

Boulder City Is Getting a Little Bit Safer with Funds

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The Las Vegas City Council today approved acceptance of a grant to build an emergency operations center that will aid Boulder City and other areas in case of a disaster or emergency.

The measure was the subject of a city of Las Vegas news release issued today.

City Council Accepts \$570,000 Grant For New Las Vegas Emergency Operations Center *Grant Will Support Construction Of Joint Public Safety Center To Benefit Region*

The Las Vegas City Council has accepted a \$570,000 homeland security grant award to be put toward the construction of a new Las Vegas Emergency Operations Center in the northwest part of the city. The center will directly serve the cities of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas and Clark County as well as assisting Henderson, Mesquite, **Boulder City**, Clark County School District and local private sector utilities and businesses that comprise our community's critical infrastructure.

The center will be a location that is staffed by all of the local jurisdictions and will co-locate the Emergency Operations Center with other critical public safety programs including critical infrastructure protection, 9-1-1 communications dispatch and training facilities. The city of Las Vegas has long been a proponent of this joint approach.

The new center is currently being designed as additional funding is sought to begin construction.

The funds come from the Emergency Operations Center Grant Program, a Congressionally-directed funding source that originates from the United States Department of Homeland Security. The program is intended to improve emergency management and preparedness capabilities by supporting flexible, sustainable, secure, strategically located and fully interoperable Emergency Operation Centers with a focus on addressing identified deficiencies and needs. Funding will support the development of the Las Vegas Emergency Operations Center in coordination with the larger project known as the Southern Nevada Regional Public Safety Complex.

Fully capable emergency operations facilities at the state and local levels are an essential element of a comprehensive national emergency management system and are necessary to ensure continuity of operations and continuity of government in major disasters or emergencies caused by any hazard.