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SLIGP 2.0 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Announcement Webinar

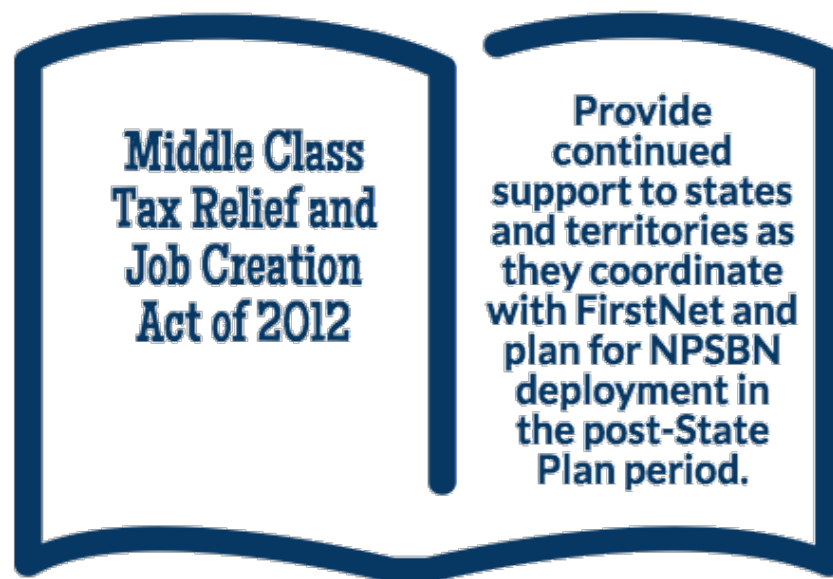
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State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP) 2.0 Application Webinar

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Statutory Requirements

- Authorized as part of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Pub. L. No. 112-96) (Act).
- The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) established the State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP) and developed current SLIGP grant program with a period of performance July 2013-February 2018.



Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

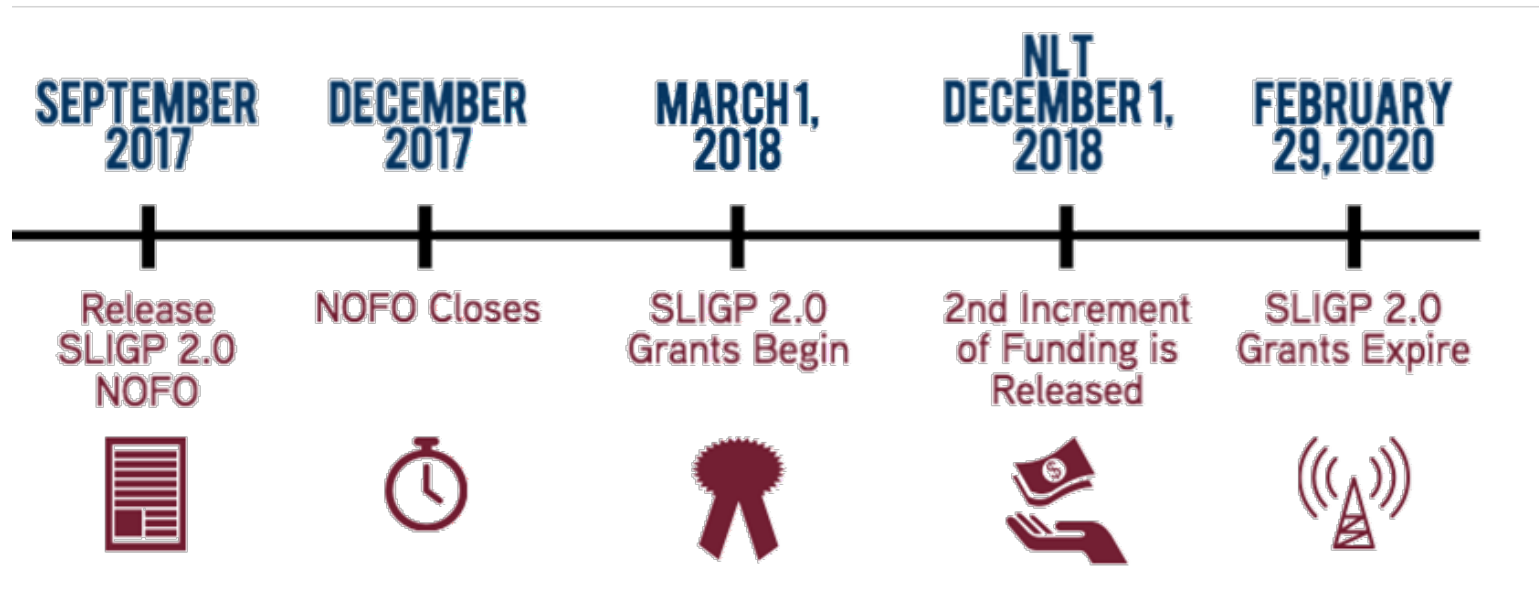
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- The NOFO opens the grant application window and describes the program requirements.
- It is available on grants.gov:
<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=297692>
- Also available at:
<https://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/state-and-local-implementation-grant-program-20>
- Application window closes on 12/28/2017*.
- The grant period of performance is two (2) years.
- Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis.



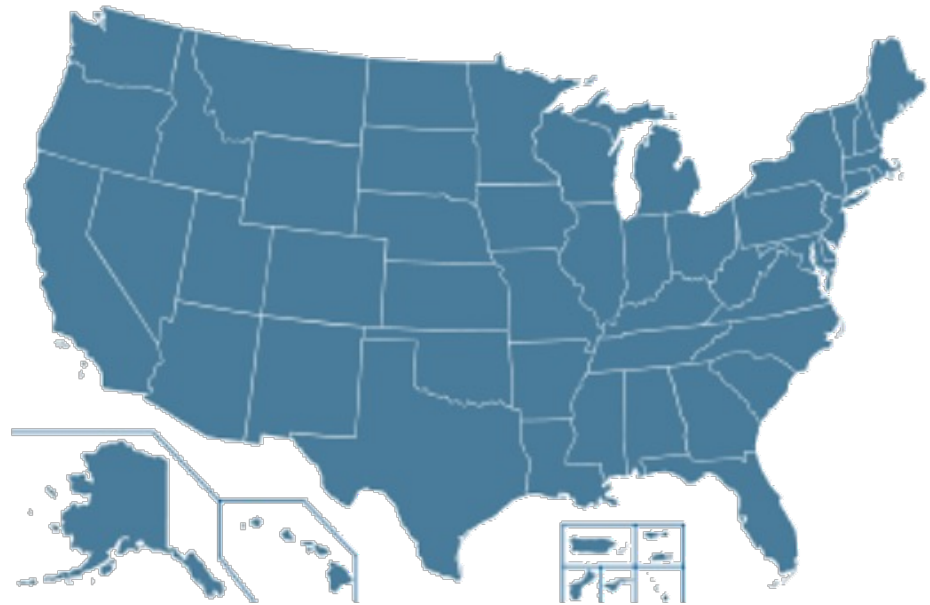
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Proposed SLIGP 2.0 Timeline



Eligible Applicants

- Any State, territory, or the District of Columbia is eligible for a grant under the SLIGP 2.0.
- Any designated State or territory-level agency is eligible to apply for the SLIGP 2.0.
- Please note, the applicant agency for the SLIGP 2.0 does not necessarily need to be the same agency as the original SLIGP recipient.
- Each interested State and territory must submit an individual application.



Funding Distribution

NTIA has divided recipients into three funding “tiers,” using the State or territory’s population as recorded in the 2010 census as a likely indicator of the number of public safety entities.

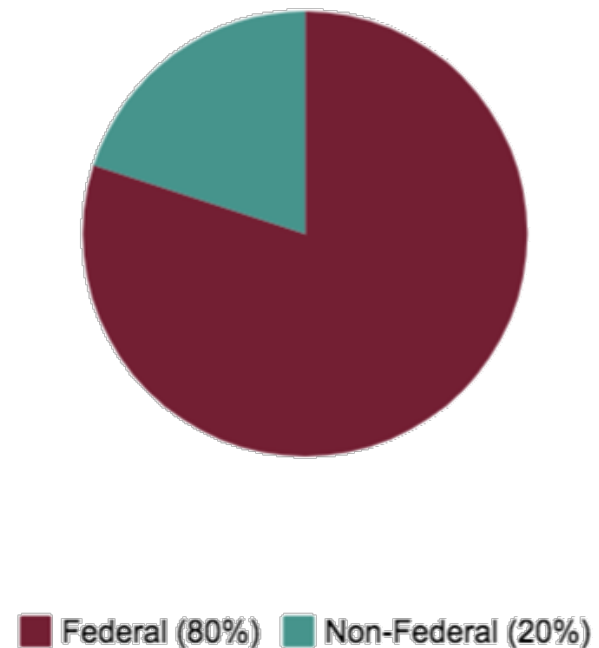
Tier	1st Increment Federal Share (9 months)	2nd Increment Federal Share Ceiling (15 months)*	Total Federal Share
Tier 1 Applicants	\$425,000	\$775,000	\$1,200,000
Tier 2 Applicants	\$250,000	\$450,000	\$700,000
Tier 3 Applicants	\$200,000	\$350,000	\$550,000

*Second increment funding is contingent upon the availability of funds and will be awarded at NTIA’s discretion.

Matching Requirement

- The federal share may not exceed 80 percent of the eligible grant costs.
- Non-federal share must be at least 20 percent of the total eligible grant costs.
- Match may include cash, allowable in-kind contributions, or indirect costs.
- The Assistant Secretary may waive, in whole or in part, the matching requirement for good cause shown if the waiver is determined to be in the public interest.

Recipient Match



Total Grant Amount

Tier	Total Federal Share	Total Match Share	Total Award Amount
Tier 1 Applicants	\$1,200,000	\$300,000	\$1,500,000
Tier 2 Applicants	\$700,000	\$175,000	\$875,000
Tier 3 Applicants	\$550,000	\$137,500	\$687,500

Single Officer

- The Act states that the Assistant Secretary shall require each State to certify in its application for grant funds that the State has designated a single officer or governmental body to serve as the coordinator of implementation of the SLIGP grant funds.
- NTIA requires applicants to provide a Letter of State Designation signed by the Governor or equivalent chief executive of the State.
- The designated individual must be a current government employee, not a contractor or consultant.
- If the Governor designates a governmental body, NTIA requires a point of contact for that body.



Allowable Activities if a State Opted-In

Opt-In Allowable Activities

Single officer (or governmental body) and staff to, at a minimum, provide for ongoing coordination with NTIA and implementation of grant funds.

Existing governance body to provide input to the single officer.

Data collection in specific areas identified to be helpful as requested by FirstNet.

Development of policies and agreements to increase sharing of data between existing public safety systems across various agencies within the State or territory using the NPSBN.

Individuals, such as the single officer and governing body members, to perform planning activities to help FirstNet and its partner further identify potential public safety users of the NPSBN.

Allowable Activities if a State Opted-In (continued)

Opt-In Allowable Activities

Planning efforts to help FirstNet gain inclusion on applicable statewide contract vehicles.

Planning activities to prepare for emergency communications technology transitions.

Activities to identify and plan for the transition of public safety applications, software, and databases.

Identifying and documenting on-going coverage needs/gaps within the State.

Activities to convene stakeholder outreach events to continue planning for NPSBN implementation, as requested by FirstNet.

Allowable Activities if a State Opted-Out

Opt-Out Allowable Activities

Single officer (or governmental body) and staff to, at a minimum, provide for ongoing coordination with NTIA and implementation of grant funds.

Existing governance body to provide input to the single officer.

Conducting education and outreach for all relevant stakeholders, including local, rural, and tribal stakeholders.

Identifying potential users of the public safety broadband network, including local, rural, and tribal users.

Performing data collection activities that were allowable under the initial SLIGP 1.0 grant award.

Development of policies and agreements to increase data sharing between existing public safety systems across various agencies within the State or territory using the State-operated RAN to connect to the NPSBN.

Allowable Activities if a State Opted-Out (continued)

Opt-Out Allowable Activities

Planning activities to prepare for emergency communications technology transitions.

Activities to identify and plan for the transition of public safety applications, software, and databases.

Identifying and documenting on-going coverage needs/gaps within the State.

Data collection in specific areas identified to be helpful as determined and documented by either the State and/or the State RAN Partner.

Planning efforts to help a State RAN partner gain inclusion on applicable statewide contract vehicles.

Activities to convene stakeholder outreach events to continue planning for NPSBN implementation.

Ineligible Costs if a State Opted-In

Opt-In Unallowable Activities

Education of the FirstNet and partner network solution, marketing of service, user subscription activities that would fall under FirstNet's partner's contractual obligations as publicly described by FirstNet or its partner.

Any FirstNet or FirstNet Partner fees including user fees and acquisition costs related to FirstNet service or devices.

Further data collection other than any activities specifically requested in writing by FirstNet.

User adoption activities, including, but not limited to, the subscription of users.

Deploying and operating demonstration networks, even for outreach purposes.

Radio Access Network (RAN) design, engineering and architecture; constructing, operating, maintenance, and improvement costs for a RAN.

Ineligible Costs if a State Opted-Out

Opt-Out Unallowable Activities

Network or demonstration network costs, even for outreach.

Alternative planning, including RFP, Alternative State Plan development and submission.

Radio Access Network (RAN) design, engineering and architecture; constructing, operating, maintenance, and improvement costs for RAN.

Any additional data collection activities, except performing data collection activities allowed under SLIGP 1.0 in the pre-SMLA phase, and as determined and documented in the post-SMLA phase.

User fees and acquisition costs related to the State's public safety broadband RAN service or devices.

*See the NOFO for a full list of unallowable activities for opt-out States.

Application Guidelines

- Complete applications for SLIGP 2.0 must be submitted by 12/28/2017 on Grants.gov*.
- A complete application includes:
 - Letter of Designation**
 - SF-424 family of application forms (424, 424A, 424B)**
 - CD-511 Certification Regarding Lobbying**
 - Standard Form LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities**
 - Application Narrative**
 - Budget Narrative and Detailed Budget Justification**

 - Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)**
 - State Opt-Out Letter (if applicable)**
 - Cost Match Waiver Letter (if applicable)**

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Evaluation Criteria

NTIA will evaluate applications for SLIGP 2.0 grants on the basis of the following criteria using peer reviewers.

SLIGP 2.0 Application Evaluation Criteria

Please see section E.1 of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for a detailed breakdown of evaluation criteria

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allowable Activities, Objectives, and Outcomes		→	20 POINTS
			+
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant Capacity, Knowledge, and Experience		→	5 POINTS
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Staffing		→	5 POINTS
			+
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Detailed Budget Justification		→	20 POINTS
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			50 POINTS

Application Review



Initial Administrative Review

- NTIA conducts an Initial Administrative Review of applications.
- NTIA may request missing or incomplete information from the applicant as needed.
- NTIA will also review applications for conformity with program objectives.



Merit Review

- NTIA will recruit three volunteer merit reviewers to assess each SLIGP 2.0 application. The reviewers will be Federal, State, local, or tribal government employees who are knowledgeable about SLIGP and NPSBN planning efforts.
- Reviewers will waive any compensation, and must sign confidentiality and conflict of interest agreements.
- Call for reviewers was released 9/29/2017.



Programmatic Review

- For each application that receives an average of 30 points from the merit review process, program staff will review the application for conformity with programmatic objectives.
- Program staff may request necessary revisions from applicants during the programmatic review process.
- Program staff will provide a list of applications recommended for funding to the Selecting Official.



NIST Review and Final Approval

- The Selecting Official's recommendation to the Grants Officer shall set forth the bases for the selection decisions.
- NTIA's Assistant Secretary will recommend approval of applications selected for funding. The final approval of selected applications and the issuance of awards will be made by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Grants Management Division (GMD) Grants Officer.



Resources

- The Notice of Funding Opportunity, Sample Application Materials, and Frequently Asked Questions are available at:
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- Assistance for using Grants.gov is available at:
<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=297692>.
- SLIGP program staff may be contacted at sligp@ntia.doc.gov or by calling (202) 482-1181.

Questions?

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