



To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority

From: Corey Reynolds, BayRICS General Manager

Date: January 14, 2021

Re: Item 05: UASI FY21 Proposed Sustainment and Regional Projects - BayRICS Annual Report and FY21 Proposed Funding

Staff Recommendation:

Approve \$59,000 from the FY21 UASI grant to fund the BayRICS Regional Voice and Broadband Data Communications Planning and Governance project.

Action or Discussion Items:

Action

Background:

Regional interoperability is a multi-dimensional challenge and requires coordination across five interdependent elements, which must be considered together in order to foster true regional interoperable communications: Governance, SOPs, Technology, Usage, and Training & Exercise. BayRICS serves as the coordination body to ensure progress across each of these elements, and does so through the development of regional governance documents (e.g. MOUs), plans (e.g. TICP), guidance (e.g. radio programming guides and SOPs), technology support and troubleshooting (through the Radio Operators Advisory Group), and ensuring regional participation in trainings and exercises.

Discussion:

BayRICS General Manager Corey Reynolds will provide an annual report on the BayRICS 2020 achievements in voice and data interoperability in a PowerPoint presentation. This Annual Report substantiates the request for FY21 funding in the amount of \$59,000 for BayRICS to continue supporting terrorism preparedness through regional public safety voice and broadband communications planning and governance. A planned transition away from UASI grant funds over the next six years for the BayRICS JPA to become self-sustaining will also be reviewed.