



To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority
From: Catherine Spaulding, Assistant General Manager
Date: January 12, 2017
Re: Item 12: Highly Specialized and Unique Regional Equipment

Staff Recommendations:

Approve \$100,000 from leftover grant dollars to fund the Aerial Intelligence and Communication System proposal from the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office

Action or Discussion Items:

Action

Discussion:

The FY17 UASI Project Proposal Guidance states that Approval Authority Members will review/approve proposals for "level one" FY17 regional projects at the January 2017 meeting. For the first time this year, this includes "highly specialized and unique regional equipment." The Guidance also states that such equipment must address a gap stated in a local or state after action report and must have an endorsement from a Bay Area UASI work group that it meets the "highly specialized and unique" threshold.

There is one such regional proposal submitted this year for funding from the FY17 grant: Aerial Intelligence and Communication System (Sonoma). Please see the table on the next page and item appendices for more information.

Based on information submitted for review, the Management Team does not believe this project meets the threshold of "highly specialized and unique" equipment. However, the project was endorsed by the CBRNE Work Group and provided relevant after action report information.

The Management Team recommends funding the project at \$100,000 from leftover UASI funds from prior grant years. We make this recommendation due to the fact that several Approval Authority Members expressed support of using leftover grant funds for this project at the April 2016 meeting, and stakeholders expressed support for this project during its vetting at the November 17 CBRNE Work Group meeting.

**FY17 Project Submitted in the Category of
“Highly Specialized and Unique Regional Equipment”**

Project title	Aerial Intelligence and Communication System
Proposer	Sonoma County Sheriff’s Office
Description	Advanced aerial camera and multi-band communication system for installation on the Sheriff’s Office helicopter.
Requested funding	\$791,813
Fill gap in After Action Report?	Yes
Meet “regional” criteria (benefit at least three hubs in an equal manner)	Although the helicopter provides support to the entire region, no information was provided to demonstrate that it supports at least three hubs in an “equal” manner.
Meet “highly specialized and unique regional equipment” threshold?	There is similar equipment and capability in the Bay Area. Similar equipment has been purchased from core city or hub money in the past.
Endorsed by subject matter experts in a UASI work group?	The CBRNE Work Group participants felt this project was both regional and highly specialized and unique.
Recommended FY17 allocation	\$100,000
Allocation justification	Some Approval Authority Members and SMEs have indicated support