



Vermont (VT)

PSIC Federal Award: \$4,476,761

(Awarded September 30, 2007)

Summary

PSIC Investment Justification	Federal Funds
Vermont Communications (VCOMM) Statewide Lifeline	\$4,476,761
Management and Administration (M&A)	-
Statewide Planning	-
Total PSIC Award	\$4,476,761

Pass Through: The Vermont Communications Board (VCOMM) entered into Memoranda of Understanding with the major public safety Associations within the State. These agreements authorize VCOMM to expend PSIC grant funding on behalf of the locals in accordance with program guidelines.

Strategic Technology Reserve (STR): The State of Vermont submitted a written request for a waiver of the STR requirement. The request demonstrated that Vermont maintains adequate resources in the event of a critical failure of the public safety systems, and Vermont was granted an STR waiver.

Investments

Vermont Communications Statewide Lifeline



Federal Amount:	\$ 4,476,761
Non-Federal Match Amount:	\$ 1,255,577
Total Project Cost:	\$ 5,732,338

100%* Acquisition & Deployment	0% Training & Exercise	0% Planning & Coordination
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**Percentages include both Federal and non-Federal Match funds.*

Legacy radio systems and Vermont's unique geography have resulted in limited interoperability for first responders. VCOMM will use PSIC grant funding to reprogram all first responders' radios (i.e., fire, police, emergency medical services) and to upgrade technology at 32 communications towers and 11 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) in order to facilitate the use of national mutual aid channels. The system will provide an interoperable communications platform for all first responders and partners to utilize during any multi-agency responses whether natural or man-made.

PSIC Administration and Statewide Planning Costs

Management and Administration (M&A)

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

The State 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. Vermont, however, chose not to allocate its available PSIC funds in this manner.

Statewide Planning

Federal Amount	\$ 0
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The State 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. Vermont, however, chose not to allocate its available PSIC funds in this manner.