

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Indiana Government Center- South, IDHS Suite, Preparedness Room and Microsoft Teams Meeting

Joel Thacker – Chair

Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Arnes, Pascal – Decatur Township Fire Department
Baird, Brian – Johnson County Commissioner
Barnes, Tracey – Indiana Office of Technology Executive Director*
Booker, Shane – Hamilton County EMA
Cain, Steven – Purdue University Extension*
Fay, Sally – Integrated Public Safety Commission*
Johnson, Phil – University of Notre Dame, retired*
Rogowski, Peri – Indiana Department of Homeland Security State Planning Director
Thacker, Joel – Indiana Department of Homeland Security Executive Director
Zeeks, Jack – Marion Township Rural Fire Department

*attended via Microsoft Teams

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Beier, Bernie – Allen County Homeland Security Director
Bilkey, Matt – Indiana State Police Assistant Chief of staff/Operations
Elcesser, John – Indiana Non-Public Education Association Executive Director
Yazel, Eric – Indiana State EMS Medical Director

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND QUORUM

Joel Thacker, Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) Executive Director, called the SAC meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Roll call was taken, and it was determined that there was a quorum.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM MARCH 7, 2023 MEETING

Joel Thacker presented the March 7, 2023 SAC meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION:

Pascal Arnes moved to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2023 SAC meeting. The motion was seconded by Shane Booker. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

ALL IN FAVOR:

Arnes, Pascal
Baird, Brian
Barnes, Tracey
Booker, Shane
Cain, Steven
Fay, Sally
Johnson, Phil
Rogowski, Peri
Thacker, Joel
Zeeks, Jack

OPPOSED: NA

INFORMATION REGARDING THE FFY 2023 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP) FEDERAL NOFO AND APPLICATION PROCESS

Rachel Cosner presented to the committee a review of the FFY 2023 SHSP national priorities, example projects, objectives, requirements and application process.

SHSP Requirements

IDHS target allocation is \$4,847,500.00. IDHS, as the SHSP grant pass-through entity, is required to award 80%, or \$3,878,000.00, of the federal award while maintaining 20%, or \$969,500.00, for internal projects including 5%, or \$242,375.00, for the management and administration of the award. The 20% includes the Fusion Center project(s) and any other state project(s). IDHS must ensure at least 35%, or \$1,696,625.00, of the federal award is used for Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA). IDHS must also ensure that at least 30%, or \$1,454,250.00, of the award goes toward the identified national priorities/investment justifications. IDHS must make these subawards available within 45 days of IDHS accepting the federal award. Lastly, the establishment of a Senior Advisory Committee is required by the SHSP grant.

National Funding Priorities

The FEMA-identified SHSP national priorities, or investment justifications (IJ), are as follows: Cybersecurity, Soft Targets/Crowded Places, Information and Intelligence Sharing and Cooperation, Domestic Violent Extremism, Enhancing Community Preparedness and Resilience and Enhancing Election Security.

Cybersecurity Investment Justification

The cybersecurity investment justification does not have a minimum requirement. Cybersecurity investments must support the security and functioning of critical infrastructure and core capabilities as they relate to preventing, preparing for, protecting against or responding to acts of terrorism.

Soft Targets and Crowded Places Investment Justification

The soft targets and crowded places investment justification must be at least 3%, or \$145,425.00, of the award. Soft targets and crowded places are increasingly appealing to terrorists due to their relative accessibility and large number of potential targets. This

is complicated by the prevalent use of simple tactics and less sophisticated attacks. Public and private sectors should collaborate to enhance security in these locations.

Information and Intelligence Sharing and Cooperation Investment Justification

The information and intelligence sharing and cooperation investment justification must be at least 3%, or \$145,425.00, of the award. This investment justification is where the Fusion Center's application will be housed. Cooperation and information sharing among state, federal and local partners across all areas of the homeland security enterprise, including counterterrorism, cybersecurity, 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.

Domestic Violent Extremism Investment Justification

The domestic violent extremism investment justification must be at least 3%, or \$145,425.00, of the award. This investment justification must be in support of the state's efforts to combat the rise, influence and spread of domestic violent extremism.

Enhancing Community Preparedness and Resilience Investment Justification

The enhancing community preparedness and resilience investment justification must be at least 3%, or \$145,425.00, of the award. This investment justification must bolster community preparedness and resilience by investing in local, community-driven capabilities, enable community organizations to have the capabilities to withstand acts of terrorism and provide essential services, and address the needs of underserved, at-risk communities to help ensure consistent and systematic, fair, just, and impartial treatment of all individuals before, during, and after a disaster.

Enhancing Election Security Investment Justification

The enhancing election security investment justification must be at least 3%, or \$145,425.00, of the award. 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.

Addressing National Priorities

IDHS sent an information bulletin to the locals the week of March 7, 2023, which highlighted this year's national priorities, funding caps, application caps and SHSP requirements. Applicants could submit one priority application and one enduring needs application with a cap of \$150,000.00 per project. These applications were due on April 25, 2023, at 5 p.m. EDT. IDHS received a total of one-hundred sixty (160) applications requesting \$17,384,942.06. One-hundred three (103) applications were priority and the remaining fifty-seven (57) applications were enduring needs. Each application was reviewed based on fit of terrorism nexus, national priority and Indiana core capability ranking. Additionally, all communications projects were reviewed by the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) and all cyber security projects were reviewed by the Indiana Office of Technology (IOT). The Core Capabilities applicants used to justify their projects were compared to Indiana's Core Capabilities chart, which was determined by the 2022 Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR). Regarding the core capability chart,

green is considered a high priority, yellow is considered a medium priority, red is a low priority and grey is not considered a priority at this time.

REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: FUND

Thirty-eight (38) projects totaling \$3,912,000.00 were recommended for funding by the SHSP review committee. Twenty-two (22) applications totaling \$2,196,911.06 were recommended for the national priority IJs. Sixteen (16) applications totaling \$1,715,088.94 were recommended for the enduring needs IJs.

MOTION

Sally Fay moved to approve and include the thirty-eight (38) applications in the federal application. The motion was seconded by Phil Johnson. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

ALL IN FAVOR:

Arnes, Pascal
Baird, Brian
Barnes, Tracey
Booker, Shane
Cain, Steven
Fay, Sally
Johnson, Phil
Rogowski, Peri
Thacker, Joel
Zeeks, Jack

OPPOSED: NA

REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: DENY

The SHSP review committee recommended the SAC deny the remaining one-hundred twenty-two (122) applications which totaled \$13,296,466.66.

MOTION

Shane Booker moved to deny the remaining one-hundred twenty-two (122) applications. The motion was seconded by Pascal Arnes. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

ALL IN FAVOR:

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OPPOSED: NA

NEXT MEETING

The next SAC meeting will be in September after IDHS receives the federal award letter from FEMA. Rachel Cosner will send an invite to the SAC closer to the date.

ADJOURNMENT

Following no further discussion or business, Joel Thacker thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The SAC meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.