



## SACRAMENTO REGIONAL OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY

SACRAMENTO UASI

URBAN AREA WORKING GROUP QUARTERLY MEETING

LOCATION: MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING

### MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:**

May 15th, 2024

**TIME:**

1:30 PM

**FACILITATOR:**

LT. Lai Lai Bui, Director Sacramento  
UASI

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Lt. Bui welcomed all attendees

#### 2. Public Comments

Open for public comments – No comments

#### 3. Sacramento UASI FY2024 Budget Update - Bui

DHS made a 10% cut to the nationwide budget for the State Homeland Security Grant programs, including UASI funding. These funds will be shifted toward border security. HSGP Allocation for FY2024 is \$553.5 million compared to \$615 million in FY2023. Sacramento UASI allocation for FY2024 is \$3.41 million compared to \$3.8 million in FY2023 (before CalOES share). After CalOES share, the net allocation for the Sacramento UASI grant is \$2,820,672 in FY2024 compared to \$3,097,000 in FY2023.

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Net Change</b>
Sacramento Area - UASI Allocation	\$ 3,800,000	\$ 3,410,728	\$ (389,272)
CalOES Share	18.5%	17.3%	-1.2%
<b>Sacramento Area - Total Allocation</b>	<b>\$ 3,097,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,820,672</b>	<b>\$ (276,328)</b>

#### 4. Risk Ranking – Bui

Several efforts have been made to challenge Sacramento current risk ranking position. We sent a letter to Homeland Security Secretary, Alejandro Mayorkas, contesting Sacramento region original risk ranking position (we are currently in number 28 out of 100). Before sending the letter, we consulted with Fire Chiefs Rick Bartee and Maurice

Johnson to assess and detail our region's need for increased funding based on our region's assets and current treats. We are also working with the Fusion Center to evaluate ways to improve our ranking position. Despite of these efforts our current ranking remains unchanged for 2024 and our plea for an increase in funding was not answered.

## **5. National Priorities - Bui**

UASI grant requires a minimum 30% of the total budget allocated to National priorities. In the past there was also a minimum percentage for each category. For FY2024 most of the categories are flexible, meaning money can be distributed into the priorities based on regional needs, only Election Security requires a minimum of 3% allocation.

## **6. FY2024 Budget Proposals - Bui**

We prepared two budget models based on the new budget allocation, proposal #1 was prepared focusing more on training and exercises, with no allocation towards equipment (besides EOD equipment which is national priority). Proposal #2 allocated 5% of the total budget towards equipment (non-national priority). The group decided to move forward with proposal #2. The total available allocation for equipment is \$141,416, Training \$750,355, and \$51,000 for exercises.

- Deputy Chief Henry asked what methodology is used to determine the training allocation split between law enforcement and fire, and if the steering committee was involved in the decision-making process.

Lt. Bui explained that DHS requires a minimum of 35% of the budget to be spent on law enforcement terrorism prevention activities (LETPA). Therefore, the training budget is based on federal requirements, current needs, and past trends. We always have the flexibility to move funds around based on the region's needs, if there is a need for a particular training, we have the flexibility to reallocate funds to accommodate the training. Additionally, the steering committee is not involved in the decision-making process regarding the training budget, the steering committee only provides guidance for the purchase of equipment.

- Chief Daly mentioned that sometimes it is challenging to find classes that have a nexus to terrorism that support fire training so at the end some of those funds are reallocated to other training needs.

## **7. UASI Training & Exercise Distribution (3-year summary) – Palacios**

The table below details UASI Training and Exercise budget split for the past 3 years.

	UASI Training/Exercise Budget Distribution					
	2021 Allocation	% Split	2022 Allocation	% Split	2023 Allocation	% Split
Law Enforcement	\$ 273,760	47%	\$ 255,407	28%	\$ 415,000	39%
Fire	\$ 98,800	17%	\$ 246,200	27%	\$ 315,000	29%
Multi-Disciplines	\$ 153,850	27%	\$ 165,101	18%	\$ 238,820	22%
Community	\$ 52,510	9%	\$ 232,910	26%	\$ 105,970	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 578,920</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 899,618</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 1,074,790</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Notes:**

1. Table excludes Equipment
2. FY2021 was a COVID year and training was limited

## 8. Training Plans - Bu

With the budget reduction, we are proposing to deviate a little from utilizing vendors to host training classes or paying for tuitions, instead we ask for your assistance to create more opportunities for localized tabletop exercises that are more effective and can be very valuable to attendees. For instance, we can include more emergency management exercises, mass fatality management trainings to help create MOUs and build policies, or more medical/public health, EMS, hospital, NGO, CBO preparedness exercises. We can also plan the training around your specific landmarks and assets such as the Roseville Galleria or Town Center in EDH where there are large gatherings.

- Lt. Martinez mentioned that as part of the Fusion Center, they are doing a large agricultural preparedness exercise in Tulare County. He thinks it's a great idea to bring these types of exercises home and mentioned that if we decide to move forward with them the Fusion Center will be happy to assist.

As we continue to develop the Training & Exercise budget with more specific projects, we ask you to provide any training ideas or suggestions based on your agency/county needs.

## 9. Upcoming Data Calls – Bu

Data calls for the following items will be forthcoming. It is extremely important to capture all the different events as they affect our ranking and funding.

- a. Critical Infrastructure - May/June
  - b. Special Events – August 1<sup>st</sup>
  - c. Threat: CT, Cyber, TOC – Aug/Sept/Oct
- Lt. Martinez asked if we have clarification from DHS on what information they are looking for regarding Transnational Organized Crime?

We don't have a clear definition regarding this area, so he will be seeing clarification at an upcoming DHS meeting.