

SLIGP 2.0 Grant Closeout Report					2. Award or Grant Number:	69-10-S18069
					4. EIN:	98-6019463
1. Recipient Name	CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management				6. Report Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	06/29/2021
3. Street Address	1313 Anatahan Drive Caller Box 10007				7. Reporting Period End Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)	03/31/2021
5. City, State, Zip Code	Saipan, MP 969950				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	No	0	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	8	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	3	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	2.00	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	Yes		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.

The CNMI initially had a rough start with initiating SLIGP 2.0 efforts. The CNMI was dealing with issues regarding it EIN and efforts related to making the proper adjust to allow CNMI to drawdown on grant-related activities which greatly impacted the execution and follow-ups related to the Public Safety Broadband within the CNMI. CNMI HSEM worked to catch up on pre-approved work plan and continued to coordinate with PS/EMs in regards to gaps they see within the current system. A large focus within the CNMI was to continue to be addressing the and allowing for a conversation on Public Safety Broadband to widen the knowledge of all stakeholders who will eventually transition on to this network. Throughout the grant life, CNMI HSEM ran into many challenges such as the extensive response and recovery efforts of Typhoon Mangkhut and Super Typhoon Yutu. In addition, CNMI HSEM dealt with high turnover of personnel that were directly involved with SLIGP 2.0 grant activities and the rollout of FirstNet. Also, the suspension of the grant and the agency review placed on CNMI HSEM made efforts extremely difficult especially with trying to coordinate events that required funding. CNMI HSEM was still able to coordinate with FirstNet to conduct three workshops taking place on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. The Federal Program Coordinator, in his short term of working under SLIGP 2.0, was able to maintain communication with counterparts and discuss steps moving forward. Planning efforts abruptly stopped as the Governor of the CNMI issued a directive shutting down the entire CNMI Government until further notice due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. CNMI HSEM was not able to really complete all it wished to accomplish as the pandemic did not allow for activity to resume as normal. All agencies were shut down and the entire CNMI HSEM office was activated at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center.

**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.**

CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management had taken on two personnel (1 in Tinian and 1 in Rota) to assist in handling SLIGP 2.0 and FirstNet activities. The Tinian HSEM Representative and the Rota HSEM Representative were charged with assisting the Federal Program Coordinator to handle SLIGP 2.0 and FirstNet activities on their respective municipalities. Hiring on individuals on Tinian and Rota was necessary as the CNMI was also undergoing austerity measures. Having individuals on Tinian and Rota made coordination easier and stakeholder involvement in workshops a lot more fruitful.

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

CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management implemented a working group strictly for emergency communications. The working group was able to come together to identify priorities in terms of communication and discussing how FirstNet is able to achieve those goals. In addition, the CNMI was able to learn from different jurisdictions such as Guam and Hawaii and determine if the same actions could work for the CNMI.



N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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Total Funds Allocated to Contracts							\$0.00	\$0.00

**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	\$65,000.00	\$0.00	\$65,000.00	\$74,934.00	\$0.00	\$74,934.00
b. Personnel Fringe Benefits	\$11,115.00	\$0.00	\$11,115.00	\$17,217.00	\$0.00	\$17,217.00
c. Travel	\$311,550.00	\$0.00	\$311,550.00	\$42,457.00	\$0.00	\$42,457.00
d. Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
e. Materials/Supplies	\$17,420.00	\$0.00	\$17,420.00	\$9,816.00	\$0.00	\$9,816.00
f. Contractual	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
g. Other	\$15,700.00	\$0.00	\$15,700.00	\$5,750.00	\$0.00	\$5,750.00
h. Indirect	\$114,215.00	\$0.00	\$114,215.00	\$38,250.00	\$0.00	\$38,250.00
i. Total Costs	\$535,000.00	\$0.00	\$535,000.00	\$188,424.00	\$0.00	\$188,424.00
j. Proportionality Percent	100%	0%	100%	100%	0%	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.**

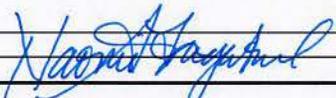
Statement	Agree/Disagree	Additional Questions	Response
15a. SLIGP 2.0 funds were helpful in planning for the integration with the NPSBN.	Agree	What was most helpful? What challenges did you encounter?	The SLIGP 2.0 funds were helpful in planning for the integration with the NPSBN. It assisted with ensuring that local partners and stakeholders were able to attend important conferences that assisted with the integration. Consistent outreach and coordination between the CNMI and partners were not consistent due to turnover in personnel throughout the grant life. This presented a delay in any and all plans.

<p>15b. I plan to continue any SLIGP 2.0 program activities beyond the SLIGP 2.0 period of performance.</p>	<p>Agree</p>	<p>What do you plan to accomplish after the period of performance?</p>	<p>With the stakeholder workshops that were conducted in the CNMI, the CNMI HSEM IT and Communications Manager will continue to push forward with seeing how FirstNet can assist the first responder community. The IT and Communications Section will work with local partners and stakeholders to enhance their communications capabilities throughout the CNMI.</p>
<p>15c. SLIGP 2.0 funds were helpful in informing my stakeholders about FirstNet.</p>	<p>Agree</p>	<p>What was most helpful? What challenges did you encounter?</p>	<p>SLIGP 2.0 funds were helpful in coordinating and conducting the FirstNet workshops in Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. This allowed all three municipalities a chance to better understand what FirstNet is and what benefits can come from buying into such a program. The workshops that were conducted allowed CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management to bring in partner agencies such as the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Corrections, the Commonwealth Ports Authority, and others to meet with subject-matter experts and those from FirstNet. This opportunity gave local law enforcement agencies a chance to ask communications-specific questions and how FirstNet will assist in closing the communications gap. Again, the challenges encountered was mainly the turnover of personnel. With the turnover, delays and the lack of follow up really hindered the progress that could have been accomplished throughout the grant life.</p>
<p>Statement</p>	<p>Agree/Disagree</p>	<p>Additional Questions</p>	<p>Response</p>

<p>15d. SLIGP 2.0 funds were helpful in maintaining a governance structure for broadband in my state/territory.</p>	<p>Disagree</p>	<p>What was most helpful? What challenges did you encounter?</p>	<p>Throughout the grant life, the governance structure and coordination was lacking. In the earlier years of the grant, there were many setbacks as activities were stagnant due to the response to and recovery from Super Typhoon Yutu. Eventually, activities regarding governance took place but were seldom and brief.</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>Agree</p>	<p>What was most helpful? What challenges did you encounter?</p>	<p>SLIGP 2.0 did provide many resources for FirstNet planning activities. The grant allowed for personnel to be funded to ensure that the FirstNet rollout was successful. CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management personnel, along with the State Point-of-Contact, and representatives from the first responder community/organizations were able to attend conferences or planning meetings to help the CNMI gain momentum of its own. There were no known challenges encountered pertaining to this section. However, the global pandemic did take away much of the opportunities for further broadband conferences and training for the CNMI stakeholders.</p>

<p>15f. Overall, SLIGP 2.0 funds were helpful in preparing for FirstNet.</p>	<p>Agree</p>	<p>What was most helpful? What challenges did you encounter?</p>	<p>Overall, SLIGP 2.0 funds were helpful in preparing for the rollout of FirstNet. The most helpful was the guidance received by the grantor as well as the support from FirstNet and the region in hopes of preparing the CNMI's stakeholders and partners for the rollout. Some of the challenges that the CNMI has encountered throughout the life of the grant was really pertaining to the setbacks of COVID-19. Another challenge the CNMI faced was the grant restrictions on certain expenditures. The planning efforts that SLIGP 2.0 allowed the stakeholders to conduct and coordinate was a great, but the economic downturn in the CNMI did not allow its stakeholders to effectively prepare for FirstNet. Many of the stakeholders were not able to afford the equipment (phones, radios, etc.) that one needed in order to avail of such a service.</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>Naomi Ada Tagabuel, Grants Manager/Lead Planner</p>	<p>16c. Telephone: (670) 664 - 2216</p>
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	<p>16e. Date: 6/29/2021</p>

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