

## Concho Valley Risk Informed Allocation Methodology

The Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (EPAC) calls for projects to be submitted. Projects are solicited through the EPAC to their respective jurisdictions in advance of the Homeland Security Grants Division of the Office of The Governor providing guidance regarding the State Homeland Security Program grant. Once this guidance is provided to the CVCOG, it is distributed to the jurisdictions for their project planning purposes. Projects are entered into the eGrants System when open. Projects are written with support from the CVCOG Homeland Security staff. There are no limits on number of projects or project cost; however, jurisdictions are conscious of the funding limitations. All projects are considered based on; 1) regional priorities, 2) how the project corresponds to the regional Threat and Hazard Identification of Risk Assessment, 3) the regional Stakeholder Preparedness Review, 4) State and Federal Priorities, 5) how it addresses the priorities identified in the funding opportunity's Request for Application issued by the Texas Office of the Governor, 6) how the project addresses National Priorities as required by the federal government, and 7) the cost and program effectiveness. CVCOG Homeland Security Staff must be made aware of an entered grant into eGrants for EPAC prioritization purposes.

Potential grantees are required to answer a set of thirteen questions. The scoring meeting is held mid-January yearly in which grantees are given 10 minutes to discuss their project. The committee is then given up to 30 minutes to question the presenter. During this meeting, the committee scores the projects based on the application submission, the Grantee's presentation, and answers to any questions from the committee. Below is the list of questions on the HSGD Application Score Sheet.

Scoring is based on a maximum points system; Q1=15, Q2-8=10, Q9-11=5, Q12= (-5), Q13= (-5+5)

1. How does the project address the regional priorities identified by EPAC in CVCOG's Threat and Hazard Identification of Risk Assessment (THIRA) and documented within the region's Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR), and Implementation Plan?  
(Approved by EPAC in December)
2. Does the project benefit the region in its entirety?
3. If the project benefits the region in its entirety, how will 24/7 access be provided to other agencies? If not, is it shareable or deployable?
4. Does the project sustain an existing capability?
5. Was the Project Director from the applicant agency at the scoring meeting and knowledgeable about the project?
6. What steps has your agency taken in the last five years to improve the region's ability to protect, prevent, or mitigate against, respond to, or recover from terrorism?

7. Which priority(s) does this project address identified in the funding opportunity's Request for Application issued by the Texas Office of the Governor?
8. Which core capability(s) does this project address identified as a priority by the federal government within the federal Homeland Security Grant guidance?
9. Can this project be scaled down if you only receive partial funding?
10. Did presenter explain the project's goals, and do you feel they are attainable?
11. State Homeland Security Program grant funds are to prevent, protect against, mitigate against, respond to, or recover from terrorism. Does this project provide the proper nexus to terrorism?
12. Does the project require continuing annual costs or expenses to be paid by future grant or unknown sources? (Negative points given if a future funding source is needed unless source is local funds.)
13. Has the applicant been on Vendor Hold with HSGD during the last two plan years (5 point deduction if yes)? If yes, was the vendor hold longer than 30 days (additional 5 point deduction if yes)?

*Vendor holds will result in 5 point deduction, if less than 30 days. Vendor holds longer than 30 days will result in a 10 point deduction.*

The EPAC may vote to rank the projects based on the scores tallied or may prioritize based on the best interests of the region. If prioritization is based on scores, the Homeland Security Staff uses a spreadsheet to triple check EPAC's scores. One high score and one low score of each grantee's total score is removed to counter any offsets. These rankings/prioritizations then advance to the Executive Committee for approval. Upon approval by the Executive Committee, the Homeland Security staff submits the priorities in the regional admin system of eGrants. Letters of prioritization are sent to grantees within 14 days of approval from the Executive Committee.

Approved on 12/07/2022 by:

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EPAC Chair  
Judge Jerry Bearden

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Executive Committee Chair  
Judge Hal Spain