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**STATE OF ARKANSAS
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**



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Ms. Natalie Romanoff
Office of Public Safety Communications
National Telecommunications & Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 7324
Washington, DC 20230

Subject: Arkansas Waiver Request – Grant Number: 05-10-S13005

Dear Ms. Romanoff:

The purpose of this letter is to request a waiver from the FY2013 State and Local Implementation Grant Program's Match Proportionality requirement. We are requesting that the waiver cover the entire Award Period. Arkansas is fully committed to meeting the total required match over the life of the grant project period, but meeting the proportionality requirement each quarter has proven to be burdensome.

The previously NTIA-approved Baseline Expenditure Plan (BEP) fully describes the amount of budgeted matching funds and the planned rate of expenditures. While our budget narrative outlines our ability to successfully provide the full match contribution by the end of the period of performance, the rate at which we are spending will decrease in the coming months after the announcement of the selected provider while the match will continue to build as planned.

We have done our best to anticipate how much time each person will spend performing SLIGP related activities on a quarterly basis, it may not always equate to exactly meeting the match proportionally each quarter. Rather than risk non-compliance, we would much prefer to only be held to the requirement of meeting the full match by the end of the Award Period and not on a quarterly basis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A.J. Gary".

A.J. Gary
Director and State Point of Contact

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