



Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)

PSIC Federal Award: \$719,236

Summary

PSIC Investment Justification	Federal Funds
Radio Communications Units Acquisition for Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) First Responders	\$719,236
Management and Administration (M&A)	-
Statewide Planning	-
Total PSIC Award	\$719,236

Pass Through: The Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), as a U.S. Territory, does not have a pass-through requirement under the PSIC Grant Program.

Strategic Technology Reserve (STR): The Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands submitted a written request for a waiver of the STR requirement, which demonstrated that there was a higher priority Investment for the Territory. The STR waiver was granted and the Commonwealth was permitted to allocate funds to one Investment, which allowed the Territory to address its highest priority – replacing its existing communications system with a Project 25 (P25)-compliant system.

Investments

Radio Communications Units Acquisition for Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands First Responders



Federal Amount:	\$ 719,236
Non-Federal Match Amount:	\$ 103,847
Total Project Cost:	\$ 823,083

96%* Acquisition & Deployment	0% Training & Exercise	4% Planning & Coordination
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**Percentages include both Federal and non-Federal Match funds.*

Currently, the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) is using the SmartNet System, which is capable of supporting about 90 percent of all government agencies' mobile and portable radios. However, the infrastructure and equipment for this system is aging and obsolete and requires immediate replacement. The Territory will use PSIC funds to upgrade its system into a territory-wide P25-compliant system, purchase radio consoles at its Emergency Management Office and the Department of Public Safety, upgrade its main communications system at Mount Tapotchau, and provide subscriber units for first responders. This Investment will expand interoperability across the four island regions, including the Islands of Saipan, Rota, and Tinian, which currently operate on their own systems. This Investment addresses critical emergency communications needs across the Islands and reflects the highest interoperable communications priority of the Territory.

PSIC Administration and Statewide Planning Costs

Management and Administration (M&A)

Federal Amount:	\$ 0
Non-Federal Match Amount:	\$ 0
Total Project Cost:	\$ 0

The Territory was allowed to retain up to three percent of the total PSIC award for costs associated with the administration of the State's PSIC Investments. The M&A costs could include hiring full-time or part-time staff or contractors for grant management services related to reporting, monitoring and audit compliance, and associated travel and meeting expenses. The Northern Mariana Islands, however, chose not to allocate its PSIC funds in this manner.

Statewide Planning

Federal Amount	\$ 0
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The Territory was allowed to retain up to five percent of the total PSIC award for Statewide Planning costs associated with the incorporation of the PSIC criteria into the Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP). The Statewide Planning period of performance was April 1, 2007–December 3, 2007, with the submission of the SCIP. The Northern Mariana Islands, however, chose not to allocate its PSIC funds in this manner.
