



## AGENDA

### ST. LOUIS AREA REGIONAL RESPONSE SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Thursday, April 20, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CAPTAIN CHRIS HUNT
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, FROM THE MARCH 2023 MEETING
3. DISCUSSION ITEMS
  - a. Program Updates JIM WILD
  - b. Subcommittee Reports SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS
4. ACTION ITEMS
  - a. Approval of Subcommittee Nominations Memo MICHELE RYAN
  - b. Approval of UASI FY 2023 Projects SARAH RUSSELL
5. OTHER BUSINESS
6. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

**The next regular STARRS Board meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2023.**

**Meeting Location:**

East-West Gateway Council of Governments  
1 S. Memorial Drive, Suite 1600 Board Room  
St. Louis, MO 63102

**STARRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 9, 2023**

The meeting of the STARRS Board of Directors was called to via in-person & virtual conference call, with those in attendance check-marked:

**ATTENDANCE:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abe Cook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeremy Hollrah	<input type="checkbox"/> Michele Ryan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ben Granda	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Jerry Lohr</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Mike Arras</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ben Perrin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Jim Wild</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Morris Taylor</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Gettemeier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joann Leykam	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Nick Allen</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bryan Whitaker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jocelyn Evans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick Kohlberg
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Hunt	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>John Miller</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Robert Wylie</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dennis Jenkerson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>John Nowak</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roger Smith
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Derek Rieger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Josh Wilderson</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Weber
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frederick Patterson	<input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Scheibe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Russell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kurt Frisz	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tina Davis</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Herb Simmons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kyle Foerst	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Warren Robinson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff McCreary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Kate Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zach Koch
	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Matt Tobben</i>	

Also in attendance were Nick Harper (Monarch FPD), Jason Campbell (BJH), Jim Farmer (MO SEMA), plus East-West Gateway Council of Governments & STARRS staff including Staci Alvarez, Leah Watkins, Himmer Soberanis, Kristen Capps-Jones, Brian Marler & Brad Zoref.

Members excused in advance from this month's Board meeting include Michele Ryan, Chief Dennis Jenkerson, and LTC Jerry Lohr.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Captain Chris Hunt called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. Attendance was recorded by sign-in and virtual meeting attendance list. A quorum was confirmed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Captain Hunt requested approval of the February 2023 minutes which was motioned to approve by Joann Leykam and was seconded. The motion carried unanimously and was approved at 9:05 AM.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**PROGRAM UPDATES**

Kristen Capps-Jones shared an update on the CCTA program, including a review of recent activity and plans by Hagerty Consulting. The stakeholder group has been revamped for that workgroup, with a kickoff meeting occurring Monday April 3, 2023.

Kristen also provided an update on the FY2023 UASI process, explaining that the NOFO was released in late February with the blank STARRS project application going out to committees just after. Completed applications are due back from committees on Tuesday March 21, 2023. These applications will be reviewed and scored and presented to the Finance committee in mid-April. This year the region received 3.8 million in funding. National Priorities continued from last year with changes to the required minimum spending and LETPA requirements.

Brad Zoref shared an update on the MSRE surge exercise for Hospitals. This event will be worked in to the IEMC program in July and will meet the requirements of the HPP grant.

#### **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Chief Brown shared a brief update from the Communications Core Group. Jeremy Hollrah shared a brief update from EMS. Nick Kohlberg shared that at the Healthcare Coalition's recent committee activities have focused on their strategic plan, and a plan to assess caches in the region and their status. Kurt Frisz shared that the Law Enforcement subcommittee met last Tuesday and identified projects for the UASI grant process and that they are working on project applications. Kyle Foerst provided an update from Healthcare Preparedness, sharing they identified goals and workgroups for 2023 including outreach for rural partnerships, enhancing information and intelligence sharing, and focusing on vulnerable populations. Roger Smith shared an update from the Mass Fatality group, sharing that they are looking at UASI project possibilities and that they have an 8 hour training coming up from IEMA in April. Zach Koch from the Public Health subcommittee shared that they recently met and that they are looking at UASI project options and will meet again March 13, 2023. Derek Rieger shared that the T&E subcommittee is working on their grant project application and is also focusing on locating certified ICS instructors in the region to build up the train-the-trainer capabilities of the region. Brian Gettemeier from USAR shared that they met in February and looked at possible grant projects.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Sarah Russell shared an update on membership changes made by the Executive Committee related to the Finance Committee and the Nominating Committee. A motion was made to approve the Executive committee report by Kurt Frisz which was seconded by Derek Rieger. The motion was approved at 9:14.

#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Captain Chris Hunt shared information on updates to STARRS Board of Directors membership and STARRS subcommittee memberships. A motion was made to approve the nominating committee report which was seconded by Jeff McCreary. The motion was approved at 9:15.

#### **REGIONAL SECURITY EXPENDITURES**

Kristen Capps-Jones shared information on this month's Regional Expenditure list including subawards to fund positions at the St. Louis Fusion Center, including the

Critical Infrastructure Coordinator, Intelligence Analyst, LPRD/SMRT Project Manager, and Cybersecurity Analyst positions. Additionally, purchases are requested related to the US&R team's Initial Training series and the equipment associated with Load Cell Indicators Kits. The total amount for this month's regional expenditures under the UASI grant program will not exceed \$590,300. A motion was made by Joann Leykam to approve the expenditures and was seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Jim Wild shared that he has reached out to executives at the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County related to appointments needed for the STARRS Board of Directors.

## **NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the STARRS Board of Directors is April 20, 2023. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 AM.

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Captain Chris Hunt



Memo to: Board of Directors  
From: STARRS  
Subject: New Appointments & Nomination of Committee Appointments  
Date: April 20, 2023

The Nominating Committee has approved the following subcommittee nominations and removals and offers the following for board consideration and approval.

#### **Subcommittees**

The Nominating Committee recommends the following additions to subcommittees:

- **Law Enforcement Subcommittee** – Sean Mazzola, St. Louis Metro Police Dept

The Nominating Committee also recommends the following removals from subcommittees:

- **none**

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends the Board of Directors approve the Nominating Committee recommendations.



Memo to: Board of Directors

From: STARRS

Subject: Finance Committee Approval of UASI FY 2023 Projects

Date: April 20, 2023

The Finance Committee met Thursday April 13, 2023 to review recommendations related to UASI FY 2023 Projects presented by staff.

East-West Gateway and STARRS staff reviewed this year's projects and presented the results to the Finance committee. Staff scored each project against known DHS/FEMA scoring criteria. Projects that scored 11 points or higher (out of 15) with this scoring method were recommended by staff for funding from the FY 2023 grant or from currently available washout funds. Future washout funding was recommended for priority projects that scored in the 9/10-point range. The staff recommendation included:

- 12 projects to be fully funded with FY 2023 UASI grant funds.
- 1 project to be partially funded with a combination of FY 2023 UASI grant funds and available FY 2020 and FY 2021 UASI grant funds.
- 1 project to be partially funded with a combination of FY 2023 UASI grant funds and available FY 2020 and FY 2021 UASI grant funds; with the remainder of the funding to come from a future grant year's washout.
- 4 projects to be partially funded with FY 2023 UASI grant funds; with the remainder of the funding to come from a future grant year's washout.
- 1 project to be fully funded with available FY 2020 and FY 2021 UASI grant funds.
- 2 projects to be funded through the Regional Training & Exercise program rather than through a specific, FY 2023 UASI set-aside.
- 3 projects to be wholly funded with a future grant year's washout.

The staff recommendation meets both the required 3% minimum spend in each of the five required DHS/FEMA National Priority Areas and the 35% minimum required spend for Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA). The attached Finance Committee Information Packet includes more information, and a list of the projects and recommended projects can be found in Section D.

After in-depth discussion and review, the Finance Committee voted to approve the recommendation of staff as presented in the Project Applications & Funding Recommendations table in Section D of the attached packet (on page 12 of 17).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends the Board of Directors approve the Finance Committee recommendations related to UASI FY 2023 Projects.

# STARRS FINANCE COMMITTEE PACKET

## UASI FY 2023

*April 13, 2023*



# UASI FY 2023

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## **A. UASI FY 2023 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In FY 2023, 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, the UASI program provides 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.

The St. Louis Urban Area was allocated \$3,800,000 in the FY 2023 UASI cycle. We are providing the STARRS Finance Committee this information packet that includes our funding recommendations and project descriptions. We believe that the projects recommended for funding continue to support and enhance the St. Louis Urban Area's ability to prepare for, prevent, and respond to terrorist activity.

In the 2020 UASI grant cycle, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) changed the grant program to focus on defined National Priority Areas (NPAs) with minimum expenditure requirements and began evaluating Urban Area grant applications against defined effectiveness criteria. The FY 2023 UASI program continues the changes introduced in FY 2020 and includes five NPAs each with a 3% minimum expenditure requirement and one NPA without a defined minimum expenditure. Additionally, DHS added an NPA for Election Security and increased the minimum set-aside requirement for Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) from 30% to 35%. DHS will assess our grant application to ensure that the minimum expenditure requirements are met and evaluate our application for effectiveness. DHS's review can result in projects not receiving funding and grant awards being placed on hold if these requirements are not met. Specific details about DHS's requirements for the grant program are available in the [DHS Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\) document](#). Additional information about the NPAs is provided in Section B.

To ensure the St. Louis Urban Area's FY 2023 UASI grant application will meet DHS's requirements and pass the effectiveness review, staff assessed each project application and used this assessment to inform the project recommendations presented in this packet. A description of the evaluation process is provided in Section C.

## **B. UASI FY 2023 NATIONAL PRIORITIES & MINIMUM SPENDS**

For the FY 2023 UASI grant, DHS has identified six National Priorities Areas (NPAs). Parts 1 through 6 below provide a brief summary of each NPA and the minimum expenditure requirement. Each year we also recommend funding to support important programs and projects that do not fall within an NPA. These projects are grouped together under Enduring Needs. More information about Enduring Needs projects is provided in #7 below. In addition to the minimum expenditure requirements for the NPAs, DHS increased the minimum expenditure requirement for Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA). LETPA is described in #8 below. During the project application evaluation process, priority is given to applications that request funding for projects that meet the NPA and LETPA requirements. Projects may fall within both NPA and LETPA requirements and can be used to meet both areas' minimum expenditure requirements.

**1. Community Preparedness (3% minimum)**

Projects associated with Community Preparedness and Resilience often focus on Community Organizations, nonprofit or other providers of essential services. Projects can also be associated with community emergency response teams/volunteers or with emergency management services focusing on cultural competency, accessibility and inclusion and equity for underserved communities. Long-term recovery has also been a focus in recent years.

**2. Soft Targets & Crowded Places (3% minimum)**

Projects associated with Soft Targets and Crowded Places generally focus on law enforcement or other special team response to attacks by terrorists or other violent extremists, with a focus on incidents/events with accessibility to a large number of potential targets. Soft Target projects generally have a very high nexus to terrorism.

**3. Information & Intelligence Sharing (3% minimum)**

Projects associated with Information & Intelligence Sharing will generally rely on access to, analysis of, and the timely sharing of information that might mitigate a wide variety of threats. A Fusion Center project is a required component of this NPA.

**4. Domestic Violent Extremism (3% minimum)**

Projects associated with Domestic Violent Extremism will focus on threats associated with extremist activists or ideologically motivated lone/small group actors seeking to capitalize on social and political tensions. Often social media and other modern technologies are used to spread disinformation and misinformation to larger audiences. As a required NPA, these projects are usually associated with the Fusion Center.

## **B. UASI FY 2023 NATIONAL PRIORITIES & MINIMUM SPENDS**

### **5. Election Security (3% minimum)**

Projects associated with Elections Security will focus on securing the vital election infrastructure of the St. Louis Urban Area, and helping ensure its continued operation in the face of threats and harassment of election officials, staff, threats to election infrastructure and elections free of foreign influence. As a new required NPA, this project will be associated with the Fusion Center.

### **6. Cybersecurity (0% minimum)**

Projects associated with Cybersecurity will focus on issues of cyber vulnerabilities or weaknesses that can disrupt our way of life, with a special focus on protection of critical infrastructure and cyberterrorism. The Nationwide CyberSecurity Review (NCSR) process is also a grant requirement associated with this National Priority. As a National Priority, this project is associated with the Cybersecurity Initiative project operated out of the Fusion Center.

### **7. Enduring Needs (0% minimum)**

Projects associated with Enduring Needs will often focus on effective Planning, Training/Awareness, Exercises, or Equipment purchases. Enduring Need is often the catch-all for projects that do not fit well into one of the NPAs. Regional (non-law enforcement based) Special Teams such as Hazardous Materials, Urban Search & Rescue, Mass Fatality, and others often have projects here. Often times the total amount of requests for Enduring Need projects will exceed all of the NPA projects combined.

### **8. LETPA (35% minimum)**

Projects associated with LETPA must have a nexus to both law enforcement and terrorism prevention. The National Prevention Framework describes the type of activities that should be the primary focus of LETPA expenditures. LETPA activities include, but are not limited to, those that enhance intelligence analysis and information sharing capabilities (e.g. reporting of tips, leads, suspicious activity reports); regional counterterrorism training programs; training exercise to enhance preparedness for and response to mass casualty and active shooter incidents and security events at public locations; and law enforcement chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high yield explosive detection capabilities (e.g. bomb detection/disposal, robotics platforms, x-ray technology). The LETPA requirements are most often met through the activities of the St. Louis Fusion Center and law enforcement agencies in the St. Louis Urban Area.

## C. UASI FY 2023 PROJECT APPLICATION EVALUATION

Staff reviewed each project application using the process and criteria described below. Staff performed a detailed review of the project and the 2022 St. Louis THIRA/SPR and after-action reports from regional trainings and exercises and consulted with sub-committee subject matter experts for additional project information.

The evaluation criteria used by staff include<sup>1</sup>:

1. DHS effectiveness evaluation criteria for investment strategy. This evaluation criteria makes up 40% of the effectiveness evaluation that DHS will conduct for the St. Louis UASI grant application. The investment strategy criteria examine how well projects support DHS's objective of preventing, preparing for, protecting against, and responding to acts of terrorism; meet its target capabilities; and otherwise reduce the overall risk to the urban area.
2. DHS effectiveness evaluation criteria for impacts/outcomes. This evaluation criteria also makes up a 40% of the effectiveness evaluation that DHS will conduct for the St. Louis UASI grant application. The impacts/outcomes criteria examines how the project helps the urban area close capability gaps identified in its SPR and address the NPAs; as well as, whether the project will improve core capabilities.
3. The project's level of support for and focus toward building a collaborative regional response capability for the St. Louis Urban Area.

Based upon this evaluation, each project received a score for the two DHS effective criteria and the collaboration criteria. A project was assigned a score of 0 to 5 for each of these criteria. Staff's funding recommendations are based on the evaluation and the scores assigned. Each project's score and staff's evaluation and recommendation rationale are included in the Investment Justifications in Section E.

High-scoring projects are those that scored between 11 and 15 and are recommended for FY 2023 UASI grant funding or a combination of FY 2023 UASI grant funds and FY 2020 / 2021 UASI washout funding. Mid-scoring projects are those that scored between 9 and 10 and are recommended for FY 2020 / 2021 UASI washout funding or washout funding in future years. Low-scoring projects are those that scored below 9 and are not recommended for funding.

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<sup>1</sup> In the FY 2022 UASI grant cycle, project applications were also scored for the DHS criteria for Budget. Past performance was also considered during the evaluation process. For FY 2023, we decided to not include budget as a scored category or include past performance as a consideration. We made this decision because the budget criteria is used by DHS to assess how well EWG (as the UASI grant recipient) describes the budget plan for the UASI and we believe that our Finance Committee process itself ensures a successful budget plan process and it is not necessary to score individual applications based on this DHS criteria. Similarly, DHS will consider EWG's past performance which is our demonstrated ability to execute the IJs included in the St. Louis UASI application and we believe that our evaluation process along with the Finance Committee review and Board review will adequately identify any potential performance issues for a particular project or IJ.

## C. UASI FY 2023 PROJECT APPLICATION EVALUATION

A description of each score is provided in the table below.

Criteria	Score	Score Explanation
Investment Strategy	5	This project proposal demonstrates a <b>STRONG</b> terrorism nexus to either preventing, preparing for, protecting against and/or responding to acts of terrorism.
	3	This project proposal demonstrates a <b>MODERATE</b> terrorism nexus to either preventing, preparing for, protecting against and/or responding to acts of terrorism.
	1	This project proposal demonstrates a <b>LOW</b> terrorism nexus to either preventing, preparing for, protecting against and/or responding to acts of terrorism.
	0	This project proposal demonstrates <b>NO</b> terrorism nexus to either preventing, preparing for, protecting against and/or responding to acts of terrorism.
Impact / Outcomes	5	This project proposal meets <b>at least one NATIONAL PRIORITY area</b> , and;  This project addresses <b>one or multiple gaps in the THIRA/SPR</b> , or;  This project <b>SUSTAINS established programs</b> in the St. Louis Urban Area.
	3	This project <b>does NOT meet a National Priority area</b> , however;  This project <b>addresses at least ONE or more gaps in the THIRA/SPR</b> .
	1	This project <b>does NOT meet any National Priority area</b> , and;  This project <b>does NOT address gaps in the THIRA/SPR</b> , however  This project <b>does SUSTAIN established programs</b> in the St. Louis Urban Area.
	0	The project <b>does NOT meet any National Priority areas</b> , and;  The project <b>does NOT address gaps in the THIRA/SPR</b> , or;

## C. UASI FY 2023 PROJECT APPLICATION EVALUATION

Criteria	Score	Score Explanation
		The project <b>does NOT sustain established STARRS programs</b> in the St. Louis Urban Area.
Collaboration	5	This project <b>EXTENSIVELY supports</b> regional collaboration between agencies.
	3	This project <b>MODERATELY supports</b> regional collaboration between agencies.
	1	This project <b>MINIMALLY supports</b> regional collaboration between agencies.
	0	This project <b>DOES NOT appreciably support</b> regional collaboration between agencies.
Score Totals	11-15	These project proposals are recommended for funding in the FY 2023 UASI Grant and via washout if required. <i>(FY 2023 preference is given to projects that meet the NPA requirements and increase mandatory LETPA funding minimums.)</i>
	9-10	Some of these project proposals may be recommended for funding via washout when funds become available in an open grant or in a future grant year.
	0-8	These project proposals are not recommended for UASI funding.

## D. UASI FY 2023 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

The St. Louis Urban Area was allocated \$3.8 million for the FY 2023 UASI grant. The State of Missouri retains 5% of the grant for its own Management & Administration costs – a total of \$190,000. The total investment for FY 2023 grant funds is \$3,610,000, which includes the funds allocated to EWG’s Management & Administration costs and funds allocated for planning work completed by STARRS staff. Additionally, staff identified a total of \$492,272 in FY 2020 and FY 2021 UASI funds that are available to be allocated to new projects.

For 2023, we are recommending that 24 projects be approved for funding. Thirteen of these projects fall in the National Priority Areas (NPAs) and 11 are projects that meet enduring needs. The funding recommendations for these projects include:

- 12 projects that will be fully-funded with FY 2023 UASI grant funds.
- 1 project that will be partially funded with a combination of FY 2023 UASI grant funds and available FY 2020 and FY 2021 UASI grant funds.
- 1 project that will be partially funded with a combination of FY 2023 UASI grant funds and available FY 2020 and FY 2021 UASI grant funds; with the remainder of the funding to come from a future grant year’s washout.
- 4 projects that will be partially funded with FY 2023 UASI grant funds; with the remainder of the funding to come from a future grant year’s washout.
- 1 project that will be fully-funded with available FY 2020 and FY 2021 UASI grant funds.
- 2 projects that will be funded through the Regional Training & Exercise program rather than through a specific, FY 2023 UASI set-aside.
- 3 projects that will be wholly-funded with a future grant year’s washout.

The tables on the pages that follow provide information about the project applications received and the funding recommendations from staff after completing the evaluation and scoring process. The grant funding summary table describes the total funding available in the FY 2023 UASI grant and the project recommendations that meet the NPA and the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) minimum expenditure requirements. The second table provides a list of the project investments, scores, contribution toward the LETPA requirements, and the amount of funding recommended. This table also identifies staff’s recommendation for priorities for future wash out funding. These priorities help ensure that our UASI grant funds are fully expended. Additional information about the projects is provided in the Notes for Finance Committee.

### ***Washout Funding Recommendations & Priorities***

Each UASI application cycle, we identify grant funds that are available in our open UASI grants and make that available for new project applications. Additionally, we identify priority projects that we can use to meet grant requirements for open grants or pending grants. For the FY 2023

## **D. UASI FY 2023 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

UASI grant application cycle, we identified a total of \$492,272 of funds available from our open FY 2020 and FY 2021 grants. We also have an open FY 2022 UASI grant; however, we have just begun expending these funds and it is too early in the process to identify available washout. Because of this, the FY 2022 grant funds are identified as part of “future” washout.

The project applications that are recommended for washout funding fall into 2 categories – those recommended for available FY 2020 and FY 2021 UASI funds and those that are prioritized for future year’s (FY 2022 and FY 2023 UASI) washout funds when those become available.

For the FY 2020 and FY 2021 UASI washout we recommended funding for shovel-ready projects that scored high on the evaluation criteria and can be completed before August 31, 2024. These projects also fall within an NPA and will help us meet the LETPA requirements of our open grants.

For the future year’s washout (FY 2022 and FY 2023), we prioritized these projects based on the following criteria:

- Those that fall within an NPA and meet LETPA requirements were ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in order of the score received.
- For the enduring needs projects, those that met LETPA requirements were identified for funding first, followed by the other projects ranked in order of the score received.
- For both NPA/LETPA projects and enduring needs projects, if a project received the same score, we then looked at the scores for the individual categories and ranked the projects in order of highest to lowest for the investment strategy score, then the impacts/outcome score, and then the collaboration score.

The priorities assigned to the future washout funding projects in the financial tables reflect this ranking.

It is important for the Finance Committee to approve a prioritized list of projects for future funding so that staff can include these projects in our grant application, as needed, and move forward quickly when the funding becomes available. It is similarly important that the ranking of these projects reflect the UASI grant requirements for NPAs, LETPA, and will meet DHS’s effectiveness criteria. We believe that the recommended priority rankings meet these standards.



## D. UASI FY 2023 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

### UASI FY 2023 Grant - Funding Summary

April 13, 2023

2023 UASI Grant - Total Award	\$3,800,000
Less State M&A (5%)	(\$190,000)
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$3,610,000</b>
<b>EWG Costs</b>	
EWG M&A (5% of \$3,610,000)	\$180,500
EWG Planning	\$646,083
<b>Less EWG Total Costs</b>	<b>(\$826,583)</b>
<b>2023 Grant Funds Available for Projects</b>	<b>\$2,783,417</b>
Project Awards	\$2,783,417
Remaining funds	\$0

LETPA & Nat'l Priority Areas	Required Minimums*		Project Recommendations	
	%	\$	\$	%
LETPA	35%	\$1,330,000	\$1,346,500	35.43%
<b>National Priority Areas</b>				
Community Preparedness	3%	\$114,000	\$351,000	9.24%
Soft Targets	3%	\$114,000	\$402,773	10.60%
Information & Intelligence Sharing	3%	\$114,000	\$731,692	19.26%
Domestic Violent Extremism	3%	\$114,000	\$168,395	4.43%
Election Security	3%	\$114,000	\$120,000	3.16%
Cybersecurity	0%	\$0	\$443,202	11.66%
Enduring Need	0%	\$0	\$566,355	14.90%
<b>Subtotal National Priority Areas</b>		<b>\$570,000</b>	<b>\$2,783,417</b>	
<b>Total LETPA &amp; Nat'l Priority Areas**</b>		<b>\$2,470,000</b>	<b>\$3,000,360</b>	

\*Required minimums are based on the \$3.8M total grant award for the St. Louis Urban Area.

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

## D. UASI FY 2023 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

UASI FY 2023 Grant - Project Applications & Funding Recommendations											
April 13, 2023											
					Funding Recommendations						
Projects by National Priority Area	Score*	2023 LETPA (35% min. = \$1,330,000)		Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	2023 UASI Funding	2020 & 2021 Washout	Total Funding	Total Amount Not Funded	Recommended Priorities for Future Washout	Notes for Finance Committee
Community Preparedness (3% minimum = \$114,000)											Recipient agency is SCCAD.  Recommending that this project be funded through the Regional T&E program.
STARRS CCTA IRR Program Full-Scale Exercise	15	33%	\$35,640	\$108,000	\$108,000	\$108,000	\$0	\$108,000	\$0		
EMS Mobile Oxygen Generator Program	11	0%	\$0	\$236,000	\$123,000	\$123,000	\$113,000	\$236,000	\$0		
Public Health AFN/Disabilities Planning & Assessment	11	0%	\$0	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$0	\$120,000	\$0		
Public Health NACCHO Summit Attendance	9	0%	\$0	\$25,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,800		
Subtotal Community Preparedness			\$35,640	\$489,800	\$351,000	\$351,000	\$113,000	\$464,000	\$25,800		
Soft Targets (3% minimum = \$114,000)											
Law Enforcement Metro Air Support Radios (x5)	15	0%	\$0	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$100,000	1	Recommending funding for 3 radios in from current washout funds and 2 radios from future washout funds. Project is 100% LETPA, so will meet these requirements in other grant years.  Recipient agency is SLMPD.  Recipient agency is SLMPD.  Recipient agency is Franklin Co.
Law Enforcement Bomb Squad Robot (x1)	15	100%	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000	\$0		
Law Enforcement CBRN Respirator Systems (x22)	13	100%	\$35,873	\$35,873	\$35,873	\$35,873	\$0	\$35,873	\$0		
Law Enforcement Tactical Headsets (x20)	13	100%	\$66,900	\$66,900	\$66,900	\$66,900	\$0	\$66,900	\$0		
Subtotal Soft Targets			\$402,773	\$652,773	\$402,773	\$402,773	\$150,000	\$552,773	\$100,000		

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UASI FY 2023 Grant - Project Applications & Funding Recommendations											
April 13, 2023											
					Funding Recommendations						
Projects by National Priority Area	Score*	2023 LETPA (35% min. = \$1,330,000)		Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	2023 UASI Funding	2020 & 2021 Washout	Total Funding	Total Amount Not Funded	Recommended Priorities for Future Washout	Notes for Finance Committee
Information & Intelligence Sharing (3% minimum = \$114,000)											
Fusion Center Sustainment (St. Louis Regional Fusion Center)	15	100%	\$731,692	\$731,692	\$731,692	\$731,692	\$0	\$731,692	\$0		
Subtotal Information & Intelligence Sharing			\$731,692	\$731,692	\$731,692	\$731,692	\$0	\$731,692	\$0		
Domestic Violent Extremism (3% minimum = \$114,000)											
DVE Initiative	15	100%	\$168,395	\$168,395	\$168,395	\$168,395	\$0	\$168,395	\$0		
STARRS CCTA ILO Program Exercises	15	0%	\$0	\$229,272	\$0	\$0	\$229,272	\$229,272	\$0		
Subtotal Domestic Violent and Extremism			\$168,395	\$0	\$0	\$168,395	\$229,272	\$397,667	\$0		
Election Security (3% minimum = \$114,000)											
Regional Election Security Initiative	11	0%	\$0	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$0	\$120,000	\$0		
Subtotal Election Security			\$0	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$0	\$120,000	\$0		
Cybersecurity											
Regional Cybersecurity Initiative	15	0%	\$0	\$443,202	\$443,202	\$443,202	\$0	\$443,202	\$0		
Subtotal Cybersecurity				\$443,202	\$443,202	\$443,202	\$0	\$443,202	\$0		

## D. UASI FY 2023 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

UASI FY 2023 Grant - Project Applications & Funding Recommendations											
April 13, 2023											
					Funding Recommendations						
Projects by National Priority Area	Score*	2023 LETPA (35% min. = \$1,330,000)		Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	2023 UASI Funding	2020 & 2021 Washout	Total Funding	Total Amount Not Funded	Recommended Priorities for Future Washout	Notes for Finance Committee
Enduring Needs											
Training & Exercise Program Sustainment	15	10%	\$8,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$0	\$80,000	\$0		
Mass Fatality Rapid DNA Sustainment Program (x12)	13	0%	\$0	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$0	\$17,000	\$0		Recipient agency is St. Louis Co. Health Department.
Mass Fatality Investigation Trailers (x2)	13	0%	\$0	\$320,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$0	\$160,000	\$160,000	2	Recommending 2023 funding for 1 trailer and future washout funding for 1 trailer. Recipient agencies are SCCAD and Madison Co. Coroner's Office.
Mass Fatality PPE Cache (x6)	13	0%	\$0	\$78,060	\$78,060	\$78,060	\$0	\$78,060	\$0		Recipient agencies are all 8 county ME/Coroner's offices.
Mass Fatality Specialty Training	13	0%	\$0	\$47,000	\$23,500	\$23,500	\$0	\$23,500	\$23,500	3	
Mass Fatality Portable Radiographic Victim Identification Program (x3)	12	0%	\$0	\$218,661	\$83,048	\$83,048	\$0	\$83,048	\$135,613	4	Recommending 2023 funding for 1 kit and future washout funding for 2 kits. Recipient agencies are St. Louis Co. ME, St. Louis City ME; Madison Co. Coroner's Office.
US&R Sustainment Program	11	0%	\$0	\$360,630	\$124,747	\$124,747	\$0	\$124,747	\$235,883	5	
US&R Command Training	9	0%	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	7	
Public Health CBRN Chemical Workshop	9	0%	\$0	\$59,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$59,400	6	
US&R Initial Series	9	0%	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	8	
Emergency Management Basic Academy	9	0%	\$0	\$44,042	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$44,042		The Basic Academy can be provided at no cost to the region through the States of MO and IL. Funding can also be provided for courses through the Regional T&E program.
Subtotal Enduring Needs			\$8,000	\$1,474,793	\$566,355	\$566,355	\$0	\$566,355	\$908,438		

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UASI FY 2023 Grant - Project Applications & Funding Recommendations											
April 13, 2023											
					Funding Recommendations						
Projects by National Priority Area	Score*	2023 LETPA (35% min. = \$1,330,000)		Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	2023 UASI Funding	2020 & 2021 Washout	Total Funding	Total Amount Not Funded	Recommended Priorities for Future Washout	
Projects Not Recommended for Funding										Notes for Finance Committee	
US&R Flood Response (x5)	8	0%	\$0	\$477,895	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$477,895		
Emergency Management Western Shelter (x8)	7	0%	\$0	\$412,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$412,200		
US&R UTVs (x5)	7	0%	\$0	\$165,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$165,000		
HAZMAT Drone (x1)	7	0%	\$0	\$55,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$55,000		
Law Enforcement (St Clair Co) Shields & Thermals (x10)	7	0%	\$0	\$87,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$87,500		
Law Enforcement (Franklin Co) Ladders (x2)	7	0%	\$0	\$5,304	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,304		
Law Enforcement (StL Co PD) ATVs & Trailers (x3)	7	0%	\$0	\$110,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$110,000		
Healthcare Subcommittee CBRNE Cache (x42)	6	0%	\$0	\$128,811	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$128,811		
Emergency Management Light Towers (x8)	5	0%	\$0	\$46,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$46,400		
Emergency Management Generators (x9)	3	0%	\$0	\$319,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$319,000		
Emergency Management Sandbagger (x1)	2	0%	\$0	\$130,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$130,500		
Emergency Management Fire Safety Trailer	1	0%	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000		
Subtotal Projects Not Recommended for Funding			\$0	\$2,137,610	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,137,610		
Totals			\$1,346,500	\$6,049,870	\$2,615,022	\$2,783,417	\$492,272	\$3,275,689	\$3,171,848		
*Scoring Notes											
Projects that received scores of 11 to 15 are recommended for 2023 UASI funding or a combination of 2023 UASI funding & current washout funding.											
Projects that received a score of 9 to 10 are recommended for future washout funding. There are 2 projects that scored a 9 that are not recommended for direct funding because both projects can be funded through other means or can be obtained at no costs (see Notes for Finance Committee).											
Projects that received a score of less than 9 are not recommended for 2023 UASI funding or future washout funding.											

## **E. UASI FY 2023 PROJECT INVESTMENTS**

For the FY 2023 UASI application cycle, we received a total of 36 project applications. A total of 24 projects were recommended for FY 2023 UASI funding, available FY 2020 / 2021 UASI washout funding, future washout funding, Regional Training & Exercise funding, or some combination of these. A total of 12 projects were not recommended for funding.

The pages that follow provide the information for each project recommended for UASI grant funding. For the FY 2023 application cycle, we are presenting the project investments in a different format. The information is presented using the DHS Investment Justification (IJ) format. The projects are organized as follows:

- 1) Community Preparedness
- 2) Soft Targets
- 3) Information & Intelligence Sharing
- 4) Domestic Violent Extremism
- 5) Election Security
- 6) Cybersecurity
- 7) Enduring Needs

For each of these areas, you will find a summary for each investment, a summary of each project that includes key information and a project description, and the outcome of the evaluation process.

## **E. UASI FY 2023 PROJECT INVESTMENTS**

### ***Projects Not Recommended for Funding***

There are 12 projects that are not recommended for funding. These projects received a score of less than 9 during the evaluation process. Staff recommends that these projects not receive funding because they will decrease the effectiveness of the St. Louis UASI application and including these projects in our application may lead to DHS to deny funding for the project or put our UASI funding on hold. The projects on the not recommended list had a combination of the following deficiencies:

- No or low nexus to terrorism – a nexus to terrorism is a requirement of the UASI grant program and this demonstrated nexus will make up 40% of our effectiveness evaluation. The projects on the not recommended list either have no demonstrated nexus to terrorism or a very low/tenuous nexus.
- No clear tie to a capability or gap identified in the THIRA/SPR – DHS will evaluate all projects in relationship to our THIRA/SPR - 40% of our effectiveness evaluation will be based on this assessment. The projects on the not recommended list did not clearly demonstrate how the project addresses a capability or gap identified in the St. Louis THIRA/SPR.
- Minimal support for regional collaboration – UASI projects must be regional in nature; meaning they will support a regional response capability. The projects on the not recommended list either focus on equipment purchases for a single agency or minimally support regional collaboration because the equipment requested does not lend itself to sharing or deployment.
- Ineligible equipment – as a general rule, we do not fund general purpose vehicles with UASI grant funds. We also do not fund items like drones. DHS has onerous and complicated rules that govern the purchase of drones (or UAVs) with UASI grant funding. As we understand it, no UASI has, to-date, successfully completed DHS's approval and review process for a drone purchase. The projects that requested general purpose vehicles or drones were not recommended for funding.