



North Central Texas Council of Governments § Emergency Preparedness Department
Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (REPAC) Scoring Meeting Notes
Transportation Council Room
October 30, 2024 / 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Opening Remarks

Chairs

Roll Call

NCTCOG Staff

Quorum was met.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Members of the public may comment on any item(s) on today's agenda at this time. If speaking, please complete a Speaker Request Card available at the meeting and provide it to the North Central Texas Council of Governments designated staff person. A maximum of (3) minutes per speaker is permitted. At the conclusion of this item, no further opportunities for public comment will be provided for the duration of the meeting. None.

Approval of August 2024 Meeting Notes

Committee Members

- Motion: Michael Baldwin made a motion to approve the August 2024 REPAC meeting notes, the motion was seconded by Scott Eckstein. The motion carried.

OOG Conflict of Interest

NCTCOG Staff

- "The COG shall ensure that members of the COG's governing body, the HSAC [REPAC], and COG staff abstain from scoring and voting on any grant application, other than a grant application submitted by a COG, during the prioritization process if the member or an individual related to the member within the third degree by consanguinity [blood relation] or within the second degree by affinity [marriage]"
- Is employed by the applicant agency and works for the unit or division that would administer the grant, if awarded
- Serves on any governing board that oversees the unit or division that would administer the grant, if awarded
- Owns or controls an interest in a business entity or other non-governmental organization that benefits, directly or indirectly, from activities with the applicant agency
- Receives any funds, or a substantial amount of tangible goods or routine services, from the applicant agency as a result of the grant, if awarded
- If your specific jurisdiction or working group will benefit from the project, you need to abstain from scoring. Please mark abstain next to that project.

Business Items

GY2025 SHSP Projects

- Last year, we received \$1,372,500 for GY2024. That's what we are going to plan for this year. We may have to increase the amount.
- We will have multiple funding tiers this year. Multiple entities are working on a national level to increase funding back to FY2023 levels, which our region received \$1,500,000.
- REPAC and EPPC have approved two Carve Out projects for GY2025.
 - NCTCOG EP Planning Project - \$437,000 (This amount may change.)
 - 2026 FIFA World Cup After Action - \$250,000
- We received just over \$1,000,000 in projects this year from the working groups.

GY2024 SHSP Funding Requirements

- 35% to Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA)
- 27% required to go to National priority Areas. 3% will be statewide competitive for election security.
- Both funding requirements are very important. We have to ensure we meet both requirements.
- We may have to increase dollar amounts for certain projects in order to meet the recommended requirements.

SHSP Scoring Instructions

NCTCOG Staff

- A member from each working group will be allowed up to five (5) minutes per project to discuss their projects.
- Please hold all questions until after the presentation of each item. Questions do not count in the 5 minutes presentation time.
- Please prioritize projects based on the SHSP scoring guidelines in the REPAC Handbook. (Should be 1-13 unless you abstain.)
- If you need to abstain due to a conflict of interest, please put abstain in the comment area and do not rank that project.
- The projects are ranked 1–13.
- Only a REPAC member, or an alternate can score. REPAC members and alternates both cannot score.
- Justin will average all of the scores to account for abstentions.
- There are 13 projects to score.

SHSP Scoring Guidelines (REPAC Handbook)

- Nexus to Terrorism: Establishes correlation to terrorism preparedness and/or prevention
- Regional in Scope: Benefits region as a whole vs. few or one jurisdiction
- Ongoing Sustainment: One-time or sustained by sub-grantee vs. continued SHSP funding
- Capability Gap: Need identified in exercise, real world event, and/or THIRA/SPR
- Reasonable Budget: Amount requested aligns with project
- Overall Quality: Assessment of project
- When prioritizing your projects, please consider the scoring guidelines.

M&A Costs

- The COG can take up to 5% M&A costs of any project that is administered by the COG. The projects that you see today do not have the 5% M&A cost in them. You will see the final project list at the future REPAC meeting. Once the EPPC funding subcommittee has completed their allocations.
- These funds go to COG's accounting and administrative staff.

Projects

- **PWERT (2 Projects)** – Ed Balderas
 - Project One – Type I Dynamic Message Boards (DMBs) – (Waxahachie, Plano, Irving, and Lewisville) - \$84,000
 - Project Two – Type I Floodlights (portable light towers – (Irving and Waxahachie) -\$38,000
 - **Total Budget: \$122,000**
- **SWAT (2 Projects)** – Justin Hawthorn
 - Project One – Interoperable and Communications Closeout Projects - (Carrollton, Waxahachie, and Irving) - \$103,621
 - Project Two – Monocular Thermal Optics – (Frisco, Mansfield, Prosper, Waxahachie) - \$120,000
 - **Total Budget: \$223,621**
- **Interop** – Michael Baldwin
 - Travel Expenses to attend communications related conferences, training, courses and exercises.
 - **Scalable: Ideal \$19,000, Minimum \$10,000**

- **Emergency Management and Training & Exercise** – Shawna Lemley and Lisa Tatum Brown
 - Emergency Management** – Shawna Lemley
 - O-305 Type 3 All-Hazards Incident Management Team, quantity 3.
 - \$40,000 Per training
 - **Total Budget: \$120,000**
 - Training & Exercise** – Lisa Tatum Brown
 - NIMS ICS All-Hazards Position Specific Training courses and Training Supplies
 - **Total Budget: \$75,000**
- **USAR** – Eduardo Saldivar
 - Regional USAR Training
 - **Total Budget: 77,600**
- **EOD** – Joe Baker
 - Training – Advanced CIED Intel/Techniques – 20 Student
 - **Total Budget: \$100,000**
- **CPP** – Cassandra Wallace
 - Provide volunteer support for the 2026 FIFA games by providing 50 Individual First Aid Kits (IFAKs), refill supplies for those IFAKs to be used at the various sites, and identification vests that can be repurposed for future events.
 - Training to meet the continual commitment of CPP.
 - Moulage supplies and training for the continual exercise support of various entities across the metroplex.
 - **Total Budget: \$17,070**
- **Pub Ed** – Laura Sifuentes
 - KnoWhat2Do Website Hosting & Sustainment - \$6,000
 - Public Service Announcement on Outdoor Warning Systems, Emergency Notifications, and Activation - \$44,000
 - **Total Budget: \$50,000**
- **Fusion/Intel** – Malcolm McLaughlin
 - CI/KR Intelligence Analyst
 - **Total Budget: \$75,702**
- **Hazmat** – Jason Payne
 - Air Monitoring for Risk-based Response Course - \$20,596
 - All-Hazard Risk-Based Modular (ARM) Decontamination Course - \$20,596
 - Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Course - \$84,807
 - **Total Budget: 126,000**
- **What's Next?**
 - The projects will be reviewed and the budgets adjusted by the EPPC Funding Subcommittee on November 7th
 - The EPPC funding subcommittee's recommended funding amounts will be announced at the December 5th EPPC Meeting. EPPC will determine the priority list for the 2025 SHSP projects.
 - Federal grant guidance will not be released until a budget is passed by Congress. The OOG will open up EGrants December 16 to apply for SHSP projects.
 - An additional EPPC funding subcommittee meeting will take place if needed (Jan-Feb timeframe)
 - SHSP Priority List approved by Executive Board in February 2025. The list is then sent to the OOG who makes the final selection.
 - COG staff will send out approved amounts and the project rankings.
 - After Action Review Committee to meet in the Spring to discuss 2025 SHSP process.

COG Updates

- Justin will schedule a REPAC New Member Orientation.
- Be sure to sign-in attendance. Justin will be sending letters to members that have not been in attendance.
- The Metro X planning meeting is October 31st, and the Olson Group was the selected vendor. FEMA will be assisting us with Metro X also.
- Metro X dates have been set, October 28–30, 2025.
- We received the Regional Catastrophic grant, and a grant from the Transportation department, Department of Energy.

Upcoming Events

• Metro X Initial Planning Meeting	Oct 31, 2024
• USAR Working Group Meeting	Nov 6, 2024
• EPPC Funding Subcommittee Meeting	Nov 7, 2024
• Region 2 Sheltering Hub Meeting	Nov 7, 2024
• Pub Ed Working Group Meeting	Nov 12, 2024
• EOD Working Group Meeting	Nov 12, 2024
• Cyber/EOC/Fusion AAR Meeting	Nov 12, 2024
• Community Preparedness Program (CPP) Meeting	Nov 13, 2024
• EM Support Team Orientation & Team Training	Nov 13, 2024
• EM Working Group Meeting	Nov 14, 2024
• IAEM Annual Conference, Colorado Springs, CO	Nov 15-21, 2024
• Training & Exercise Working Group Meeting	Dec 4, 2024
• EPPC Meeting	Dec 5, 2024
• Regional THIRA/SPR Workshop	Dec 11, 2024

NCTCOG Updates / Committee Comment

- Open Meetings Act – if there are members of the public that would like to speak on a meeting item, we must allow them to do that per the ILA with the OOG. REPAC and EPPC has to meet the requirements. There will be a speaker request card available for the speaker to complete. They will have 3 minutes to speak.

Adjournment

Useful Links

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Next Meeting:
REPAC Meeting
February 11, 2025
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
William J Pitstick Conference Room, NCTCOG