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Learning Question 1

Does the Urban Shield Project meet the Federal guidelines set out in the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant?

Document 1.0: UASI requirement re “nexus to terrorism”.

Document name: “FY 2016- Project Proposal Guidance_0.pdf”

URL: No longer online

Comment: On p. 5 of document, “All proposals must meet the following criteria: Have a clear ‘nexus to terrorism,’ – i.e., the proposal must specify how the activities will support terrorism preparedness”

On p. 3: “UASI funds may be used for other preparedness activities as long as the dual use quality and nexus to terrorism is clearly demonstrated.”

Document 1.1: US Code definition of terrorism

URL: <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/22/2656f>

Comment: According to 22 U.S. Code § 2656f, “the term ‘terrorism’ means premeditated, politically motivated violence perpetrated against noncombatant targets by subnational groups or clandestine agents”.

Document 1.2: FEMA definition of terrorism

Document name: “FEMA terrorism.pdf”

URL: <https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/20130726-1549-20490-0802/terrorism.pdf>

Comment: On p. 4 of document: “Terrorism is the use of force or violence against persons or property in violation of the criminal laws of the United States for purposes of intimidation, coercion, or ransom.”

Document 1.3: Statement of President Trump re Black Lives Matter: “I have seen it -- where they are essentially calling death to the police.” “Donald Trump: Black Lives Matter calls for killing police,” *CBS News*, July 19, 2016.

URL: <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/donald-trump-black-lives-matter-calls-for-killing-police/>

Document 1.4: When the number of children fleeing violence in Central America, DHS Secretary John Kelly called undocumented immigrants on the southern border an “existential threat” to the United States. “Top General Says Mexico Border Security Now ‘Existential’ Threat to U.S.,” *Defense One*, July 5, 2015.

URL: <http://www.defenseone.com/threats/2014/07/top-general-says-mexico-border-security-now-existential-threat-us/87958/>

Document 1.5: DHS Secretary, Marine Corps General John Kelly, comments in 2010.

URL: <http://www.moaablogs.org/battleofthebilge/2010/11/honor-and-sacrifice-ltgen-john-f-kelly/>

Comment: Presumably “terrorists” are the enemy of the United States. In 2010, Kelly said of “our enemy”: “Our enemy is savage, offers absolutely no quarter, and has a single focus and that is either kill every one of us here at home, or enslave us with a sick form

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of extremism that serves no God or purpose that decent men and women could ever grasp. St Louis is as much at risk as is New York and Washington, D.C... We have a saying in the Marine Corps and that is 'no better friend, no worse enemy, than a U.S. Marine.' We always hope for the first, friendship, but are certainly more than ready for the second. If it's death they want, its death they will get, and the Marines will continue showing them the way to hell if that's what will make them happy."

Document 1.6: Reported nominee for DHS number two post called Black Lives Matter activists "terrorists": "Trump considers sheriff who called Black Lives Matter 'terrorists' for DHS post," *The Hill*, April 28, 2017

URL: <http://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefing-room/331139-trump-considers-sheriff-who-called-black-lives-matter-terrorists-for>

Learning Question 2

Is Urban Shield strictly an emergency preparedness program?

Learning Question 3

In the event of an emergency/ attack or natural disaster, will public safety agencies, public health and other emergency response departments, be adequately trained and equipped to respond to such disasters without the training offered by Urban Shield?

Document 3.0: UASI goals include "prevention"

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URL: No longer online

Comment: On p. 23: "Funds may be used for a range of emergency preparedness and management planning activities... Examples of planning activities include: Developing hazard/threat-specific annexes that incorporate the range of prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery activities... Developing related terrorism and *other catastrophic prevention* [emphasis added]"

Document 3.1: List of agencies that participated in Urban Shield, 2007-2015

Document name: "Participant List 2007-2015_Searchable.pdf"

URL: None

Comment: Oakland Fire Department participated in 2011, 2015. See pages 14 and 28.

Document 3.2: "Fire department emails: Inspections flawed in fire-prone Oakland hills," *East Bay Express*, February 24, 2017.

URL: <http://www.eastbaytimes.com/2016/12/24/fire-department-emails-inspections-flawed-in-fire-prone-oakland-hills/>

Comment: Shows Oakland Fire Department's failures to execute prevention. Online version includes internal document

Document 3.3: "Oakland Firefighters Say Their Department Is So Badly Managed, Ghost Ship Warehouse Wasn't Even In Its Inspection Database," *East Bay Express*, December 7, 2016.

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URL: <https://www.eastbayexpress.com/oakland/oakland-firefighters-say-their-department-is-so-badly-managed-ghost-ship-warehouse-wasnt-even-in-its-inspection-database/Content?oid=5055245>

Comment: Shows Oakland Fire Department's failures to execute prevention

Document 3.4: "Long gap in fire inspections at site of deadly Oakland blaze," *San Francisco Chronicle*, March 30, 2017

Document name: "Long gap in fire inspections.docx"

URL: <http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Candle-flame-blamed-as-cause-of-West-Oakland-fire-11040236.php>

Comment: San Pablo fire that cost lives of four people may have been prevented by more frequent fire inspections

Document 3.5: List of jurisdictions that no longer participate, or never participated in Urban Shield Tactical Competition

Document name: "PDs not participating.docx"

Also reference Document 3.1, "Participant List 2007-2015_Searchable.pdf"

URL: None

Comment: Request that Sheriff fill out this data by providing complete list of agencies that entered teams in 2016 Urban Shield.

Learning Question 4

Do the terms, conditions and guidelines of this program meet the demand for the Bay Area Region to be prepared to respond to natural disaster (fire, earthquake, etc.) or a terrorist act?

Learning Question 5

What is the impact of Urban Shield on the community's relationship with law enforcement and other emergency preparedness responders such as the public health department; health care agencies; public education agencies; public transportation agencies; fire departments; and emergency medical services?

Document 5.0: Urban Shield Trainees Involved in Fatal Shootings

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URL: None