

AGENDA
EAST-WEST GATEWAY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 – 2:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 22, 2023

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Report on Human Trafficking - Deedee Lhamon, The Covering House, Chief Kurt Frisz, St. Charles County Police
- B. Task Force 46 Exercise – Samantha Lewis

4. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Agreement to Develop the Problem Analysis for the St. Louis Violence Reduction Strategy – Jim Wild
- B. Modifications to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Connected2045, and the Related Air Quality Conformity Determination – Requested by Illinois and Missouri Sponsors - - Jason Lange
- C. Regional Security Expenditures - - Samantha Lewis

5. OTHER BUSINESS

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting can be attended by the public in person or accessed virtually using the link below.

Web Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8496360170225750>

Webinar ID: 492-010-539 Phone: [1-631-992-3221](tel:1-631-992-3221) (Audio Access Code: 161-191-353)

NEXT MEETING DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023



EAST-WEST GATEWAY
Council of Governments

Creating Solutions Across Jurisdictional Boundaries

Memo to: Board of Directors
From: Staff
Subject: Project Notifications
Date: September 11, 2023

Attached is the Project Notification list for August 12 – September 8, 2023. The compiled list contains information about funding requests, grant applications and announcements/ public notices. It is compiled from the weekly statewide project table sent out by the Missouri Federal Assistance Clearinghouse, Missouri Office of Administration, for comments. If you have any questions regarding this attachment, please contact Maureen McCarthy in the Community Planning department.

Chair

Mark A. Kern
Chairman, St. Clair County Board

Vice Chair

Tishaura Jones
Mayor
City of St. Louis

2nd Vice Chair

Tim Brinker
Presiding Commissioner
Franklin County

Executive Committee

Steve Ehlmann
County Executive, St. Charles County

Dennis Gannon
County Executive, Jefferson County

Dennis M. Knobloch
County Board Chairman
Monroe County

Dr. Sam Page
County Executive, St. Louis County

Kurt Prenzler
Chairman
Madison County Board

Members

Honorable Rita Heard Days
Councilwoman, 1st Council District
St. Louis County

Mike Elam
Councilman, District 3
St. Charles County

Megan Green
President, Board of Aldermen
City of St. Louis

Michelle Harris
President
Municipal League of Metro St. Louis

Charles Powell III
Mayor, City of East St. Louis

Vacant
St. Clair County
Herb Roach
Vice President, Southwestern Illinois
Council of Mayors

David Schwind
Madison County

Herbert Simmons
President, Southwestern Illinois
Metropolitan & Regional
Planning Commission

Seth Speiser
President, Southwestern Illinois
Council of Mayors

Donald R. Summers, Jr.
St. Louis County

Regional Citizens

Barbara Geisman
C. William Grogan
John A. Laker
Ron Williams

Non-voting Members

Holly Bieneman
Illinois Department of Transportation

Vacant
Illinois Department of Commerce
and Economic Opportunity

Patrick McKenna
Missouri Department of Transportation

Taulby Roach
Bi-State Development
Aaron Willard
Missouri Office of Administration

Executive Director

James M. Wild

Gateway Tower
One Memorial Drive, Suite 1600
St. Louis, MO 63102-2451

314-421-4220
618-274-2750
Fax 314-231-6120

webmaster@ewgateway.org
www.ewgateway.org

**Project Reviews for East-West Gateway Council of Governments
August 12 – September 8, 2023**

JURISDICTION	APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FEDERAL AGENCY	FEDERAL GRANT/LOAN	FUNDING: STATE, LOCAL/OTHER	TOTAL
St. Louis County City of St. Louis	Betty Jean Kerr People’s Health Centers #2402032	93.224 – Health Center Program (Community Health Centers, Migrant Health Centers, Health Care for the Homeless, and Public Housing Primary Care) Service Area Competition	HHS	\$5,370,671	State: \$2,454,170 Local: \$928,923 Other: \$7,815,027 Program Income: \$10,238,109	\$26,806,900
St. Louis County St. Charles County City of St. Louis Jefferson County Franklin County	Highland CSB1, LLC #2402035	66.045 – Clean School Bus Program Highland Fleets: Greening our School Bus Fleets to Improve Air Quality in Region 7	EPA	\$20,760,000	Applicant: \$9,572,541 Other: \$65,000	\$30,397,541
St. Louis County	City of Florissant #2403001	16.738 – Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Florissant JAG Program	DOJ	\$13,149		\$13,149

MINUTES

EAST-WEST GATEWAY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AUGUST 22, 2023

Voting Members Present

Norm Etling (**Chair**), St. Clair County, IL
Betherny Williams (**Vice-Chair**), City of St. Louis, MO
Chris Doucleff, Madison County, IL
Tom Evers, MoDOT (via webinar)
John Greifzu, St. Charles County, MO
Paul Hampel, St. Louis County, MO
Kevin Jemison, IDOT
Jason Jonas, Jefferson County, MO
Nathan Larson, Madison County, IL
Sam Murphey, Greater St. Louis Inc., MO
Judy Nelson, SWICOM, IL
Ken Sharkey, St. Clair County Transit, IL
Charles Stewart, Bi-State Development/Metro
Tom Caldwell, IDOT

Non-Voting Members Present

Mike Henderson, MoDOT (via webinar)
Betsy Tracy, FHA-IL (via webinar)
Dan Weitkamp, FHWA-MO (via webinar)

EWGCOG Staff:

Jim Wild, Staci Alvarez, Josh Campbell, Kristen Capps-Jones, Anna Chott, Joyce Collins-Catling, Bailey DeJonge, Joe Fetter, Alex Hartig, Christie Holland, Paul Hubbman, Saranya Konala, Ted LaBoube, Jason Lange, Carol Lawrence, Mary Grace Lewandowski, Maureen McCarthy, Marcie Meystrik, Anna Musial, Rachael Pawlak, John Posey, Mary Rocchio, Warren Sallade, Himmer Soberanis, Jennifer Vuitel, Leah Watkins, Derek Wetherell, Aaron Young

CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Advisory Committee was called to order by Mr. Etling, Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2023 MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Doucleff, to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2023 meeting. Motion carried, all voting aye.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Update

Alex Hartig, EWGCOG, provided the committee a brief status of the TAP noting that a call for applications had been made on April 21 resulting in 27 project applications received; this funding round was for Missouri sponsors only. He pointed out that staff is currently evaluating the applications and will present final scores to the Missouri TPC once that process completes.

Once TPC recommendations have been made, staff will present to EAC and BOD at the October meetings followed by public comment period from October 27th through November 16th. Mr. Hartig also noted that presentation of recommendations for final approval and inclusion in the TIP will be made at the January 2024 meetings.

Illinois Department of Transportation amendment to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program and related amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Connected2050

Jason Lange, EWGCOG, informed the committee that the IDOT program was released by the Governor on July 7th after the draft FY 2024-2027 TIP had been released for public comment. He noted that this is a discussion item this month but will be presented in October for final approval once the public comment period concludes. He then gave an overview of the IDOT program summary, project list, amendment descriptions (mostly improvements), air quality conformity (only nine regionally significant projects in the IDOT TIP amendment). Mr. Lange also outlined the schedule of activities noting September 1st is the start of the public comment period with it ending on October 4th; all information regarding the IDOT TIP amendment will be posted on Council's website throughout the comment period.

Local Program Balance Update

Rachael Pawlak, EWGCOG, gave an update regarding the MoDOT policy change to eliminate the balance carry-over. She noted that MoDOT has not notified EWGCOG of the change going into effect as of yet, and that federal annual redistribution of funds is now in progress. She noted that staff is continuing to work with sponsors towards lowering unobligated balances and pointed out that \$91M has to be obligated by the end of the fiscal year (September 2023); updated information will be provided at the October board meeting.

Update on I-270 North

Tom Evers, MoDOT, provided an update on the progress made on the I-270 North project as it nears completion after four years. He also pointed out that this project is the largest active transportation project in the State of Missouri awarded at \$278M. He mentioned that the project has included many facility updates and transformations addressing corridor needs enhancing aging infrastructure, safety, and accessibility. He noted that the environmental assessment study was done in 2017 but talks had begun as early as 2015. Mr. Evers highlighted and discussed completed sections of the Lindbergh Interchange, West Florissant Interchange, Washington/Elizabeth improvements, as well as the current flyover ramp bridge work being done at Route 367 Interchange (expected to open this Fall with a ribbon cutting ceremony). He also commended the various project partners in creating numerous opportunities for the community (both adults and students), exceeding minority and female requirements, as well as the successful PAVE program in its provision of internships and full-time opportunities. He noted that the PAVE program will continue after the completion of this project. Information pertaining to the project can be found on the www.i270north.org website.

Eric Kopinski, MoDOT, presented to the committee updated information regarding the Rebuild of I-70 noting that the Governor approved funding in the \$2.8B budget for the I-70 project expanding to three lanes across Missouri, from suburban St. Louis to suburban Kansas City. He named the I-70 program team pointing out that a Project Director is expected to soon be located in the St. Louis area, as well as discussing the program goals, funding breakdown, planned improvements, and the tentative schedule mentioning that the eight-year project is expected to be

completed by Fall 2030. He concluded that the goal of the project is to provide safe, efficient, and environmentally sound corridor needs for this national interstate; updates and other information will be provided as progression occurs.

Violence Reduction Center Practicum Update

Jim Wild, EWGCOG, provided the committee with a quick update regarding the VRC Practicum noting that staff is working to conduct a problem analysis for types of crimes, why these crimes are happening, and who are committing these crimes. He mentioned that weekly meetings with Mr. Abt, and the National Network for Safe Communities, are currently being conducted, and is looking towards early November 2023 as the meeting date but it could be later. He pointed out that various cases have been looked at with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, and others, to move the process forward; future updates are forthcoming.

ACTION ITEMS

Auditors' Report on Financial Statements for Calendar Year 2022

Jim Wild, EWGCOG, commented to the committee that the annual audit presentation is made each August of findings conducted by the KEB auditing firm; those findings are being shared today to be recommended for board approval.

Brian Wuertz, KEB, provided a summary of the audit noting the responsibilities of both the Council and auditors. He noted that no non-compliance or material weaknesses were evidenced and has therefore given an unmodified opinion after examining the Council's financial statements. He briefly discussed the summary of financial statements, and other required communication indicating that an implementation adjustment was made on the balance sheet due to the type of lease adjustment adopted by Council. He lastly noted that no significant encounters while conducting the audit nor any disagreements with management were experienced resulting in the representation letter given on August 15, 2023 certifying a complete and accurate audit. Mr. Wuertz expressed appreciation, and thanked the EWG staff, for its cooperation and assistance.

Staff recommends board acceptance of the auditors' report for calendar year 2022.

Motion to recommend approval of staff's recommendation was made by Mr. Greifzu seconded by Mr. Jonas. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Approval of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Certification, the Final Air Quality Conformity Determination and Documentation for the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program and related amendments to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Connected2050, and the Final FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program

Jason Lange, EWGCOG, provided the committee the final document noting that the public comment period has been completed as well as the AQCD completion. He noted that a few changes had been made since the draft document had been presented; mostly carryover projects receiving one-time schedule extensions, as well as the inclusion of IDOT's projects that were released by the Governor after the draft document had been presented. Mr. Lange mentioned that public comments are summarized and are available for review on the Council's website.

Staff recommends board approval of the final documents as presented.

Motion to recommend board approval of staff's recommendation was made by Mr. Sharkey seconded by Mr. Greifzu. Motion carried, all voting aye.

St. Louis Regional Freightway Freight Development Project List

Mary Lamie, St. Louis Regional Freightway, provided the committee with an indepth progress presentation highlighting mission and goals, multimodal transportation projects list, as well as infrastructure updates, and marketing overview. She discussed the updated 2024 priority projects list, funded and partially funded projects, resources being utilized, highlights and media campaigns from the annual FreightWeek, comprehensive real estate updates, riverboat cruises that communicated opportunities to students, and historic highs in industrial real estate. She mentioned that the Freightway Committee meets regularly and that updates and more information can be found on the Freightway website. Ms. Lamie also noted that future updates will be made available and provided on priority lists, efforts, and improvement progress.

Staff recommends board approval of the project list as presented.

Motion to recommend board approval of staff's recommendation was made by Mr. Greifzu seconded by Mr. Doucleff. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Regional Security Expenditures

Kristen Capps-Jones, EWGCOG, presented to the committee staff's request authorizing expenditure of funds in support of regional security that will improve the region's disaster preparedness and response capabilities for part-time Policy, Procedure and Audit Advisor (12 month period); the renewal of four software licenses in support of the Regional Cybersecurity Initiative; renewal of three software license and dark web monitoring access in support of the Homeland Security Grant Program's Combating Domestic Violent Extremism priority area (12 month period); and the procurement of one Rapid DNA System for St. Charles County for a total amount not to exceed \$477,000 from the UASI grant program.

Staff recommends board approval authorizing expenditure of funds from the UASI grant in support of regional security that improve the region's disaster preparedness and response capabilities.

Motion to recommend board approval of staff's recommendation was made by Ms. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Doucleff. Motion carried, all voting aye.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Doucleff seconded by Ms. Nelson. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James M. Wild". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

James M. Wild
Secretary, Board of Directors



EAST-WEST GATEWAY
Council of Governments

Creating Solutions Across Jurisdictional Boundaries

Memo to: Board of Directors

From: Staff

Subject: Agreement to Develop a Problem Analysis for the St. Louis Violence Reduction Strategy

Date: September 14, 2023

In May, EWG hosted the St. Louis Regional Crime Summit. Since that time, EWG staff have been working with the Violence Reduction Center (VRC) at the University of Maryland and the National Network for Safe Communities (NNSC) at John Jay College to define the scope of work and schedule to develop a Violence Reduction Strategy (VRS) for the St. Louis region. The St. Louis VRS will be developed through a collaboration between EWG staff, the VRC, and the NNSC. The NNSC will work closely with EWG staff to identify law enforcement partners, collect and analyze data, hold facilitated discussions with partners, identify factors that contribute to violence in the St. Louis region, develop a Problem Analysis that summarizes findings, and present the findings to regional stakeholders. The Problem Analysis will be used as a reference in a 3-5 day practicum conducted by VRC staff later this year which will produce a VRS that includes concrete, actionable recommendations to reduce violence. It is necessary for EWG to enter into an agreement with the NNSC for this work.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the Research Foundation of the City University of New York on behalf of the National Network for Safe Communities at John Jay College to develop the Problem Analysis for an amount not exceed \$30,000.

Chair

Mark A. Kern
Chairman, St. Clair County Board

Vice Chair

Tishaura Jones
Mayor
City of St. Louis

2nd Vice Chair

Tim Brinker
Presiding Commissioner
Franklin County

Executive Committee

Steve Ehlmann
County Executive, St. Charles County

Dennis Gannon
County Executive, Jefferson County

Dennis M. Knobloch
County Board Chairman
Monroe County

Dr. Sam Page
County Executive, St. Louis County

Kurt Prenzler
Chairman
Madison County Board

Members

Honorable Rita Heard Days
Councilwoman, 1st Council District
St. Louis County

Mike Elam
Councilman, District 3
St. Charles County

Megan Green
President, Board of Aldermen
City of St. Louis

Michelle Harris
President
Municipal League of Metro St. Louis

Charles Powell III
Mayor, City of East St. Louis

Vacant
St. Clair County
Herb Roach
Vice President, Southwestern Illinois
Council of Mayors

David Schwind
Madison County

Herbert Simmons
President, Southwestern Illinois
Metropolitan & Regional
Planning Commission

Seth Speiser
President, Southwestern Illinois
Council of Mayors

Donald R. Summers, Jr.
St. Louis County

Regional Citizens

Barbara Geisman
C. William Grogan
John A. Laker
Ron Williams

Non-voting Members

Holly Bieneman
Illinois Department of Transportation

Vacant
Illinois Department of Commerce
and Economic Opportunity

Patrick McKenna
Missouri Department of Transportation

Taulby Roach
Bi-State Development

Aaron Willard
Missouri Office of Administration

Executive Director

James M. Wild

Gateway Tower
One Memorial Drive, Suite 1600
St. Louis, MO 63102-2451

314-421-4220
618-274-2750
Fax 314-231-6120

webmaster@ewgateway.org
www.ewgateway.org



EAST-WEST GATEWAY
Council of Governments

Creating Solutions Across Jurisdictional Boundaries

Memo to: Board of Directors
From: Staff
Subject: Modifications to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), *Connected 2050*, and the Related Air Quality Conformity Determination – Requested by Illinois and Missouri Sponsors
Date: September 12, 2023

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) have requested to amend the FY 2024-2027 TIP, *Connected 2050*, and the related Air Quality Conformity Determination. In all, they are requesting to add one new project, modify one project, and add one new scoping project. This memo outlines the requested changes.

Missouri New Project

MoDOT is requesting to add a project to make structural repairs to the eastbound I-70 bridge over the Missouri River and I-64 from Leonor K. Sullivan to 22nd Street.

The new project is summarized on the following table:

New Project – Missouri					
Sponsor / TIP #	Title - Limits	Description of Work	County	Federal Cost	Total Cost
MoDOT / 7322D-24	I-70 eastbound over Missouri River; I-64: Leonor K Sullivan Blvd to 22 nd St	Structural repairs	Multi-County-MO	\$900,000	\$1,000,000
TOTAL:				\$900,000	\$1,000,000

Illinois Modified Project

IDOT has requested to modify one project currently programmed in the FY 2024-2027 TIP.

- Chair**
Mark A. Kern
Chairman, St. Clair County Board
- Vice Chair**
Tishaura Jones
Mayor
City of St. Louis
- 2nd Vice Chair**
Tim Brinker
Presiding Commissioner
Franklin County
- Executive Committee**
Steve Ehlmann
County Executive, St. Charles County
Dennis Gannon
County Executive, Jefferson County
Dennis M. Knobloch
County Board Chairman
Monroe County
Dr. Sam Page
County Executive, St. Louis County
Kurt Prenzler
Chairman
Madison County Board
- Members**
Honorable Rita Heard Days
Councilwoman, 1st Council District
St. Louis County
Mike Elam
Councilman, District 3
St. Charles County
Megan Green
President, Board of Aldermen
City of St. Louis
Michelle Harris
President
Municipal League of Metro St. Louis
Charles Powell III
Mayor, City of East St. Louis
Vacant
St. Clair County
Herb Roach
Vice President, Southwestern Illinois
Council of Mayors
David Schwind
Madison County
Herbert Simmons
President, Southwestern Illinois
Metropolitan & Regional
Planning Commission
Seth Speiser
President, Southwestern Illinois
Council of Mayors
Donald R. Summers, Jr.
St. Louis County
- Regional Citizens**
Barbara Geisman
C. William Grogan
John A. Laker
Ron Williams
- Non-voting Members**
Holly Bieneman
Illinois Department of Transportation
Vacant
Illinois Department of Commerce
and Economic Opportunity
Patrick McKenna
Missouri Department of Transportation
Taulby Roach
Bi-State Development
Aaron Willard
Missouri Office of Administration
Executive Director
James M. Wild

Board of Directors
September 12, 2023
Page 2

The modified project is summarized on the following table:

Modified Project – Illinois				
Sponsor/ TIP #/ County/	Project Title - Limits	Description of Work	Current Cost / Revised Cost	Reason for Change
IDOT/ 7144E-23 / Multi- County-IL	Traffic Signal Modernization – At various locations in Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair counties	Upgrade pedestrian signals and pushbuttons	\$1,188,000/ \$2,000,000	Increased engineer’s estimate

Missouri Scoping Project

MoDOT has requested to add one scoping project. MoDOT's scoping policy is intended to ensure that projects have defined scopes and construction cost estimates before they are committed to the TIP. At this time, there is no construction funding committed to this project and the project entails preliminary engineering only (30 percent engineering).

The new scoping projects are summarized on the following table:

New Scoping Project - Missouri				
Sponsor / TIP #/ Sponsor #	Limits/Description of Work	County	Fed Cost for Design	Total Cost for Design
MoDOT / 7322C-24/ SL0182	I-64: 4 th St to 18 th St; I-44 at Park/Cole; I-64/MO 364 over Missouri River - Scoping for debris netting on I-64 downtown and fence repair on I-44, MO 364, and I-64 over Missouri River	Multi-County- MO	\$90,000	\$100,000

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the FY 2024-2027 TIP, *Connected 2050*, and related Air Quality Conformity Determination be revised to add one new project, modify one project, and add one new scoping project as summarized above and detailed in the attachment. These projects are not regionally significant with respect to air quality in accordance with federal regulations.

Board of Directors
September 12, 2023
Page 3

Amendment # **0923-001**
TIP # **7322D-24**
Sponsor # **ST0071**

PROJECT
SPONSOR: **MoDOT**

ACTION
REQUESTED: Revise FY 2024 of the FY 2024-2027 TIP to add a project

TITLE: **I-70/I-64**

LIMITS: I-70 eastbound over Missouri River; I-64: Leonor K. Sullivan Blvd to 22nd St.

DESCRIPTION: Structural repairs

COUNTY: Multi-County

FUNDING
SOURCE: National Highway Performance Program (NHPP)

	Federal	Match	Total
PE	\$180,000	\$20,000	\$200,000
ROW	\$0	\$0	\$0
Implementation	\$720,000	\$80,000	\$800,000
Total	\$900,000	\$100,000	\$1,000,000

AIR QUALITY
CONFORMITY: Not regionally significant

STAFF
RECOMMENDATION: Approval



EAST-WEST GATEWAY
Council of Governments

Creating Solutions Across Jurisdictional Boundaries

Chair

Mark A. Kern
Chairman, St. Clair County Board

Vice Chair

Tishaura Jones
Mayor
City of St. Louis

2nd Vice Chair

Tim Brinker
Presiding Commissioner
Franklin County

Executive Committee

Steve Ehlmann
County Executive, St. Charles County

Dennis Gannon
County Executive, Jefferson County

Dennis M. Knobloch
County Board Chairman
Monroe County

Dr. Sam Page
County Executive, St. Louis County

Kurt Prenzler
Chairman
Madison County Board

Members

Honorable Rita Heard Days
Councilwoman, 1st Council District
St. Louis County

Mike Elam
Councilman, District 3
St. Charles County

Megan Green
President, Board of Aldermen
City of St. Louis

Michelle Harris
President
Municipal League of Metro St. Louis

Charles Powell III
Mayor, City of East St. Louis

Vacant
St. Clair County
Herb Roach
Vice President, Southwestern Illinois
Council of Mayors

David Schwind
Madison County

Herbert Simmons
President, Southwestern Illinois
Metropolitan & Regional
Planning Commission

Seth Speiser
President, Southwestern Illinois
Council of Mayors

Donald R. Summers, Jr.
St. Louis County

Regional Citizens

Barbara Geisman
C. William Grogan
John A. Laker
Ron Williams

Non-voting Members

Holly Bieneman
Illinois Department of Transportation

Vacant
Illinois Department of Commerce
and Economic Opportunity

Patrick McKenna
Missouri Department of Transportation

Taulby Roach
Bi-State Development

Aaron Willard
Missouri Office of Administration

Executive Director

James M. Wild

Memo to: Board of Directors

From: Staff

Subject: Regional Security Expenditures

Date: September 12, 2023

Staff is requesting authorization to expend funds in support of regional security that will improve the region's disaster preparedness and response capabilities. Funding will come from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant program. Attachment A summarizes the purchases, totaling \$12,325.00.

REGIONAL CYBERSECURITY INITIATIVE:

Recorded Future Software Functionality – In August 2023, the Board authorized EWG to purchase a 12-month renewal of four (4) software licenses for the Recorded Future cybersecurity intelligence software for use by the Regional Cybersecurity Coordinator and Analyst, as well as other investigators and analysts in support of the Regional Cybersecurity Initiative. The software provides cybersecurity related intelligence and analysis of a unique nature to include threat, brand, vulnerability and geopolitical intelligence. An additional functionality of the software has been identified that will allow cybersecurity personnel to locate and remove malicious cybersecurity threats. The total cost will not exceed \$12,325.00 from the UASI grant program.

Gateway Tower
One Memorial Drive, Suite 1600
St. Louis, MO 63102-2451

314-421-4220
618-274-2750
Fax 314-231-6120

webmaster@ewgateway.org
www.ewgateway.org

Board of Directors
September 12, 2023
Page 2

Staff recommends that the Board approve the expenditure of funds as follows:

- for the purchase of the malicious cybersecurity threat removal functionality of the Recorded Future software from Carahsoft Technology Corp of Reston, VA for an amount not to exceed \$12,325.00;

for a total amount not to exceed \$12,325.00 from the UASI grant program.

ATTACHMENT A

**Expenditures for Equipment and Services
September 11, 2023**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Jurisdiction/Agency</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Emergency Response Software (UASI)				
Carahsoft Technology Corp (Reston, VA)	Regional Cybersecurity Initiative Malicious Cybersecurity Threat Removal Functionality - Recorded Future Software	Regional	1	\$12,325
TOTAL EXPENDITURES				\$ 12,325

Total UASI Expenditures: \$12,325