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
- Newsletters and emails
- Workshops and conferences
- 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

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<th>Proposed Grant Award Change</th>
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<td><strong>Recommended 18 month grant extensions</strong> for recipients, not to extend past February 2018</td>
<td>To better coordinate the SLIGP period of performance with FirstNet’s amended timeline</td>
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<td><strong>NTIA waived</strong> 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</td>
<td>To allow recipients to begin FirstNet-determined data collection activities as soon as possible to meet FirstNet’s July 31, 2015 target date</td>
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<td><strong>NTIA now requests</strong> revised budgets from recipients to open Phase 2 reserve</td>
<td>To release the SAC and trigger the opening of the Phase 2 reserve</td>
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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:
  o Coverage
  o Users and their operational areas
  o Capacity planning
  o Current providers and procurement vehicles
  o 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 Cont.

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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
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.
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
  o Budget narrative
  o Budget detail
  o SF-424A
  o Baseline-expenditure plan
  o Supplemental application narrative question 14
• The SLIGP program office will continue to provide guidance on completing these grant documents in future webinars
Questions?