



**To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority**  
**From: Mike Sena, NCRIC, Advisory Group Chairperson**  
**Date: April 3, 2012**  
**RE: Item #7: Report Out From Advisory Group**

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On March 29, 2012, the UASI Advisory Group held a meeting to review the FY 2012 UASI Grant Planning Hub Projects. The Advisory Group recommends approving the Hub developed projects. The Advisory Group also recommends the approval of the reserve or below the line project items listed for future Approval Authority approval if additional grant funding is received by the region or redistributed from other projects that are unable to expend grant funding within the term of the grant.

**Discussion:**

During the meeting, the Members of the Advisory Group had in depth discussions regarding the potential for duplicative requests, grant sub-recipients ability to obtain additional funds for partial funding requests and the ability for requesting agencies to expend the funding within the term of the grant. An example of this type of discussion was a request from the West Bay Hub for a Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) Aircraft Camera system that was similar to a South Bay Hub project. After our discussion with the Advisory Group Members and their support staff, we were satisfied that the proposed projects were not duplicative and that the requestors believed they will be able to obtain funding for partially funded projects and complete the projects within the term of the grant.

Members of the Advisory Group did have a question regarding the San Francisco Police Department's request for hand held radios due to a belief that the Approval Authority, as a past practice, did not traditionally authorize the purchase of individual subscriber police radios. SFPD Captain David Lazar stated that the requested radios were not for routine patrol deployment, but were requested to provide the SFPD with the ability to have compatible radios with other jurisdictions when their personnel were deployed outside of the City of San Francisco. I told Captain Lazar that we would request further guidance from the Approval Authority on the requested radios.



The Advisory Group moved forward with the recommendation to approve the entire list from all Hubs with the caveat that we would notify the Approval Authority of the potential conflict with the past practice related to the purchase of individual police radios. The Advisory Group also recommended that the items submitted by the Hubs that exceeded their allotted funding amounts should be kept as a reserve list if additional funding becomes available for those projects in this grant year. The Members of the Advisory Group also made the recommendation that the reserve approved projects lists should be prioritized at the discretion of the originating agencies, as priorities and funding sources may change during the proposals' grant year.

I also wanted to comment on the fact that in this year's Hub process we had only one submitted request from a Hub to allocate funds designated from their area to another Hub for a regional resource. The North Bay Hub submitted a request to contribute funds to an East Bay Hub bomb response resource that would also serve the northern UASI counties. It was good to see this level of cooperation in the true spirit of the Urban Areas Security Initiative.

**Recommendation vote:**

Yes: (Cathey Eide, Bijan Karimi, David Lazar, Dave Hober, Mike Burton, Dennis Houghtelling, Shelly Nelson, Paul Horvat, Mark Robbins, Alexandra Benetti, Chris Helgren, Mike Petrie, and Mike Sena)

No: 0