

SLIGP 2.0 Grant Closeout Report				2. Award or Grant Number:	36-10-S18036
				4. EIN:	14-6013200
1. Recipient Name	New York Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services			6. Report Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	06/28/2021
3. Street Address	1220 Washington Ave, Building 7A			7. Reporting Period End Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)	03/31/2021
5. City, State, Zip Code	Albany, NY, 12226			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	Yes	13	Cumulative number of governance, subcommittee, or working group meetings related to the NPSBN held during the grant period	
2	Individuals Sent to Broadband Conferences	No	0	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	No	0	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	0.43	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	Yes	1	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	No		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.

1 Governance Meetings: Staff regularly provided updates to the quarterly meetings of the State Interoperable and Emergency Communication Board (the New York SIEC). The current membership of this Board is listed at: <http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/oiec/siec/>

2 Individuals Sent to Broadband Conferences: N/A. (Although staff attended many association and other meetings and provided a PSBB update, however the meetings themselves were not specifically dedicated to broadband).

3 Convened Stakeholder Events: We attempted to host a virtual learning events, however we were unable to gain the support of AT&T legal and outreach teams. Later, AT&T produced (themselves) several webinars for New York and we assisted by contacting our stakeholders and encouraging them to attend.

4 Staff Hired: All staff involved in this were existing DHSES employees. Their time was tracked using a project code in our existing State Leave and Attendance Tracking System (LATS) and a dollar value was calculated based on their salary and federally approved fringe rate. This was then used for the 20% match.

5 Contracts Executed: ~~One contract was executed. It was actually a Statement of Work against an existing centralized New York State contract. This was with the New York State Technology Enterprise Corporation (NYSTEC) and they supported us for stakeholder engagement, website updates and meeting/project planning.~~

6 Subrecipient Agreements: N/A

7 Data Sharing Polices/Agreements Developed: N/A

8 Further Identification of Potential Public Safety Users: We assisted AT&T with providing several webinars to New York State stakeholders. AT&T produced the content and hosted the webinar, and we assisted by reaching out to various individuals and groups and making them aware of these event opportunities.

9 Plans for Emergency Communications Tech Transitions: N/A

10 Identified and Planning to Transition PS Apps & Databases: N/A

11 Identify Ongoing Coverage Gaps: We receive regular (roughly quarterly) updates from the AT&T NYS RAN director and we discuss any challenges with site constructions. The Market Manager provides us with a publicly distributable version of the RAN status and we share this during our Governance meetings. We have also driven several areas and collected data on AT&T coverage. (This was collected with equipment purchased with State funds and not SLIGP/SLIGP2 funds).

12 Data Collection Activities: N/A

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.

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

We have a good relationship with the AT&T staff who work with New York, however it is clear that once opt-in occurred, AT&T was going to be leading outreach and transition efforts. They did accept any inputs or help we provided (we have biweekly meetings and we talk more often than that), but they are very well equipped for conducting these efforts themselves. AT&T is a large corporation and certain aspects, such as Legal, proved challenging (e.g. for our attempt at virtual sessions).

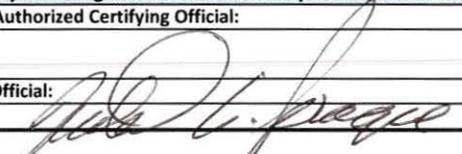
Once AT&T's FirstNet services were added to the State's centralized contract by our Office of General Services, it became easier for agencies to purchase those services. However, many agencies were slow to consider or transition to FirstNet. This is due to a historical use of another carrier, as well as ingrained prior experiences with AT&T coverage in New York (especially in rural areas). By providing RAN build out updates, we tried to show users the expansion that AT&T is making in New York. (Part of the Governor's Opt-In agreement was 100 new FirstNet sites in NY, plus AT&T had many more business sites in process).

<p>15b. I plan to continue any SLIGP 2.0 program activities beyond the SLIGP 2.0 period of performance.</p>	<p>5-Strongly Agree</p>	<p>What do you plan to accomplish after the period of performance?</p>	<p>Our office will continue to remain fully engaged in public safety broadband (PSBB). As the office responsible at the State level for interoperable and emergency communications functions, we believe that staying involved in PSBB is essential. We will continue to participate in biweekly calls with AT&T and FirstNet and continue to brief the SIEC Board and regional consortiums on PSBB. However, we do plan to roll our separate psbb website into a larger DHSES site redesign and will discontinue having it as a stand-alone site. Given the amount of material available on the web regarding FirstNet, this is a reasonable approach.</p>
<p>15c. SLIGP 2.0 funds were helpful in informing my stakeholders about FirstNet.</p>	<p>4-Agree</p>	<p>What was most helpful? What challenges did you encounter?</p>	<p>We utilized the funds for our contractor. They assisted us in arranging meetings, our user group and our website updates. If we did not have the SLIGP2 funds, we would have still engaged stakeholders as part of our normal office activities, but likely not to the degree we did with the assistance of the SLIGP2 funds.</p>
<p>Statement</p>	<p>Agree/Disagree</p>	<p>Additional Questions</p>	<p>Response</p>

			<p>Our office is responsible for interoperable and emergency communications and we have an established SIEC. These items are State statute and would be done even without SLIGP2 funds. However, the funds allowed us to provide more public safety broadband information and engagement with stakeholders that we might have otherwise done.</p>
<p>15d. SLIGP 2.0 funds were helpful in maintaining a governance structure for broadband in my state/territory.</p>	<p>3-Neutral</p>	<p>What was most helpful? What challenges did you encounter?</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>3-Neutral</p>	<p>What was most helpful? What challenges did you encounter?</p>	<p>We were able to use the funds to pay for a contractor (who also assisted during SLIGP1) that assisted us with organizing meetings, updating the website, continuing the public safety broadband working group and it's transition to a user group. We did not host or travel to any conferences that were specifically PSBB related. We did attempt to provide a series of virtual learning sessions, however we were unable to gain the support of AT&T legal and outreach teams.</p>

<p>15f. Overall, SLIGP 2.0 funds were helpful in preparing for FirstNet.</p>	<p>4-Agree</p>	<p>What was most helpful? What challenges did you encounter?</p>	<p>While overall we believe the funds were helpful, we found SLIGP1 to be more useful. This was largely due to the difference in the stages of the FirstNet development. During SLIGP1, we were very engaged in the development of the FirstNet model, the State Plan review and travel to various conferences (including SLIGP meetings). During SLIGP2, AT&T was taking a much more direct role in FirstNet outreach and agency transitions.</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>16c. Telephone: 518-242-8275</p>
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<p>16b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official:</p> 	<p>16e. Date: 6/28/2021</p>

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