



SLIGP Phase 2 Opening Webinar

March 23, 2015

SLIGP Program Goals and Outcomes Remain the Same



- Support Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) planning, governance, consultation, and outreach
- Engage local governments, regional bodies, rural communities, and tribal nations in NPSBN planning
- Reach out to all public safety disciplines that may be potential users of the NPSBN
- Update Statewide Communications Interoperability Plans (SCIP) to include public safety wireless broadband initiatives
- Collect data to help FirstNet plan for the NPSBN



Existing Phase 1 Activities Remain Ongoing

172,321

Education and outreach materials distributed, including:



Websites and social media pages



Workshops and conferences



Newsletters and emails



Presentations and speaking materials

61,793
Stakeholders Engaged

52

Recipients

Held

844

Governance meetings

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Original Phase 2 Requirements

- NTIA reserved 50% of each award through a Special Award Condition (SAC) for data collection
- The current SAC states: “Engagement in Phase 2 activities with federal or non-federal funds will be considered unallowable under the grant until the revised budget has been approved and this special award condition has been lifted”
- FirstNet has now asked recipients to collect and submit initial data by July 31, 2015
- **Challenges:** Under these parameters, recipients would have to wait until revised Phase 2 budgets are approved to begin FirstNet-determined data collection activities and access the reserve funds

Currently Preparing SLIGP Grants for Phase 2 Requirements



Proposed Grant Award Change	Purpose
Recommended 18 month grant extensions for recipients, not to extend past February 2018	To better coordinate the SLIGP period of performance with FirstNet's amended timeline
NTIA waived certain elements of the FFO so that recipients may start FirstNet-determined data collection under Phase 1 with currently approved budgets , when a forthcoming award amendment is executed	To allow recipients to begin FirstNet-determined data collection activities as soon as possible to meet FirstNet's July 31, 2015 target date
NTIA now requests revised budgets from recipients to open Phase 2 reserve	To release the SAC and trigger the opening of the Phase 2 reserve



Phase 1 and Phase 2 Allowable Activities

See pages 7-8 in Phase 2 instructions package

Phase 1 and Phase 2:

- Conduct education and outreach for all relevant stakeholders
- Prepare a comprehensive plan as part of the SCIP
- Establish and enhance a governance structure to consult with FirstNet
- Develop procedures to ensure local and tribal representation
- Identify potential users of the NPSBN

Phase 2:

- FirstNet-determined data collection activities for:
 - Coverage
 - Users and their operational areas
 - Capacity planning
 - Current providers and procurement vehicles
 - Process flow for state plan review and decision



Phase 1 and Phase 2 Allowable Expenses

See pages 7-8 in Phase 2 instructions package

Phase 1 and Phase 2:

- Personnel, contract, and legal services costs
- Planning meetings with stakeholders and partners
- Stakeholders attending meetings related to FirstNet consultation or NPSBN
- Developing, modifying, or enhancing SCIPs to include NPSBN
- Developing, modifying, or enhancing governance structures
- Communications, education, and outreach activities
- Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) template development (allowable; no longer required)
- Identifying public safety users for NPSBN
- Administrative service, office equipment, and supply costs necessary to prepare for and manage grant programs



Phase 1 and Phase 2 Allowable Expenses

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See pages 7-8 in Phase 2 instructions package

Phase 2:

- Software programs that support allowable FirstNet data collection activities such as GIS software and electronic survey tools
- Personnel and consulting costs to review draft and final FirstNet state plans. Such review may only include comparing a draft or final state plan to requested data submitted to FirstNet and topics shared during state consultation engagements
- Costs associated with validating commercial carrier coverage maps and coverage gaps such as the purchase and/or operation of software/websites that support this activity (examples include the OpenSignal app and RootMetrics website), but does not include performing actual drive testing of commercial wireless coverage in the field
- Any currently unforeseen data collection activities deemed useful by FirstNet and programmatically approved by NTIA in the future

Phase 1 and Phase 2 Unallowable Activities and Unallowable Expenses

See page 9 in Phase 2 instructions package



- Any data collection activity not currently determined by FirstNet and not programmatically approved by NTIA
- Software programs and equipment that do not support a FirstNet-determined data collection activity
- Costs related to site preparation, broadband deployment, installation, construction, or the acquisition of equipment used to provide wireless broadband services
- Interoperable communications (i.e., land mobile radio) that are not related to broadband
- Radio Access Network (RAN) design, engineering, and architecture
- Technical build-out
- Development of a state RAN business plan
- Research and development of public private partnerships
- Development of alternative state RAN plans
- Drive testing commercial wireless coverage in the field
- Any coverage modeling, including leveraging existing public assets and infrastructure data sets to map possible coverage options within states and territories

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Proposed Approach: Next Steps

TODAY

FirstNet and NTIA officially announce data collection activities and Phase 2 grant processes

NTIA recommends that the Grants Officer issue award amendments reflecting FFO waiver as a trigger for recipients to begin FirstNet-determined data collection activities under Phase 1 with currently approved budgets

NTIA requests revised budgets from recipients; submission satisfies the SAC and opens Phase 2 reserve funds

Reminders:

- Conducting FirstNet-determined data collection is optional and not required under your SLIGP grant
- Recipients are strongly encouraged to continue existing Phase 1 activities such as governance, outreach, and consultation
- Recipients who choose to conduct data collection activities with Phase 1 funds must submit revised budgets within 90 days of award amendment incorporating new SAC. NTIA will provide more information.

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Future of SLIGP Grants

- While the SLIGP period of performance will be extended up to 18 months (not to extend past February 2018), NTIA cannot further extend the grant period of performance
- While FirstNet may have future data collection needs, these additional needs may arise after SLIGP grants have expired; recipients should not hold off on spending Phase 2 money
- The SLIGP program office will monitor recipients' spending to make sure recipients are using their funds effectively to support the implementation of the NPSBN

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Accessing Reserve Funds

- Recipients who wish to conduct data collection activities with Phase 1 funds must submit a revised budget that includes both Phase 1 and Phase 2 costs to NTIA **within 90 days** of the award amendment that incorporates the new SAC
- NTIA requests that recipients submit the following revised grant documents to satisfy the SAC and access reserve funds
 - Budget narrative
 - Budget detail
 - SF-424A
 - Baseline-expenditure plan
 - Supplemental application narrative question 14
- The SLIGP program office will continue to provide guidance on completing these grant documents in future webinars

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Questions?