



**To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority**

**From: Meredith Terrell, Community Preparedness Analyst**

**Date: September 14, 2023**

**Re: Item 4d: Grant Funded Program Updates – Community Preparedness and Resilience National Priority Area**

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**Staff Recommendation:**

Information only

**Action or Discussion Item:**

Discussion only

**Background:**

With the FY22 UASI award, the Bay Area UASI allocated **\$2,646,963** to the Community Preparedness and Resilience National Priority Area.

Community Resilience is one of thirty-two core capabilities established by FEMA and intended to assist in achieving the National Preparedness Goal. It falls within the mitigation mission area of the Goal to enable the recognition, understanding, communication of, and planning for risk, and empower individuals and communities to make informed risk management decisions necessary to adapt to, withstand, and quickly recover from future incidents.

Preliminary targets per the National Preparedness Goal for Community Resilience are to:

1. Maximize the coverage of the U.S. population that has a localized, risk-informed mitigation plan developed through partnerships across the entire community.
2. Empower individuals and communities to make informed decisions to facilitate actions necessary to adapt to, withstand, and quickly recover from future incidents.

**Summary:**

To foster a regional and locally customized approach to funded activities within the Community Preparedness and Resilience National Priority Area, the Bay Area UASI established a Community Preparedness Focus Group. This group meets quarterly to amplify community voices, advocate priority preparedness initiatives, and collaboratively customize activities that build community resilience. In addition to UASI member jurisdiction representatives, membership is open to all affiliated partners in the Bay Area UASI region engaged in community focused emergency planning, preparedness, and recovery efforts.

Focus Group members from each of the 14 UASI member jurisdictions identified priority equipment, training, and exercise activities necessary to build resilience within the Bay Area's

communities. With this input, the Bay Area UASI Management Team established a spending plan that includes the following:

Training opportunities:	42 offerings of Stop the Bleed 16 offerings of CERT Basic training (including non-english) 14 offerings of CERT Train the Trainer (including non-english) 16 offerings of CERT Teen trainings 140 offerings of Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP)
Equipment procurements:	420 CERT backpacks containing equipment 140 emergency kits for schools (serving 200 students per kit) 5,250 Stop the Bleed kits
Exercise opportunities:	14 customized CERT, Stop the Bleed, or community preparedness full scale exercises

In addition, the Bay Area UASI sponsored the National CERT Conference in San Mateo County in June 2023. The National Priority Area funds supported the CERT rodeo functional exercise and the following trainings:

- Emergency Management Instructor Certification
- Local Volunteer and Donations Management and Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in Disasters
- Continuity of Operations Planning for Nonprofits and Faith Based Organizations
- Incident Command Systems for Use in Nonprofit and NGO settings
- Organizational Disaster Preparedness Emergency Operations Plans for Essential Service Organizations
- Personal Preparedness for Nonprofit and Faith Based Organization Staff

### Upcoming Activities

During Fall 2023, Bay Area UASI will engage a vendor to provide a customized CERT/ STB, or community preparedness focused full scale exercise to each of the 14 UASI member jurisdictions.

### Spending Status/Progress Toward Goals

- Total Budget: \$2,646,963
- Total Allocated (PO issued): \$182,583
- Amount Planned: \$2,045,800
- Amount Remaining: \$418,580