

Illinois Homeland Security Advisory Council

Council of Chairs Meeting

June 25, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security (IEMA-OHS)
2200 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62703
and
Will County Emergency Management Agency
302 North Chicago Street, Joliet, IL 60432

Attendance:

Unless otherwise indicated, individuals attended in Springfield.

Ted Berger – IEMA-OHS Acting Director/Homeland Security Advisor

Clayton Kuetemeyer – IEMA-OHS Deputy Director of Emergency Management

Committee Chairs

Communications:

- Matt Miller – Illinois Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee

Critical Infrastructure:

- Mark Doerfler – Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (attended in Joliet)
- Joe Gasparich – Illinois Department of Transportation

Cybersecurity:

Emergency Management:

- Allison Anderson – Will County Emergency Management Agency (attended in Joliet)

Fire Mutual Aid:

- Glenn Ericksen – Mutual Aid Box Alarm System

Law Enforcement Mutual Aid:

- J.W. Price – Illinois State Police
- Larry Evans – Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System

Prevention:

- Eric Arnold – Illinois Law Enforcement and Training Standards Board

Public Health:

- Dos Santos, Andrea – Illinois Department of Public Health

Urban Area:

Staff/Members:

Ahrens, Scott – ISP
Beamer-Pfeifer, Julie – WIU/IEMA-OHS
Dodd, Chris – IEMA-OHS
Evans, Bob – IEMA-OHS
Khayyat, Adnan – IEMA-OHS
Lyons, Bernie – MABAS (attended in Joliet)

Moore, Heather – IFSI
Ogilvy, Graham – IEMA-OHS
Pool, Doug – ISP
Pound, Karl – IEMA-OHS
Reichert, Ashley – STIC
Spreitzer, Jordan – SIEC
Strayer, Nichole – IEMA-OHS

Minutes

➤ Call to Order

IEMA-OHS Preparedness and Grants Administration Division Chief Bob Evans welcomed everyone attending in Springfield and in Joliet.

➤ Minutes

- **Motion to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2025, Council of Chairs Meeting**

Motion to Approve: Larry Evans, ILEAS

Seconded: J.W. Price, ISP

Motion passed.

- **Motion to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2025, Council of Chairs Meeting**

Motion to Approve: J.W. Price, ISP

Seconded: Larry Evans, ILEAS

Motion passed.

➤ Public Comments

None.

➤ State Homeland Security Updates

- IEMA-OHS Acting Director Berger shared that he has been named acting Homeland Security Advisor. He also explained that because of his previous role at Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security, he is restricted from representing any entity doing business with Cook County DEMRS for one year. As such, he will recuse himself from any financial matters that involve Cook County, specifically grant management of the Urban Areas Security Initiative. He said that Karl Pound, IEMA-OHS Chief Financial Officer, and Deputy Director Clayton Kuetemeyer will be involved, in lieu of himself, in these matters.

Berger also spoke about the continuing uncertainty regarding the status of future federal funding. Now is the time to engage with partners in contingency planning, exploring scenarios where investments are partially funded or not funded at all with federal dollars.

➤ Old Business

- Discussion and approval of SFY 26 PAR budget – Evans reported that initial project submission requests were approximately \$5.5 million over the \$10 million dollar allocation; however, through voluntary reductions and identification of scalable projects, the budget is now balanced (see attachment).

Information was presented on two items not included on the list at the last meeting. Joe Gasparich from IDOT shared information on Traffic Incident Management Training, and Chris Dodd, IEMA-OHS Operations Chief, spoke about position-specific NQS training for mutual aid partners. Evans summarized the remainder of the projects on the list.

Motion to approve SFY 26 PAR budget for recommendation to the full HSAC

Motion to Approve: Joe Gasparich, IDOT

Seconded: Glenn Ericksen, MABAS

Motion passed.

➤ **New Business**

▪ **Budget Timeline Updates (timeline attached)**

Evans reminded attendees that the FFY25 Homeland Security Grant Program project list developed this spring is based on FFY24 allocations/guidance, as no information regarding FFY25 funding has been released. He pointed out that Illinois is well-positioned to respond to a very short application period. Depending on the timing of the Notice of Funding Opportunity release, a special Council of Chairs and/or full membership meeting may be necessary.

Evans asked that committees start looking at projects for the unmet needs list after the full meeting in July and submit requests by September 10. He said to keep in mind that even though future funding is unknown, currently there are several open grant years, and it is hoped that extensions will be granted for FFY23 and FFY 24, providing further flexibility. The unmet needs list will be discussed/prioritized at the September chairs meeting and forwarded to the full HSAC for approval at the October meeting.

➤ **Other Business**

▪ **Upcoming Meetings**

- Full IL-HSAC Meeting – July 23, 2025, 10 a.m.
- Council of Chairs Meeting – September 24, 2025, 10 a.m.

▪ **Closing Remarks**

Acting Director Berger emphasized the importance of HSAC members documenting and storytelling at meetings in the upcoming months, emphasizing the impact that investments have had in their communities and how critical homeland security funding is, not as a supplement, but as the core of building unique capabilities and increasing capacity.

Berger also mentioned some personnel transitions in the urban area: Angela Gilkes is the interim executive director of Cook County DHSEM, Frank Velez is the executive director for Chicago OEMC, and Era Patterson is executive director of Chicago OEMC's Office of Public Safety.

➤ **Adjournment**

CURRENT BUDGET REQUESTS FOR SFY 2026 PAR

Subrecipient	Project Name and Description	SFY 2026 Potential PAR Project	Adjustments	Final
Chicago/FD	(2) Polymerase Chain Reaction Biological Threat Detection Systems for each of its HazMat Units-Change to (1)	\$78,000	-\$39,000	\$39,000
Chicago/OEMC	One (1) Federal Signal Rapid Deployment Trailer	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000
Chicago/PD	Ballistic Shields Replacement Project	\$429,000	-\$343,000	\$86,000
Chicago/OEMC	Two (2) HVAC Trailer Units-Change to (1)	\$250,000	-\$125,000	\$125,000
Chicago/FD	(1) Mobile Concentrated Foam Delivery System	\$250,000	-\$250,000	\$0
Chicago/OEMC	Two (2) Water Buffalo Water Filtration Unit Trailers	\$100,000	-\$100,000	\$0
Chicago/OEMC	One (1) G-150 Generator Trailer	\$175,000	-\$175,000	\$0
Chicago/OEMC	Portable Field Hygiene Assets	\$75,000	-\$75,000	\$0
Chicago/FD	Replacement Boat for Water Rescue, Recovery, and Response	\$1,000,000	-\$1,000,000	\$0
IDPH	Regional Health Care Coalition Comms Replacement	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000
IDOT	Traffic Incident Management Training Courses	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
IEMA/EM	2 Automatic Sandbag Machines-Change to (1)	\$126,000	-\$63,000	\$63,000
IEMA/EM	4 Manual Sandbag Machines-Change to (2)	\$80,000	-\$20,000	\$60,000
IEMA/EM	(6) 8" Diesel Pumps with Hose Kit for flood fight response-Change to (3)	\$1,020,000	-\$510,000	\$510,000
IEMA/EM	Upgrades to State Unified Command posts and technology maintenance	\$500,000	-\$250,000	\$250,000
IEMA/EM	EM Training	\$209,641	\$0	\$209,641
IEMA/EM	(24) Message Boards	\$384,000	-\$384,000	\$0
IEMA/EM	Road Barricades (Type III)	\$99,000	-\$99,000	\$0
IEMA/EM	2 Sprinter Vans for Mobile Field Deployment	\$225,000	-\$225,000	\$0
IEMA/Comms	Replace current IEMA-OHS Operations Center Dispatch Consoles	\$600,000	-\$600,000	\$0
IEMA/Comms	Portable Cache/ Operational Radio Upgrade	\$300,000	-\$150,000	\$150,000
IEMA/Comms	Radio Repeaters	\$150,000	-\$50,000	\$100,000
IEMA/Comms	50 ft Radio towers for HF at 2 regional offices	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
IEMA/Comms	Enhance the security infrastructure of the SEOC. Add wall and card readers to secure upper floor of SEOC. Cellular device storage and white noise emitters.	\$80,000	\$0	\$80,000
IEMA/Comms	STARCOM on Wheels Upgrade	\$50,000	-\$25,000	\$25,000
IEMA/Comms	IEMA-OHS Communications vehicle upgrade	\$150,000	-\$50,000	\$100,000

IFSI	ASIM ADVANCED SRP/SRM Training	\$763,813	\$0	\$763,813
IFSI	Front End Loader/Training Equipment	\$130,000	-\$130,000	\$0
IFSI	NIMS Courses	\$525,000	-\$126,087	\$398,913
IFSI	ICR	\$193,322	-\$18,913	\$174,409
ILEAS	ILEAS MFF Equipment Truck (2)	\$350,000	\$0	\$350,000
ILEAS	ILEAS SRT Ford 350 Diesel Truck (2)	\$175,000	\$0	\$175,000
ILEAS	ILEAS MFF Trailers (3)	\$26,000	\$0	\$26,000
ILEAS	ILEAS Special Teams Equipment	\$207,000	-\$207,000	\$0
ILEAS	ILEAS Operational Costs	\$70,000	\$0	\$70,000
ILEAS	ILEAS SRT WP NVG Replacement	\$82,824	\$0	\$82,824
ILEAS	ILEAS Special Team Veh Maint.	\$50,000	-\$10,000	\$40,000
ILEAS	ILEAS IT Update Servers/Computer replacement	\$37,400	\$0	\$37,400
ILEAS	ILEAS Less Lethal Munitions	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000
ILEAS	ILEAS Training Center Equipment	\$90,000	-\$60,000	\$30,000
ILEAS/Comms	ILEAS PSAP/EMA Starcom 21 Radio	\$175,000	\$0	\$175,000
ILEAS/Comms	ILEAS Recurring Costs/Services Starlink	\$160,000	-\$130,000	\$30,000
ILEAS/Comms	ILEAS Special Teams Comms	\$165,000	-\$10,000	\$155,000
ILEAS/Comms	ILEAS Cache Radios	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
ILEAS/Comms	ILEAS HF Radios	\$224,000	-\$10,000	\$214,000
ILEAS/Comms	ILEAS Communications Update/Maint.	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
ISP STIC	OPS travel for Analysts	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
ISP SWMDT	OPS SWAT Personnel & Travel	\$175,000	\$0	\$175,000
ISP SWMDT	Robotic Platform	\$400,000	\$0	\$400,000
ISP SWMDT	Port Security Vessels and Equipment	\$480,000	\$0	\$480,000
ISP SWMDT	Specialized Plate Carrier	\$100,000	-\$25,000	\$75,000
ISP SWMDT	CBRNE Response Vehicle	\$80,000	-\$20,000	\$60,000
ISP SWMDT	Night Vision Equipment	\$225,000	\$0	\$225,000
ISP SWMDT	SCBA WMD Shield Replcement	\$200,000	-\$200,000	\$0
ISP SWMDT	WMD Specialized Clothing for Inclement Conditions	\$90,000	\$0	\$90,000
ISP SWMDT	CBRNE Cannisters	\$10,000	-\$10,000	\$0
ISP SWMDT	Ballistic Shields	\$60,000	-\$30,000	\$30,000
ISP SWMDT	Specialized Clothing-BDU's	\$120,000	-\$30,000	\$90,000
ISP SWMDT	Bomb Suits	\$100,000	-\$100,000	\$0
ISP SWMDT	2nd Line EOD Kit	\$20,000	-\$20,000	\$0
ISP SWMDT	X10 Chemical Tester	\$150,000	-\$150,000	\$0
ISP SWMDT	Medical Kits and Supplies	\$30,000	-\$15,000	\$15,000
ISP SWMDT	Law Enforcement Aerial Surveillance Equipment	\$100,000	-\$50,000	\$50,000
ISP SWMDT	WMD Tactical Entry Equipment	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000
ISP SWMDT	Armor Body Plates and Side Panels	\$100,000	-\$50,000	\$50,000
Logan CO	IESMA Generator Maintenance	\$125,000	\$0	\$125,000
MABAS	OPS, Insurance	\$90,000	\$0	\$90,000
MABAS	CSS	\$600,000	\$0	\$600,000
MABAS	Equipment	\$1,100,000	-\$100,000	\$1,000,000
MABAS	USART	\$900,000	\$0	\$900,000
MABAS	IPWMAN Ops	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000
	Total Amount Requested	\$16,035,000	-\$6,035,000	\$10,000,000

Budget
Budget Amount Remaining

\$10,000,000
-\$6,035,000

\$10,000,000
\$0

FFY 2025 HSGP and SFY 26 PAR Timeline

All dates are tentative.

(Updated 7-7-25)

February 5th- Attachment A's sent out to committee chairs.

February 5th through March 19th- Committees meet to discuss strategy and projects for FFY 25 HSGP funding. (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027, performance period).

March 20th- Organizations submit initial Attachment A's with SHSP/UASI split and justification for split. Also, a Personnel List for organizations who have positions listed for funding on the Attachment A.

March 26th- IL-HSAC Chairs meeting

Chairs to discuss Attachment A's project submissions, overall SHSP/UASI split, State/Local split (*if allocations available from FEMA*).

March 27th through May 21st- Committees meet to discuss strategy and projects for SFY 26 PAR funding. (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027, performance period).

April(?)- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) with Investment Justifications and allocations released by FEMA.

May 7th- IL-HSAC Chairs Meeting-**Cancelled**

IL-HSAC Chairs meeting to discuss and vote on final FFY 25 HSGP recommended project submission to Full IL-HSAC.

Chairs discuss strategy and projects for SFY 26 PAR

May 14th- Organizations submit Final Attachment A's for FFY 25 HSGP approved projects.

May 21st- Committee project requests for SFY 26 PAR due to IEMA-OHS

May 28th- IL-HSAC Chairs meeting

Full membership meets to discuss FFY 25 HSGP recommended project submission to FEMA.
Full membership to discuss the strategy for SFY 26 PAR funding. (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027, performance period)

June 25th- IL-HSAC Chairs meeting

Chairs vote to discuss SFY 26 PAR project funding recommendations.

July 23rd-IL-HSAC Full meeting

Full membership meets to discuss and vote on SFY 26 PAR project funding recommendations. (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027, performance period)

TBD-IEMA-OHS submits FFY 25 HSGP application to FEMA?

TBD-IEMA-OHS receives FFY 25 Award. Grant agreements issued to all organizations who have approved Final Attachment A's. FEMA may place a hold on certain projects or ask IEMA-OHS to revise submission of IJ's based upon what projects are approved and how it affects funding splits.

July 24th through September 9th

Committees meet to discuss unmet needs requests that can be submitted to IEMA-OHS for reallocated FFY 22 HSGP and SFY 26 PAR funding.

September 10th-Unmet needs requests for FFY 22 HSGP and SFY 26 PAR due to IEMA-OHS

September 24th- IL-HSAC Chairs meeting

Chairs meet to discuss and prioritize FFY 22 HSGP and SFY 26 PAR unmet needs project submissions.

October 22nd-IL-HSAC Full meeting

Full membership meets to discuss and vote on unmet needs projects for FFY 22 HSGP and SFY 26 PAR funding recommendations.