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### **Media Advisory**

## **Nevada Commission on Homeland Security Determines Federal Grant Funding Allocation**

**Carson City, NV** - Governor Sandoval, chairman of the Homeland Security Commission, along with 16 voting members determined the funding allocation for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2012 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP).

At the April 26, 2012 Commission meeting, members approved the recommendation from the Finance Committee for funding 10 statewide projects and 7 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) projects through the FFY 2012 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). Eleven additional projects did not receive any funding. All the projects met the Commission's funding priorities' requirements that were determined at the March 2, 2012 meeting.

The final recommendation to the Homeland Security Commission was the last step of a collaborative process involving two stakeholder working groups, the Homeland Security Working Group and the Urban Area Working Group. Recommendations from these two working groups were presented to the Finance Committee for review and evaluation and then recommended to the Homeland Security Commission.

Total federal funding for Nevada's share of the FFY 2012 HSGP is \$4,310,048. This total includes funding for the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) (\$2,661,250) and the UASI grant (\$1,648,798). Nevada's federal Homeland Security Grant allocation for FFY 2012 is 60% less than the \$11.3 million that was allocated in FFY 2011. The reduction in funding resulted from federal budget cuts to the Homeland Security Grant Program that impacted the program nationwide.

The Commission recommended that unexpended homeland security grant funding from prior years, amounting to \$569,000, be used to support some of the 11 projects that did not receive funding for this year.

The Commission also took action on Nevada's 700 MHz Public Safety Broadband Initiative as part of a federal program, House Resolution (HR) 3630, which establishes the creation of a national interoperable public safety broadband radio network. The requirements of HR 3630 call for the state to establish a single point of contact for Nevada to work with FirstNet (First Responder Network Authority), which is the federal body governing the broadband initiative.

Governor Sandoval requested that a committee under the Nevada Homeland Security Commission be formed to specifically address the requirements of HR 3630. After discussion the Governor accepted a motion from Washoe County Sheriff Michael Haley for the Governor to issue an Executive Order establishing a Board to govern the development and deployment of the State of Nevada Network, known as SONNet. The SONNet Board will be a sub-committee under the authority of the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security. The Governor identified Sheriff Haley to Chair the SONNet Board; he will act in that capacity as a non-voting member.

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