for each NPA. Investments in building elections security capabilities is required for a portion of the Soft Targets and Cybersecurity National Priority Areas.

FY21 National Priority Areas and Funding Requirements

National Priority Area	Required %	National Priority Area	Required %
Intelligence & Information Sharing	5%	Emergent Threats	5%
Soft Targets/Crowded Places	5%	Domestic Violent Extremism	7.5%
Cybersecurity	7.5%		

FY21 National Priority Project Progress

National Priority Area	Project Title	Total
Enhancing Intelligence and Information Sharing	Fusion Center Organization	\$ 1,528,125
Enhancing the Protections of Soft Targets/Crowded Places	High Yield Explosives (HYE) Canine Teams - Planning, Equipment and Training	\$ 1,561,938
Addressing Emergent Threats	First Watch - Bay Area Expansion	\$ 1,528,125
Enhancing Cybersecurity	Virtual Security Operations Center (VSOC) Planning, Training, and Equipment	\$ 2,469,901
Combatting Domestic Violent Extremism	Crime Gun Intelligence, DVE Awareness Training and upstream interventions	\$ 2,326,001
Total FY21 National Priority Funding Allocation		\$ 9,414,090

Table 3: FY22 National Priority Project Progress

In FY22, FEMA requires a 30% investment of the UASI grant to be invested in up to six National Priority Areas (NPA). Four NPAs are required to be funded at 3% each, for a total 12% investment. The remaining 18% may be allocated throughout all six eligible NPAs. The following projects were approved at the June 9, 2022 Approval Authority meeting and submitted to FEMA on June 15, 2022. All projects are currently under FEMA Effectiveness Evaluation Review.

FY22 National Priority Areas and Funding Requirements

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

FY22 National Priority Project Progress

National Priority Area	Project Title	Total
Enhancing Intelligence and Information Sharing	Fusion Center Organization	\$ 3,312,418
Enhancing the Protections of Soft Targets/Crowded Places	CBRNE Multi-Agency Training and Exercise	\$ 905,848
Enhancing Community Preparation and Resilience	Community & Teen CERT and Stop the Bleed Equipment, Training, Exercise	\$ 2,406,963
Combating Domestic Violent Extremism	School Threat Assessment Tools Anonymous School Tip Line Student Film Contest	\$ 2,133,251
Enhancing Cybersecurity	Cyber Emergency Response Training	\$ 300,000
Total FY22 National Priority Funding Allocation		\$ 9,058,480