

AGENDA
ST. LOUIS AREA REGIONAL RESPONSE SYSTEM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, April 9, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER BY SGT. BILL ROCHE

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Directors Report

GREGGORY FAVRE
STARRS

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. Finance Committee Recommendations

BILL ROCHE
GREGGORY FAVRE

5. OTHER BUSINESS

6. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The next STARRS Board meeting is currently scheduled for MAY 14th, 2020. Given the fluidity of the regional COVID-19 response and the impact it has on this board, we will continue to evaluate the needs of the organization and our membership and will provide updates to the meeting schedule as needed.

MEETING CALL IN INFORMATION:

1-605-313-5111
Code: 193547



Memo to: STARRS Board
From: Gregory J. Favre, Executive Director *G*
Subject: STARRS Finance Committee Report
Date: April 4, 2020

The STARRS Finance Committee met on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 to make recommendations for awarding potential funding from the FY 2020 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant program.

On February 14, 2020, U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) notice of funding opportunity for the UASI grant program was announced.

Following the announcement, disciplines met in their subcommittees to discuss their projects. The subcommittees ranked and stacked their greatest priorities and submitted their proposals to STARRS at large.

In total, 51 projects were submitted for consideration, requesting more than 14 million dollars. Of the proposals submitted, all but two met the basic requirements to submit IJs for funding. The sponsoring subcommittees were contacted and together with STARRS staff, completed the Investment Justification process.

In addition to the IJs, STARRS staff reviewed all the submitted project applications and developed one-page overviews for each proposal, for the Finance Committee to consider in their review. In addition to providing a project summary, this one-page overview included assessments of how the project fairs against the new federally required grant mandates.

Specifically:

- where the project fit in the "National Priorities", a new required funding area,
- how the project would help achieve the minimum percentages required in each National Priority, including LETPA.
- how the project fit within FEMA's core competencies,
- how the project efficacy may be score against FEMA's national grading scale,
- how the project measures against the St. Louis regional THIRA/SPR.

During the Committee meeting members discussed specific projects and determined funding recommendations for FY 2020.

The attached spreadsheet and minutes provide a summary of the Committee's recommendations

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board accept the recommendations of the STARRS Finance Committee.

Thank you for your participation in this meeting, especially considering all of the pressing demands around our collective COVID-19 response. Our region is unquestionably safer for the time and experience you bring to our work. Thank you for choosing to serve.

Respectfully & In service,

Gregory J. Favre
Executive Director

UASI FY 2020 Grant - Funded Projects by National Priority Area

March 27, 2020

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| EWG Costs | \$1,012,842 |
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| National Priority Area | Projects | Score | LETPA? | \$ - Base | \$ - +15% | Total 2020 Application Amt. | 2018/2019 Washout | Priorities |
|---|--|-------|--------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Cybersecurity | Regional Cybersecurity Initiative | 15 | Y | \$621,900 | \$0 | \$621,900 | \$0 | |
| Soft Targets | St. Louis Regional Training and Exercise | 15 | Y | \$25,000 | \$0 | \$25,000 | \$0 | |
| | Metro Air Support, Thermal Camera | 13 | Y | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$450,000 | |
| | Metro Air Support, Moving Map | 13 | Y | \$130,000 | \$0 | \$130,000 | \$0 | |
| | SWAT and TEMS Ballistic Vests Replacements | 11 | Y | \$372,750 | \$0 | \$372,750 | \$0 | |
| | RTF Readiness EMS Rescue Task Force Teams Deployable Protective Equipment | 11 | Y | \$32,628 | \$0 | \$32,628 | \$0 | |
| | Cyanide Antidote (Cyano-Kits) | 9 | | \$0 | \$58,500 | \$58,500 | \$0 | 1 |
| | US&R Initial Training Series | 9 | | \$0 | \$97,250 | \$97,250 | \$0 | 2 |
| | US&R Task Force Leader Training | 9 | | \$0 | \$20,060 | \$20,060 | \$0 | 3 |
| | US&R Technical Search Training | 9 | | \$0 | \$30,320 | \$30,320 | \$0 | 4 |
| | US&R Concrete Chainsaws | 9 | | \$0 | \$23,500 | \$23,500 | \$0 | 5 |
| | Refrigerated Morgue Trailer | 9 | | \$0 | \$140,000 | \$140,000 | \$0 | 6 |
| | Cardiac Monitor Defibrillator Replacements | 9 | | \$0 | \$112,610 | \$112,610 | \$0 | 7 |
| Subtotal Soft Targets | | | | \$560,378 | \$482,240 | \$1,042,618 | \$450,000 | |
| Information & Intelligence Sharing | Fusion Center Sustainment | 15 | Y | \$577,580 | \$0 | \$577,580 | \$0 | |
| Emerging Threats | Homemade Explosives Response and Awareness Training | 15 | Y | \$45,000 | \$0 | \$45,000 | \$0 | |
| | Unmanned Aerial Surveillance Detection | 13 | Y | \$143,800 | \$0 | \$143,800 | \$0 | |
| | Regional Pandemic Preparedness Summit and Exercise Series | 13 | | \$8,000 | \$0 | \$8,000 | \$0 | |
| | Cold Chain Management Capabilities Enhancement | 13 | | \$4,500 | \$0 | \$4,500 | \$0 | |
| | Rapid DNA Instrument | 13 | | \$281,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | |
| | Exercise Series for the St. Louis Bi-State Region Mass Fatality Resource Coordination Plan | 13 | | \$60,000 | \$0 | \$60,000 | \$0 | |
| | Bomb Suit Sustainment | 9 | Y | \$0 | \$40,000 | \$40,000 | \$0 | 1 |
| | Nano X-Ray Machine | 13 | Y | \$0 | \$86,000 | \$86,000 | \$0 | 2 |
| | CBRNE Detection Instrumentation and Support | 9 | Y | \$0 | \$169,000 | \$169,000 | \$0 | 3 |
| Subtotal Emerging Threats | | | | \$542,300 | \$295,000 | \$837,300 | \$0 | |
| Project Totals | | | | \$2,302,158 | \$777,240 | \$3,079,398 | \$450,000 | |
| Grand Total (EWG Costs + Projects) | | | | | | \$4,092,240 | 16.92% | |

| LETPA & Priority Areas | Required Minimums* | | Project Recommendations | |
|---|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| | % | \$ | \$ | % |
| LETPA | 25% | \$1,023,060 | \$2,597,158 | 63.47% |
| Cybersecurity - election security | 5% | \$204,612 | \$621,900 | 15.20% |
| Soft Targets - election security | 5% | \$204,612 | \$1,042,618 | 25.48% |
| Information & Intelligence Sharing | 5% | \$204,612 | \$577,580 | 14.11% |
| Emerging Threats | 5% | \$204,612 | \$837,300 | 20.46% |
| Total LETPA & Nat'l Priority Areas** | | \$818,448 | \$5,676,556 | 138.72% |

*Required minimums are based on the \$4.066M total application amount.

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

| | Base |
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| Grant Amount | \$3,500,000 |
| State M&A (5%) | \$175,000 |
| NSGP M&A (2 projects, \$100k, 5%) | \$10,000 |
| 2020 Grant Funds Award | \$3,315,000 |
| EWG Costs | \$1,012,842 |
| 2020 Grant Funds Available for Projects | \$2,302,158 |
| Variance | 0 |

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Topic/Subject: UASI FY 2020 Finance Committee Meeting

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| Meeting Date: | 31 March 2020 |
| Meeting Time: | 1400 |
| Meeting Location: | STARRS Conference Line |
| Meeting Facilitated By: | Tony Falconio, Bill Roche |
| Members Present: | Tony Falconio, Bill Roche, Justen Hauser, Jim Wild, Gary Christman, Joann Lykum, Don Fehr, Greg Brown |

Discussion:

- I. The UASI FY 2020 Finance Committee Meeting opened with an introduction and review of new requirements in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the 2020 UASI grant.
- II. The committee reviewed and discussed proposed changes, including:
 - a. Increasing the score for the Metro Air Support Moving Map project from 7 to 13. This proposed scoring change would alter the project's \$130,000 request, removing it from the initially recommended "don't fund" category and placing it in to the "fund" category.
 - b. The SWAT and TEMS Vests projects were discussed. The committee proposed providing only specific armor pieces in this regional purchase, limiting the procurement solely to vests and plates. Additional types of armor requests (sleeves, groin or ear protection and helmets) were removed. The proposed changes reduced needed project funding from \$394,330 to \$372,750.
 - c. The Nano X-Ray Machines project was discussed. It was felt the team had sufficient access to additional machines through reliable outside sources. A proposal was made to move the project from the "fund" category at \$86,000 to the "fund with +15%" category.
 - d. Fusion Center Sustainment was discussed. Given the ongoing availability of previous FY grant fund availability to the Fusion Center, the Finance Committee proposed lowering the Fusion Center FY2020 allocation from \$600,000 to \$577,580.
- III. With the proposed changes above to the SWAT and TEMS Vests, Nano X-Ray Machines, and Fusion Center Sustainment projects, funds became available for the Metro Air Moving Map project (\$130,000).

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- IV. A motion was made to approve funding the “Base” projects across all the national priorities, to include the addition of Metro Air’s moving map and new dollar amounts determined by the finance committee. The motion was seconded and a vote called. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. The Finance Committee prioritized the +15% projects in Emerging Threats and Soft Targets. They determined these would remain the priorities for any wash out funds that became available.
- VI. A motion was made to approve the prioritization and funding of both the “+15%” projects and washout funding as determined by the finance committee. The motion was seconded and a vote called. The motion passed unanimously.

Conclusion:

The Metro Air Support Moving Map project was moved from recommended “do not fund” to “fund”.

The SWAT and TEMS Ballistic Vests projects was altered to allow every agency to receive vests and ballistics plates. Any additional equipment such as helmets and armored sleeves would need to be purchases by the agencies.

The Nano X-Ray Machines were moved from “fund” to “fund with +15%,”.

Fusion Center Sustainment was reduced by \$22,420.

The Finance Committee prioritized both +15% funds and washout funds.

Other Information:

N/A