HSEC UASI Transition Project Recommendations

Title	Designation	Funding Transition Recommendations	Discussion Notes
NCR Mass Notification and Incident Communication System	Regional	**Regional Funding** : Essential for interoperability and coordination.	• Significant regional benefit from a unified mass notification system, specifically regional buying power, standardized messaging, and improved coordination. • Maintain a regional contract to leverage regional buying power.
NCRnet	Regional	**Regional Funding** : Essential for interoperability and coordination.	• Review and update governance to ensure cost-sharing transparency, revisit existing MOUs, and ensure a regional approach to the program. • Develop a plan to modernize the program to increase efficiency, decrease costs, and expand the program; Loudoun County taking the lead with the CIOs.
CAD2CAD	Regional	**Regional Funding**: Essential for interoperability and coordination.	• Review and update governance, as appropriate. • Explore how to expand its use beyond fire . • Explore other system options to decrease costs and standarize where possible; will need to manage the contractual commitments and avoid distruptions if changes occur.
COG Regional Homeland Security and Public Safety Support	Regional	**Regional Funding** : Essential for interoperability and coordination.	• Continued need for DHSPS to provide regional governance and coordination. • Revisit DHSPS' scope to better intergrate homeland security, public safety, and public health based on the needs of the region.
NCRCIG Program (Radio Cache) – Strategic Planning/Sustainment	SME Input	**Additional SME Input Needed:** Do not fund as currently structured; Conduct NCR Interoperable Communications Planning Assessment and revisit long-term cache strategy in consultation with SMEs.	• The region should discuss whether the business case for this project has changed - including options for right-sizing the cache and modernization of technologies. • The NCR Interoperable Communications Planning Assessment was approved as part of the UASI FY 2025 decisions (September).
Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) Fire Liaison	SME Discussion	**Additional SME Input Needed:** Feedback from the Fire Chiefs is needed to make a final recommendation on this program.	• ROI of the program is not clear at the Strategy Group level. • Loudoun County currently staffs the position. • Feedback from RESF 4 is requested - if they find considerable ROI with the program, potentially fund through local fire department budgets.
NCR Watch Desk Program	End	Do not transition to local budgets post-UASI.	• NCR Watch Desk staff is being reduced from two positions per shift to one. • DC committed to maintaining the Watch Desk function in the short term to sustain essential reporting, such as the morning report and Regional Incident Communication and Coordination System (RICCS). • Expand regional Steering Committee to determine essential products and options for distributing Watch Desk activities across local watch desks and/or the fusion centers.
NCR IMT	End	**Additional SME Input Needed:** Feedback from the Fire Cheifs and other affected SMEs required to define ROI.	• The ROI on this program is unclear; the total amount spent on this program compared to how it used in the region seems disproportional. • This investment could be used more strategically; the program in its current state is not identified as a priority due to the ability to request other national teams if needed.
Mass Care Cache	End	Do not transition to local budgets post-UASI.	• Maintain September 2025 HSEC decision to end the project at the end of the FY 2024 UASI award.
NCR ESSENCE Disease Surveillance Network Core Capability Sustainment	Alternative Funding	**Alternative Funding Source:** Transition responsibility of the program to local and/or state Departments of Health.	• State and/or local Health Officials/health departments must decided whether to continue to fund the ESSENCE program using their budgets or identify an alternative funding source.
RITIS Regional Data Sharing and Situational Awareness O&M & Tech Refresh	Alternative Funding	**Alternative Funding Source:** Transition responsibility of the program to local and/or state Departments of Transporation.	• State and/or local Departments of Transportation must decided whether to continue to fund the RITIS program using their budgets or determine an alternative funding source.
Regional CCTV Interoperable Video Sharing Program for Public-Safety Personnel (MVIEW)	Alternative Funding	**Alternative Funding Source:** State of Maryland/MCAC exploring/identifying alternative funding source.	
District Preparedness System (DPS)	Subregional	Subregional Funding Discussion	
Maryland Emergency Response System (MDERS)	Subregional	Subregional Funding Discussion	
Northern Virginia Emergency Response System (NVERS)	Subregional	Subregional Funding Discussion	
Intelligence Analysis (Fusion Centers)	Subregional	Subregional Funding Discussion	
Regional Cyber Capability	Subregional	Subregional Funding Discussion	• The decision to sunset the Regional Cyber Coordinator is maintained. • The cyber funding provided to the states is primarily used for cyber analysts at the fusion centers or state emergency management agencies; the subregions need to discuss next steps.
NCR Preparedness System	Local	**Local Funding:** Support for staff positions at each jurisdiction's discretion	• Maintain September 2025 HSEC decision to reduce preparedness staff by half, except for jurisdictions with one staff member, through June 2026. • Jurisdictions will determine whether to maintain this local capability with individual funding.