AGENDA

ST. LOUIS AREA REGIONAL RESPONSE SYSTEM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, May 26, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.

*** VIRTUAL MEETING - CALL IN INFORMATION ***

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1. CALL TO ORDER BY WARREN ROBINSON

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

   a. Directors Report — GREGG FAVRE, STARRS

5. ACTION ITEMS

   a. UASI FY2022 Grant Application — RYAN WEBER, Finance Committee Chair

6. OTHER BUSINESS

7. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next STARRS Board meeting is currently scheduled for June 9th, 2022.

STARRS INVESTMENT RECOMMENDATION UASI FY2022

May 18, 2022

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Executive Summary

In FY 2022, the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant will enhance regional preparedness and capabilities by funding high-threat, high-density urban areas.

Consistent with previous grant guidance, dedicated funding is provided for law enforcement and terrorism prevention throughout the country to prepare for, prevent and respond to pre-operational activity and other crimes that are precursors or indicators of terrorist activity. *In addition, DHS (Department of Homeland Security) will conduct an effectiveness review process to ensure grant funding is allocated to those projects that most effectively address all these priorities.*

DHS has identified four required national priority areas that require aa minimum of at least three (3.0%) percent of the region's grant funding in the FY 2022 grant cycle: Soft Targets and Crowded Places, Intelligence and Information Sharing, Domestic Violent Extremism, and the new Community Preparedness national priority. In addition to these required National Priorities, there are two "optional" National Priorities that may be funded, but are not required to do so. These two optional priorities are Cybersecurity and Election Security.

In addition to the 3% set-asides (each) for the above referenced four required National Priorities, the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) requirement has risen to 30% of grant funding for FY2022.

In addition to **mandating specific "National Priority" projects** that must be addressed, DHS/FEMA have added requirements that **projects demonstrate efficacy, as determined by FEMA** (Federal Emergency Management Agency), and continue to stress that **projects should be collaborative across disciplines and in strategic alignment with our regional THIRA/SPR**.

In addition to all the project overviews in this packet, you will find staff recommendations based on these requirements. You will also find the full Fiscal Year 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunities in this packet as well as supporting documentation from FEMA around scoring efficacy, core capabilities, THIRA/SPR and national priorities.

UASI FY 2022 FUNDING PRIORITIES

The table below provides a breakdown of the FY 2022 UASI priorities, showing the core capabilities enhanced and as well as examples of eligible project types for each area DHS/FEMA anticipate that in future years, national priorities will continue to be included and will be updated as the threats evolve and as capability gaps are closed. Applicants are strongly encouraged to begin planning to sustain existing capabilities through other funding mechanisms.

(This table can be found on page 7 of the DHS Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

REQUIRED NATIONAL PRIORITIES	Core Capability	Example Project Types
Soft Targets/ Crowded Places	• Operational coordination • Public information and warning • Intelligence and information sharing • Interdiction and disruption • Screening, search, and detection • Access control and identity verification • Physical protective measures • Risk management for protection programs and activities	• Operational overtime • Physical security enhancements • Closed-circuit television (CCTV) security cameras • Security screening equipment for people and baggage • Lighting • Access controls • Fencing, gates, barriers, etc.

REQUIRED NATIONAL PRIORITIES	Core Capability	Example Project Types
Information and Intelligence	• Intelligence and information sharing • Interdiction and disruption • Planning • Public information and warning • Operational coordination • Risk management for protection programs and activities	• Fusion center operations (Fusion Center project will be required under this investment, no longer as a stand-alone investment) • Information sharing with all DHS components; fusion centers; other operational, investigative, and analytic entities; and other federal law enforcement and intelligence entities • Cooperation with DHS officials and other entities designated by DHS in intelligence, threat recognition, assessment, analysis, and mitigation • Identification, assessment, and reporting of threats of violence • Joint intelligence analysis training and planning with DHS officials and other entities designated by DHS
Domestic Violent Extremism	• Interdiction and disruption • Screening, search and detection • Physical protective measures • Intelligence and information sharing • Planning • Public information and warning • Operational coordination • Risk management for protection programs and activities	• Open-source analysis of misinformation campaigns, targeted violence and threats to life, including tips/leads, and online/social media-based threats • Sharing and leveraging intelligence and information, including open-source analysis • Execution and management of threat assessment programs to identify, evaluate, and analyze indicators and behaviors indicative of domestic violent extremists • Training and awareness programs (e.g., through social media, suspicious activity reporting [SAR] indicators and behaviors) to help prevent radicalization • Training and awareness programs (e.g., through social media, SAR indicators and behaviors) to educate the public on misinformation campaigns and resources to help them identify and report potential

REQUIRED NATIONAL PRIORITIES	Core Capability	Example Project Types
Community Preparedness	• Planning • Public Info & Warning • Community Resilience • Risk Management for Protection • Programs & Activities • Mass Care Services • Intelligence & Info Sharing • Risk & Disaster Resilience Assessment • Long Term Vulnerability Reduction	• Establish, train, and maintain Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and Teen CERT, with a focus on historically undeserved communities, including procurement of appropriate tools, equipment and training aides • Local delivery of CERT Train-the-Trainer and CERT Program Manager to build local program training and maintenance capacity • Provide continuity training, such as FEMA's Organizations Preparing for Emergency Needs training, to faith-based organizations, local businesses, and community-based organizations such as homeless shelters, food pantries, nonprofit medical providers and senior care facilities to bolster their resilience to all hazards • Partner with local school districts to deliver the Student Tools for Emergency Planning curriculum or other educational programming to guide students on how to create emergency kits and family communications plans • Partner with key stakeholders to assist with completing the Emergency Financial First Aid Kit or a similar tool to bolster the disaster centric financial resilience of individuals and households • Execute You are the Help Until the Help Arrives workshops in concert with community-based organizations to bolster individual preparedness

OPTIONAL NATIONAL PRIORITIES	Core Capability	Example Project Types
Enhancing Cybersecurity	• Cybersecurity • Intelligence and information sharing • Planning • Public information and warning • Operational coordination • Screening, search, and detection • Access control and identity verification • Supply chain integrity and security • Risk management for protection programs and activities • Long-term vulnerability reduction • Situational assessment • Infrastructure systems • Operational communications	• Cybersecurity risk assessments • Migrating online services to the ".gov" internet domain • Projects that address vulnerabilities identified in cybersecurity risk assessments • Improving cybersecurity of critical infrastructure to meet minimum levels identified by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) • Cybersecurity training and planning
Election Security	• Cybersecurity • Intelligence and information sharing • Planning • Long-Term Vulnerability Reduction • Situational Assessment • Infrastructure Systems	• Physical security planning support • Physical/site security measures • General election security navigator support • Cyber navigator support • Cybersecurity risk assessments, training, and planning • Projects that address vulnerabilities identified in cybersecurity risk assessments • Iterative backups, encrypted backups, network segmentation, software to monitor/scan, and endpoint protection • Distributed Denial Of Service protection • Migrating online services to the ".gov" internet domain

UASI FY 2022 EVALUATION CRITERIA

FEMA will evaluate the FY 2022 HSGP applications for completeness, adherence to programmatic guidelines, and anticipated effectiveness of the proposed investments. FEMA's review will include verification that each IJ and project:

- Aligns with at least one core capability identified in the goal;
- Demonstrates how investments support closing capability gaps or sustaining capabilities identified in the THIRA/SPR process; and
- Supports a NIMS-typed resource and whether those assets are deployable/shareable to support emergency or disaster operations per existing EMAC agreements.

In addition to the above, FEMA will evaluate whether proposed projects are:

1) both feasible and effective at reducing the risks for which the project was designed; and

2) able to be fully completed within the three-year period of performance. FEMA will use the information provided in the application and after the submission of the first BSIR to determine the feasibility and effectiveness of a grant project.

To that end, IJs should include:

- An explanation of how the proposed project(s) will achieve objectives as identified in the SPR, including expected long-term impact where applicable, and which core capability gap(s) it helps to close and how;
- A summary of the status of planning and design efforts accomplished to date (e.g., included in a capital improvement plan); and
- A project schedule with clear milestones.

Criteria	Weight	**Description of Evaluation Criteria** *(The following criteria has been pulled directly from FEMA's Notice of Funding Opportunity)*
Investment Strategy	30%	Proposals will be evaluated based on the quality and extent to which applicants describe an effective strategy that demonstrates that proposed projects support the program objective of preventing, preparing for, protecting against, and responding to acts of terrorism, to meet its target capabilities, and otherwise reduce the overall risk to the high-risk urban area, the state, or the Nation.

Impact/ Outcomes	30%	Proposals will be evaluated on how this investment helps the jurisdiction close capability gaps identified in its SPR and addresses the relevant National Priority Area outlined in this NOFO. Further, proposals will be evaluated on their identification and estimated improvement of core capability(ies), the associated standardized target(s) that align with their proposed investment, and the ways in which the applicant will measure and/or evaluate improvement.
Collaboration	30%	Proposals will be evaluated based on the degree to which the proposal adequately details how the recipient will use investments and other means to overcome existing logistical, technological, legal, policy, and other impediments to collaborating, networking, sharing information, cooperating, and fostering a culture of national preparedness with federal, state, tribal, and local governments, as well as other regional and nonprofit partners. Collaboration should improve efforts to prevent, prepare for, protect against, and respond to acts of terrorism, to meet target capabilities, support the national security mission of DHS and other federal agencies, and to otherwise reduce the overall risk to the high-risk urban area, the state, or the Nation. In evaluating applicants under this factor FEMA will consider the information provided by the applicant and may also consider relevant information from other sources.
Budget	10%	Proposals will be evaluated based on the extent to which applicants describe a budget plan for each investment demonstrating how the applicant will maximize cost effectiveness of grant expenditures.
Past Performance	Considered	Proposals will be evaluated based on the applicants demonstrated capability to execute the proposed investments. In evaluating applicants under this factor FEMA will consider the information provided by the applicant and may also consider relevant information from other sources.

PROJECT SCORING GUIDE

RECOMMENDED PROJECTS FOR FUNDING

STARRS grant professionals performed a detailed analysis of the submitted projects in order to provide recommendations on what best meets the FY 2022 UASI Grant Guidance, including the mandatory National Priorities. To provide recommendations, staff performed a detailed review of the 2021 St. Louis THIRA/SPR, after-action reports from regional trainings and exercises and spoke with subcommittee subject matter experts for additional project information.

Criteria	Score	Score Explanation
Investment Strategy	5	This project proposal demonstrates a **STRONG** terrorism nexus to either preventing, preparing for, protecting against, and/or responding to acts of terrorism.
	3	This project proposal demonstrates a **MODERATE** terrorism nexus to either preventing, preparing for, protecting against, and/or responding to acts of terrorism.
	1	This project proposal demonstrates a **LOW** terrorism nexus to either preventing, preparing for, protecting against, and/or responding to acts of terrorism.
	0	This project proposal demonstrates **NO** appreciable terrorism nexus to either preventing, preparing for, protecting against, and/or responding to acts of terrorism.
Impact/ Outcomes	5	This project proposal meets **at least one national priority area**, and; This project addresses **one or multiple gaps in the THIRA/SPR**, or; This project **sustains established programs** in the STARRS region.
	3	This project **does not meet a national priority area**, however; This project **builds new capabilities and addresses one or multiple gaps in the THIRA/SPR**.
	1	This project **does not meet any national priority area**, and; This project **does not address gaps in the THIRA/SPR**, however This project **does sustain established programs** in the STARRS region.
	0	The project **does not meet any national priority areas**, and; The project **does not address gaps in the THIRA/SPR**, or; The project **does not sustain established STARRS programs** in the region.
Collaboration	5	This project extensively supports regional collaboration between agencies.
	3	This project moderately supports regional collaboration between agencies.
	1	This project minimally supports regional collaboration between agencies.
	0	This project does not appreciably support regional collaboration between agencies.

Score Totals	11-15	These project proposals are recommended for funding in the FY 2022 UASI Grant and via Washout where required. *(FY 2022 preference given to projects that increase mandatory LETPA funding minimums.)*
	09-10	These project proposals are recommended for funding in the FY 2022 UASI Grant and via Washout where desired
	00-08	These project proposals are not recommended for funding in the FY 2022 UASI Grant nor via available Washout funding.

UASI FY2022 Required National Priority Project Recommendations

The following configuration of projects is recommended, meeting the requirements for National Priorities and all Required Set Aside requirements. Based upon available federal scoring information, we believe these National Priority Projects are likely to be supported by FEMA for funding.

	SOFT TARGETS PRIORITY (3%)	INTEL & INFO SHARING PRIORITY (3%)	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EXTREMISM (3%)	COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS (3%)
FUND WITH UASI 2022	1 LE BOMB Team Robot x1 (St Charles Co)	1 Fusion Center Sustainment	1 DVE OSINT Initiative	1 EMS Stop the Bleed Initiative
	2 LE BOMB Team X-Rays x3	2 Healthcare Coalition HMACC		2 SLARCC Recovery Plan
	3 LE CBRNE Equipment (St Louis Co)			
	4 LE Tactical Vests & Masks (St Clair Co)			
	5 LE Tactical Entry Tools (Franklin Co)			

UASI FY2022 Optional Priority Project Recommendations

The following configuration of optional National Priority projects is recommended. Based upon available federal scoring information, we believe these optional National Priority Projects are likely to be supported by FEMA for funding.

	CYBERSECURITY PRIORITY (0%)	ELECTIONS SECURITY (0%)
FUND WITH UASI 2022	1 CYBER-Security Initiative Sustainment	

UASI FY 2022 Grant - All Projects

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Scoring
09 - 15 = 2022 UASI Funds + Washout
00 - 09 = Not Recommended for Funding

Projects	Score	LETPA	Amount Requested	Amount Recomended	Total 2022 Application Amount	2019/2020 & 2021 Washout	Not Recommended for Funding	Priorities for Washout
Community Preparedness (3%)								
EMS Stop the Bleed	13		$120,760	$120,760	*$120,760*			
SLARCC Recovery Planning	11		$100,000	$100,000	*$100,000*			
Subtotal Community Preparedness			***$220,760***	***$220,760***	***$220,760***	***$0***	*$0*	
Soft Targets (3%)								
LE BOMB TEAM SCC Robot	13	Y	$400,000	$400,000	*$400,000*			
LE BOMB TEAM X-Ray x3	13	Y	$21,000	$21,000	*$21,000*			
LE St Louis Co CBRNE Equipment	13	Y	$131,812	$0	*$0*	**$131,812**		**#1**
LE St Clair Co Vests & Masks	11	Y	$76,000	$0	*$0*	**$76,000**		**#2**
LE Franklin Co Entry Shields	9	Y	$10,600	$0	*$0*	***$7,000***		**#5**
Subtotal Soft Targets			***$639,412***	***$421,000***	***$421,000***	***$214,812***	*$0*	

Projects	Score	LETPA	Amount Requested	Amount Recomended	Total 2022 Application Amount	2019/2020 & 2021 Washout	Not Recommended for Funding	Priorities for Washout
Information & Intelligence Sharing (3%)								
Fusion Center Sustainment (DVE moves)	15	Y	$715,577	$677,877	*$677,877*			
HCC HMACC	13		$140,000	$140,000	*$140,000*			
Subtotal Information & Intelligence Sharing			***$855,577***	***$817,877***	***$817,877***	***$0***	*$0*	
Domestic Violent Extremism (3%)								
DVE OSINT Initiative (moves from FUSION & CYBER)	15	Y	$154,492	$154,492	*$154,492*			
Subtotal Domestic Violent and Extremism			***$154,492***	***$154,492***	***$154,492***	***$0***	*$0*	
Cybersecurity								
CYBER Initiatve Sustainment (DVE moves)	15		$454,900	$346,400	*$346,400*			
COMM Critical Comms Assessment	7		$4,615,400	$0	$0		**X**	
Subtotal Cybersecurity			***$5,070,300***	***$346,400***	***$346,400***	***$0***	*$0*	
Enduring Needs								
T&E Sustainment	13	Partial	$90,000	$64,665	$64,665	**$6,773**		**#8**
HSC EM Academy	11		$300,000	$155,000	$155,000	***$145,000***		**#4**
US&R Rescue Boats	11		$200,000	$200,000	$200,000			
PH Points of Dispensing (PODs) Replenishment	11		$25,800	$25,800	$25,800			
PH Satellite Phone Replacement	11		$80,100	$80,100	$80,100			

Projects	Score	LETPA	Amount Requested	Amount Recomended	Total 2022 Application Amount	2019/2020 & 2021 Washout	Not Recommended for Funding	Priorities for Washout
US&R Initial Training Series	9		$97,250	$97,250	$97,250			
LE Metro Air Support Fuel Truck	9		$200,000	$200,000	$200,000			
US&R Load Cell	9		$80,325	$0	$0	**$80,325**		**#3**
US&R Search Cameras	9		$100,000	$0	$0	***$100,000***		**#6**
EM IMT Training	9		$55,000	$0	$0	***$55,000***		**#7**
EMS TEMS Radios	7		$60,000	$0	$0		**X**	
EMS TEMS Vehicle	7		$85,000	$0	$0		**X**	
PH CISM (Basic)	5		$12,150	$0	$0		**X**	
PH CISM (Advanced)	5		$16,000	$0	$0		**X**	
EM Generators, Light Towers & Safety Trailer	3		$1,277,305	$0	$0		**X**	
Subtotal Enduring Needs			***$2,678,930***	***$822,815***	*$822,815*	***$387,098***	***$0***	
Totals					**$2,783,344**	***$601,910***		

DHS Award	**$3,800,000**
M&A Fees	**($190,000)**
EWG/STARRS Staff	**($826,656)**
Available	**$2,783,344**
Over.Under	**($0)**

$472,804.36	**2019 Washout**
$558,066.88	**2020 Washout**
$0.00	**2021 Washout**
$1,030,871.24	**Available Washout**
$601,910.24	**2022 Projects**
$428,961.00	**2020-2021 Projects**
$0.00	**Over/Under**

UASI FY 2022 Grant - Funded Projects by National Priority Area

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EWG Costs	*$826,656*

National Priority Area	Projects	Score	LETPA?	Total 2022 Application Amt.	2019/2020 Washout	Priorities	*3% Min.*	
Community Preparedness								
	EMS Stop the Bleed	13		$120,760			*$120,760*	*3.18%*
	SLARCC Recovery Planning	11		$100,000			*$100,000*	*2.63%*
Subtotal Community Preparedness				***$220,760***	***$0***		***$220,760***	***5.81%***
Soft Targets								
	LE BOMB TEAM SCC Robot	13	Y	$400,000	$0		*$400,000*	*10.53%*
	LE BOMB TEAM X-Ray x3	13	Y	$21,000	$0		*$21,000*	*0.55%*
	LE St Louis Co CBRNE Equipment	13	Y	$0	$131,812	#1	*$0*	*0.00%*
	LE St Clair Co Vests & Masks	11	Y	$0	$76,000	#2	*$0*	*0.00%*
	LE Franklin Co Entry Shields	9	Y	$0	$7,000	#5	*$0*	*0.00%*
Subtotal Soft Targets				***$421,000***	***$214,812***		***$421,000***	***11.08%***
Information & Intelligence Sharing								
	Fusion Center Sustainment (DVE moves)	15	Y	$677,877			*$677,877*	*17.84%*
	HCC HMACC	13		$140,000			*$140,000*	*3.68%*
Subtotal Information & Intelligence Sharing				***$817,877***	***$0***		***$817,877***	***21.52%***
Domestic Violent Extremism								
	DVE OSINT Initiative (moves from FUSION & CYBER)	15	Y	$154,492			*$154,492*	*4.07%*
Subtotal Domestic Violent Extremism				***$154,492***	***$0***		***$154,492***	***4.07%***
Cybersecurity								
	CYBER Initiatve Sustainment (DVE moves)	15		$346,400			*$346,400*	*9.12%*
	COMM Critical Comms Assessment	7		$0			*$0*	*0.00%*
Subtotal Cybersecurity				***$346,400***	***$0***		***$346,400***	***9.12%***
Enduring Needs								
	T&E Sustainment	13	Partial	$64,665	$6,773	#8	*$64,665*	*1.70%*
	HSC EM Academy	11		$155,000	$145,000	#4	*$155,000*	*4.08%*
	US&R Rescue Boats	11		$200,000			*$200,000*	*5.26%*
	PH Points of Dispensing (PODs) Replenishment	11		$25,800			*$25,800*	*0.68%*
	PH Satellite Phone Replacement	11		$80,100			*$80,100*	*2.11%*
	US&R Initial Training Series	9		$97,250			*$97,250*	*2.56%*
	LE Metro Air Support Fuel Truck	9		$200,000			*$200,000*	*5.26%*
	US&R Load Cell	9		$0	$80,325	#3	*$0*	*0.00%*
	US&R Search Cameras	9		$0	$100,000	#6	*$0*	*0.00%*
	EM IMT Training	9		$0	$55,000	#7	*$0*	*0.00%*

	EMS TEMS Radios	7		$0			*$0*	*0.00%*
	EMS TEMS Vehicle	7		$0			*$0*	*0.00%*
	PH CISM (Basic)	5		$0			*$0*	*0.00%*
	PH CISM (Advanced)	5		$0			*$0*	*0.00%*
	EM Generators, Light Towers & Safety Trailer	3		$0			*$0*	*0.00%*
Subtotal Enduring Needs				***$822,815***	***$387,098***		***$822,815***	***21.65%***
Project Totals				**$2,783,344**	**$601,910**			
Grand Total (EWG Costs + Projects)				**$3,610,000.00**				

LETPA & Priority Areas	**Required Minimums***		**Project Recommendations**	
	%	**$**	**$**	**%**
LETPA	30%	$1,140,000	$1,259,836	33.15%
Community Preparedness	3%	$114,000	$220,760	5.81%
Soft Targets	3%	$114,000	$421,000	11.08%
Information & Intelligence Sharing	3%	$114,000	$817,877	21.52%
Domestic Violent Extremism	3%	$114,000	$154,492	4.07%
Cybersecurity		$0	$346,400	9.12%
Enduring Needs		$0	$822,815	21.65%
Total LETPA & Nat'l Priority Areas*		***$456,000***	***$2,873,965***	***75.63%***

**Required minimums are based on the $3.8M total application amount.*

***Total is higher than the application amount because projects may be counted in both LETPA and the National Priority Areas.*

	Base
Grant Amount	$3,800,000
State M&A (5%)	$190,000
2022 Grant Funds Award	**$3,610,000**
EWG Costs	$826,656
2022 Grant Funds Available for Projects	**$2,783,344**
Variance	*$0*

UASI FY 2022 NATIONAL PRIORITY: SOFT TARGETS/CROWDED PLACES

Soft targets and crowded places are increasingly appealing to terrorists and other extremist actors because of their relative accessibility and the large number of potential targets. This challenge is complicated by the prevalent use of simple tactics and less sophisticated attacks. Segments of our society are inherently open to the general public, and by nature of their purpose do not incorporate strict security measures. Given the increased emphasis by terrorists and other extremist actors to leverage less sophisticated methods to inflict harm in public areas, it is vital that the public and private sectors collaborate to enhance security of locations such as transportation centers, parks, restaurants, shopping centers, special event venues, and similar facilities.

REQUIRED PERCENTAGE: 3.0% ($114,000)

RECOMMENDATION

Project	Score	Committee	Request	Recommendation	Comments
LE BOMB Team Robot	13	LE	$400,000	$400,000	
LE Bomb Team X-Rays x3	13	LE	$21,000	$21,000	
LE Tactical CBRNE (StlCo)	13	LE	$131,812	$0	Washout Priority #1
LE Tactical Vests (StClair)	11	LE	$76,000	$0	Washout Priority #2
LE Entry Tools (Franklin Co)	9	LE	$10,600	$0	Washout Priority #5

UASI FY 2022 NATIONAL PRIORITY: INFORMATION & INTELLIGENCE

Effective homeland security operations rely on access to, analysis of, and timely sharing of open source, unclassified, and classified information, suspicious activity reports, tips/leads, and actionable intelligence on indicators and behaviors to accurately identify, assess, and mitigate a wide array of threats against the United States, including terrorism, threats to life, targeted violence, and other threats within the DHS mission space. Accordingly, DHS works diligently to enhance intelligence collection, integration, analysis, and information sharing capabilities to ensure partners, stakeholders, and senior leaders receive actionable intelligence and information necessary to inform their decisions and operations. A critical and statutorily charged mission of DHS is to deliver intelligence and information to federal, state, local, and tribal governments and private sector partners. Cooperation and information sharing among state, federal, and local partners across all areas of the homeland security enterprise, including counterterrorism, – including both international and domestic terrorism, cybersecurity, transnational organized crime, economic security, border security, immigration enforcement, and other areas is critical to homeland security operations and the prevention of, preparation for, protection against, and responding to acts of terrorism, and other threats to life and criminal acts of targeted violence.

REQUIRED PERCENTAGE: 3.0% ($114,000)

RECOMMENDATION

Project	Score	Committee	Request	Recommendation	Comments
Fusion Center Sustainment	15	Fusion Center	$718,369	$677,877	DVE move

UASI FY 2022 NATIONAL PRIORITY: DOMESTIC VIOLENT EXTREMISM

As first stated in the October 2020 DHS Homeland Threat Assessment, domestic violent extremists, including ideologically motivated lone offenders and small groups, present the most persistent and lethal terrorist threat to the Homeland. These violent extremists capitalize on social and political tensions, which have resulted in an elevated threat environment. They utilize social media platforms and other technologies to spread violent extremist ideologies that encourage violence and influence action within the United States. The COVID-19 pandemic has further created an environment that may lead to accelerated mobilization to targeted violence and/or radicalization to domestic terrorism, including driving lawful protests to incite violence, intimidate targets, and promote their violent extremist ideologies. Given the rise of domestic violent extremism in recent years, at least one investment must be in support of the urban area's efforts to combat the rise, influence, and spread of domestic violent extremism. Additionally, the proposed investment must meet or exceed the FY 2022 national priority percentage for domestic violent extremism and will also be subject to DHS/FEMA's evaluation of the effectiveness of the proposed investments.

REQUIRED PERCENTAGE: 3.0% ($114,000)

RECOMMENDATION

Project	Score	Committee	Request	Recommendation	Comments
DVE OSINT Initiative	15	Fusion Center	$154,492	$154,492	from CYBER & FUSION

UASI FY 2022 NATIONAL PRIORITY: COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS

Community organizations are the backbones of American civic life, both during "blue skies" and in the aftermath of terrorist attacks. Community organizations, such as homeless shelters, food banks, public libraries, faith-based institutions, and nonprofit medical providers must have the capabilities to withstand acts of terrorism and provide essential services, especially to members of underserved communities, in the aftermath of an attack. In addition, individual citizens and volunteer responders, such as Community Emergency Response Teams, are often the first on the scene after a terrorist attack. The ability of these volunteers to provide assistance to their fellow citizens prior to the arrival of professional first responders is paramount to a community's resilience. In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic has placed a significant burden on community-based organizations such as homeless shelters, food banks, public libraries, faith-based institutions, and nonprofit medical providers to continue to provide key services during and after disasters, including acts of terrorism.

REQUIRED PERCENTAGE: 3.0% ($114,000)

RECOMMENDATION

Project	Score	Committee	Request	Recommendation	Comments
EMS Stop the Bleed Initiative	13	EMS	$121,443	$120,760	(corrected)
SLARCC Recovery Plan	11	SLARCC	$100,000	$100,000	

UASI FY 2022 OPTIONAL NATIONAL PRIORITIES: CYBERSECURITY & ELECTION SECURITY

For FY 2022 projects related to the National Priority on Cybersecurity have been made optional. While not required, applicants are encouraged to submit an investment related to their ongoing or near-term high priority cybersecurity projects. Today's world is more interconnected than ever before, but with increased connectivity comes increased risk of our adversaries, including terrorists, exploiting cyber vulnerabilities and weaknesses to disrupt our way of life. As in previous years, recipients and subrecipients of FY 2022 HSGP awards will be required to complete the 2022 Nationwide Cybersecurity Review, enabling agencies to benchmark and measure progress of improving their cybersecurity posture.

Also for FY 2022, Election Security has returned this time as an optional National Priority. In January 2017, DHS designated the infrastructure used to administer the Nation's elections as critical infrastructure. This designation recognizes that the United States' election infrastructure is of such vital importance to the American way of life that its incapacitation or destruction would have a devastating effect on the country. Securing election infrastructure and ensuring an election free from foreign interference are national security priorities. Threats to election systems are constantly evolving, so defending these systems requires constant vigilance, innovation, and adaptation. As such, while not required, applicants are encouraged to submit an investment related to their election security needs.

REQUIRED PERCENTAGES:

Cybersecurity: 0.0%

Election Security: 0.0%

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Regional Cyber Security Initiative	15	Regional Cybersecurity Coordinator	$454,900	$346,400	DVE move

UASI FY 2022: ENDURING NEEDS

Projects that do not focus on one of the six National Priorities are usually categorized as Enduring Need. These projects contribute to the region's anti-terrorism and terrorism response stance and can be looked at for funding with remaining funds leftover after fulfilling the National Priority needs. Enduring need projects often include projects associated with Training & Awareness, Exercising, Planning, Risk Management, and Equipment & Capital Projects. As such, this category to support Specialty Teams in the region that might not qualify under a National Priority.

There is no required percentage with Enduring Need projects, as they do not specifically address a National Priority. Available Washout Funding from previous grant Fiscal Years can also be used to supplement available FY2022 grant funding.

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T&E Sustainment	13	T&E	$90,000	$64,665	Washout Priority #8
US&R Rescue Boats	11	US&R	$200,000	$200,000	
PH Satellite Phones	11	PH	$80,010	$80,010	
PH PODS Replenishment	11	PH	$25,800	$25,800	
Healthcare EM Academy	11	HCS	$300,000	$155,000	Washout Priority #4
US&R Search Cameras	9	US&R	$100,000	$0	Washout Priority #6
US&R Load Cells	9	US&R	$80,325	$0	Washout Priority #3
US&R Initial Training	9	US&R	$97,250	$97,250	
LE Metro Air Support Fuel Truck	9	LE	$200,000	$200,000	
EM IMT Training	9	EM	$55,000	$0	Washout Priority #7