

SLIGP 2.0 Grant Closeout Report				2. Award or Grant Number:	51-10-S18051
				4. EIN:	54-6002286
1. Recipient Name	Virginia Department of Emergency Management			6. Report Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	06/29/2021
3. Street Address	9711 Farrar Ct			7. Reporting Period End Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)	03/31/2021
5. City, State, Zip Code	Richmond, VA 23236			8. Final Report	
				Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
				No <input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Project/Grant Period				10. Reserved for Reviewer	
9a. Start Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)	03/01/2018	9b. End Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)	03/31/2021		
11. Program Activities					
11a. Identify the activities you performed during SLIGP2.0 grant period of performance					
	Activity Type (Planning, Governance Meetings, etc.)	Was this Activity Performed during the grant period? (Yes/No)	Total Project Deliverable Quantity (Number)	Description of Activity Deliverable Quantity	
1	Governance Meetings	Yes	5	Cumulative number of governance, subcommittee, or working group meetings related to the NPSBN held during the grant period	
2	Individuals Sent to Broadband Conferences	Yes	5	Cumulative number of individuals sent to national or regional third-party conferences with a focus or training track related to the NPSBN using SLIGP 2.0 grant funds during the grant period	
3	Convened Stakeholder Events	Yes	7	Cumulative number of events coordinated or held using SLIGP 2.0 grant funds during the grant period, as requested by FirstNet.	
4	Staff Hired (Full-Time Equivalent)(FTE)	Yes	1.00	Cumulative number of state/territory personnel FTEs who began supporting SLIGP 2.0 activities during the grant period (may be a decimal).	
5	Contracts Executed	No	0	Cumulative number of contracts executed during the grant period.	
6	Subrecipient Agreements Executed	No	0	Cumulative number of agreements executed during the grant period.	
7	Data Sharing Policies/Agreements Developed	No		Yes or No if data sharing policies and/or agreements were developed during the grant period.	
8	Further Identification of Potential Public Safety Users	Yes		Yes or No if further identification of potential public safety users occurred during the grant period.	
9	Plans for Emergency Communications Technology Transitions	Yes		Yes or No if plans for future emergency communications technology transitions occurred during the grant period.	
10	Identified and Planned to Transition PS Apps & Databases	No		Yes or No if public safety applications or databases within the State or territory were identified and transition plans were developed during the grant period	
11	Identify Ongoing Coverage Gaps	No		Yes or No if participated in identifying ongoing coverage gaps using SLIGP 2.0 funds during the grant period.	
12	Data Collection Activities	No		Yes or No if participated in data collection activities as requested by FirstNet	

11b. Please provide a description of each activity reported in response to Question 11; any challenges or obstacles encountered and mitigation strategies you employed; and any additional project milestones or information.

Throughout the performance period the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator convened Governance meetings with the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee. During these meetings FirstNet personnel provided briefings and informational sessions on FirstNet's broadband network progress, new technologies and future offerings. The SWIC participated regularly participated in standing Regional Preparedness Advisory Committee Meetings, connecting First Net staff with Regional public safety stakeholders. These meetings were opened to first responders and public safety personnel across all disciplines of Public Safety Communications. Through these engagements the SWIC gained knowledge and insight of the various needs of each respective region and began identifying data application plans and future standard operating procedures. Although the programmatic activities were limited during the final 4 quarters of the performance period, the SWIC did remain engaged with First Net personnel and served as a coordination point by connecting local Interoperability personnel with FirstNet to provide briefings and information to key decision makers in their respective jurisdictions.

11c. Did you perform activities during the last quarter of the grant that haven't been reported previously (i.e., new programmatic activities, staffing changes)? If so, please describe.

No

11d. Please share any lessons learned or best practices that your organization implemented during your SLIGP 2.0 project.

Best Practices include engaging with stakeholders through standing regional meetings. Participating in these meetings gave the SWIC an opportunity to engage with the core members of the Public Safety Communications community. In local communities Public Safety stakeholders often fill multiple roles, which limits the time they may have to spend on new initiatives. Integrating the First Net initiatives into these standing activities ensured that stakeholders were not burdened with additional meetings, and optimized the time they spent engaging with their regional and state partners.



<b>Total Funds Allocated to Contracts</b>	<b>\$427,960.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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**14. Budget Worksheet**

Columns 2, 3 and 4 must match your project budget for the entire award and your final SF 424A. Columns 5, 6, and 7 should list your final budget figures, cumulative through the last quarter

Project Budget Element (1)	Federal Funds Awarded (2)	Approved Matching Funds (3)	Total Budget (4)	Final Federal Funds Expended (5)	Final Approved Matching Funds Expended (6)	Final Total Funds Expended (7)
a. Personnel Salaries	\$343,490.00		\$343,490.00	\$68,160.26	\$1,380.75	\$69,541.01
b. Personnel Fringe Benefits	\$116,787.00		\$116,787.00	\$22,852.21		\$22,852.21
c. Travel	\$54,560.00		\$54,560.00	\$977.82		\$977.82
d. Equipment			\$0.00			\$0.00
e. Materials/Supplies	\$11,400.00		\$11,400.00	\$16,807.57		\$16,807.57
f. Contractual	\$427,960.00		\$427,960.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
g. Other		\$238,550.00	\$238,550.00	\$0.00	\$25,938.77	\$25,938.77
h. Indirect			\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
i. Total Costs	\$954,197.00	\$238,550.00	\$1,192,747.00	\$108,797.86	\$27,319.52	\$136,117.38
j. Proportionality Percent	80%	20%	100%	80%	20%	100%

**15. Additional Questions: Read each statement below. Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with each statement and answer follow-up questions to provide additional information.**

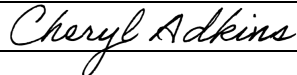
Statement	Agree/Disagree	Additional Questions	Response
15a. SLIGP 2.0 funds were helpful in planning for the integration with the NPSBN.	4-Agree	What was most helpful? What challenges did you encounter?	The funding was helpful in the ongoing planning for FirstNet. The project coordination and outreach efforts faced a significant downturn due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Virginia's project plan centered around outreach and stakeholder engagement which was impeded by the need for virtual operations, social distancing and a decline in availability to prioritize this initiative as many of Virginia's Interoperability professionals are multi-disciplined and were diverted to assist in the public health response.

<p>15b. I plan to continue any SLIGP 2.0 program activities beyond the SLIGP 2.0 period of performance.</p>	<p>3-Neutral</p>	<p>What do you plan to accomplish after the period of performance?</p>	<p>A new Statewide Interoperability Coordinator was recently hired. As the Interoperability Program is refocused to steady state activities, broadband initiatives will remain a priority. Activities will include modifying existing plans, stakeholder workshops and assessments of needs and coverage gaps.</p>
<p>15c. SLIGP 2.0 funds were helpful in informing my stakeholders about FirstNet.</p>	<p>5-Strongly Agree</p>	<p>What was most helpful? What challenges did you encounter?</p>	<p>During the performance period our Interoperability Office was able to maintain consistent coordination with First Net staff, and coordinated First Net briefings across the State at various Regional meetings, and conferences.</p>
<p><b>Statement</b></p>	<p><b>Agree/Disagree</b></p>	<p><b>Additional Questions</b></p>	<p><b>Response</b></p>

<p>15d. SLIGP 2.0 funds were helpful in maintaining a governance structure for broadband in my state/territory.</p>	<p>4-Agree</p>	<p>What was most helpful? What challenges did you encounter?</p>	<p>The funding was helpful in ensuring that the Commonwealth of Virginia Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee met to discuss current and future broadband needs. The project coordination and outreach efforts faced a significant downturn due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Virginia's project plan centered around outreach and stakeholder engagement which was impeded by the need for virtual operations, social distancing and a decline in availability to prioritize this initiative as many of Virginia's Interoperability professionals are multi-disciplined and were diverted to assist in the public health response.</p>
<p>15e. SLIGP 2.0 funds provided resources that were helpful in preparing for FirstNet planning activities in my state/territory (e.g. staffing, attending broadband conferences, participating in training, procuring contract support etc.).</p>	<p>4-Agree</p>	<p>What was most helpful? What challenges did you encounter?</p>	<p>The SLIGP 2.0 funds did provide opportunities for Interoperability personnel to attend local and national meetings and conferences, which helped to build networking opportunities with local jurisdictions as well as bordering states.</p>

<p>15f. Overall, SLIGP 2.0 funds were helpful in preparing for FirstNet.</p>	<p>4-Agree</p>	<p>What was most helpful? What challenges did you encounter?</p>	<p>Overall the SLIGP 2.0 funding was helpful to the planning and outreach efforts VA made throughout the performance period. State and Local stakeholders were provided briefings on the development of the FirstNet area coverage, devices, which were helpful in educating decision makers on future broadband needs.</p>
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**16. Certification: I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that this report is correct and complete for performance of activities for the purpose(s) set forth in the award documents.**

<p>16a. Typed or printed name and title of Authorized Certifying Official:</p> <p>Cheryl Adkins</p>	<p>16c. Telephone: 804-263-4759</p>
<p>16b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official:</p> 	<p>16d. Email Address: <a href="mailto:Cheryl.Adkins@vdem.virginia.gov">Cheryl.Adkins@vdem.virginia.gov</a></p>
	<p>16e. Date: 7/9/2021 (revised)</p>

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