

SLIGP 2.0 Grant Closeout Report				2. Award or Grant Number:	01-10-S18001	
1. Recipient Name				Alabama Office of Information Technology	4. EIN:	63-6000619
3. Street Address				64 North Union Street, Folsom Administration Building, Suite 200	6. Report Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	08/28/2020
5. City, State, Zip Code				Montgomery, Alabama 36130-30230	7. Reporting Period End Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)	03/31/2020
9. Project/Grant Period				8. Final Report		
9a. Start Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)				Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
9b. End Date: (MM/DD/YYYY)				No <input type="checkbox"/>		
10. Reserved for Reviewer						
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	4	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	1	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	5	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	1.9	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	2	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	No		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.

2nd Quarter, 2018

One NPSBN meeting was attended in compliance with allowable activities. In June, the FirstNet Director attended the 2018 PSCR Stakeholders meeting San Diego, California. One FTE (.1) joined the FirstNet Program initiative and works in the area of Finance and Accounting, which is identified in the budget as 0.3 FTE. Further collaboration and planning was done with various information technology departments in efforts to create outreach materials and website. The seven regions throughout the state are identified and the counties within these regions are being targeted for direct contact, communication and outreach sessions, to commence in the month of August.

3rd Quarter, 2018

The Alabama FirstNet Program Director attended the Alabama National Emergency Number Association 4th Quarterly Meeting, in compliance with SLIGP 2.0 allowable activities. Four FTE (2.20) joined the Alabama FirstNet Program Initiative and work as the Grant Manager identified in the budget as 1.0 FTE, Legal Counsel identified in the budget as .10 FTE and Communications Manager identified in the budget as .10 FTE. There was one contract terminated for Program Director, Terrance Carson and one contract executed for Meghan Echols, as a replacement. Further collaboration was done with various information technology departments that resulted in the completion of outreach materials, social media and website. The counties within the seven regions previously identified are being targeted for direct contact, communication and outreach sessions, to commence in the month of January.

4th Quarter, 2018

The Alabama FirstNet Program published and distributed the first quarterly FirstNet Alabama newsletter. The newsletter provided readers with an introduction to FirstNet and Promoted upcoming outreach activities. It also highlighted the use of FirstNet technology in support of law enforcement's resolution to a local cold case in Elmore county. The FirstNet Program also launched the State of Alabama FirstNet Website (<https://firstnet.alabama.gov/>) on November 8, 2018. The website will serve as a source of information regarding FirstNet updates, outreach events, Band 14 tower sites, FAQ's, and FirstNet news. The FirstNet program director attended the quarterly meeting of the Alabama First Responder Wireless Commission (AFRWC) and presented an introductory briefing and communicated strategic plan to stakeholders. The Alabama FirstNet program staff are in the process of finalizing plans for seven educational outreach workshops that will occur in various regions across the State. The workshops were originally scheduled to begin in January 2019, but due to the limited number of registered attendees the January workshops have been rescheduled to begin February 2019.

1st Quarter, 2019

The Alabama FirstNet Program published and distributed the second quarterly FirstNet Alabama newsletter. The newsletter provided readers with an introduction to FirstNet and Promoted upcoming outreach activities. The FirstNet program director attended the quarterly meeting of the Alabama First Responder Wireless Commission (AFRWC) and updated stakeholders on the progress of FirstNet. The Alabama FirstNet program held five educational outreach workshops across the State. The FirstNet Program Director attended the FirstNet board meeting in Jackson, MS.

2nd Quarter, 2019

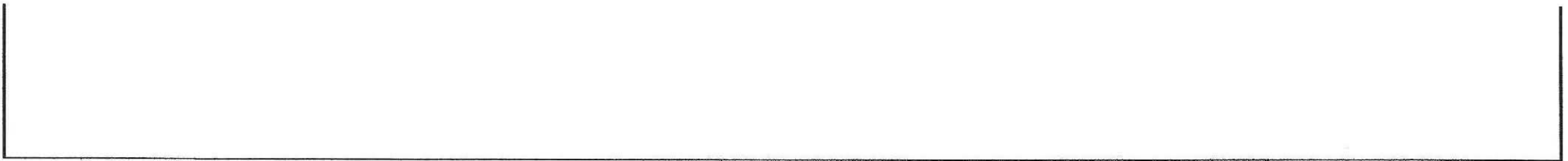
Efforts have been made to hold outreach workshops for Baldwin and Barbour counties during the month of August. Social media has been utilized to promote attendance. Arrangements have been set in the planning of the Southeastern Broadband Summit that is tentatively scheduled for January of 2020.

3rd Quarter, 2019

The Alabama FirstNet Grant Manager started charging to the SLIGP 2.0 Grant at 1.0 FTE focusing on the creation of education, outreach and awareness opportunities across the counties, establishing a social media presence, maintaining compliance with the performance progress reporting and assisting the Program Director with other grant activities. The Alabama FirstNet Communications Manager and Legal Counsel started charging to the SLIGP 2.0 Grant at .10 FTE each focusing on media coverage and outreach resources and legal matters respectively.

4th Quarter, 2019

Attendance at the quarterly meeting of the Alabama First Responder Wireless Commission (AFRWC).



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.


No.

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

13. Contractual (Contract and/or Subrecipients)								
13a. Contractual Table – Include all contractors. The totals from this table should equal the “Contractual” in Question 14f.								
Name	Subcontract Purpose	Type (Contract/Subrec.)	RFP/RFQ Issued (Y/N)	Contract Executed (Y/N)	Start Date	End Date	Total Federal Funds Allocated	Total Matching Funds Allocated
Meghan Echols	Alabama FirstNet Program Director	Contract	Y	Y	8/20/2018	2/29/2020	\$54,679.66	\$13,669.91
Terrance Carson	Alabama FirstNet Program Director	Contract	Y	Y	3/5/2018	8/10/2018	\$55,752.80	\$13,938.20
Total Funds Allocated to Contracts							\$110,432.46	\$27,608.11
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	\$381,408.64	\$0.00	\$381,408.64	\$28,872.41	\$7,218.10	\$36,090.51		
b. Personnel Fringe Benefits	\$44,068.84	\$70,353.75	\$114,422.59	\$14,985.18	\$3,746.30	\$18,731.48		
c. Travel	\$137,284.97	\$979.03	\$138,264.00	\$3,113.42	\$778.35	\$3,891.77		
d. Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
e. Materials/Supplies	\$15,600.00	\$0.00	\$15,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
f. Contractual	\$80,000.00	\$0.00	\$80,000.00	\$110,432.46	\$27,608.11	\$138,040.57		
g. Other	\$18,240.00	\$31,060.00	\$49,300.00	\$14,523.67	\$3,630.92	\$18,154.59		
h. Indirect	\$7,089.33	\$68,530.17	\$75,619.50	\$17,192.71	\$4,298.18	\$21,490.89		
i. Total Costs	\$683,691.78	\$170,922.95	\$854,614.73	\$189,119.85	\$47,279.96	\$236,399.81		
j. Proportionality Percent	80%	20%	100%	80%	20%	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			

<p>15a. SLIGP 2.0 funds were helpful in planning for the integration with the NPSBN.</p>	<p>4-Agree</p>	<p>What was most helpful? What challenges did you encounter?</p>	<p>Most helpful was working with the Federal program officer who gave us a better understanding of what expenses were allowable under the grant terms, and speaking to representative from other states to learn what they were utilizing their funds for. The challenges that we encountered were restrictions as to what were allowable expenses.</p>
<p>15b. I plan to continue any SLIGP 2.0 program activities beyond the SLIGP 2.0 period of performance.</p>	<p>4-Agree</p>	<p>What do you plan to accomplish after the period of performance?</p>	<p>The goal following the period of performance remains to continue to support the interest in and purchasing availability of FirstNet product and/or services of State of Alabama purchasing contract T303 to all first responders.</p>

Statement	Agree/Disagree	Additional Questions	Response
<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>Most helpful was the opportunity to introduce FirstNet to first responders on a Statewide platform from received funding. The primary challenge encountered was the inability to successfully develop interest in FirstNet by first responders due to reports of unavailability of funding resources required to take advantage of FirstNet products and services.</p>
<p>15d. SLIGP 2.0 funds were helpful in maintaining a governance structure for broadband in my state/territory.</p>	<p>4-Agree</p>	<p>What was most helpful? What challenges did you encounter?</p>	<p>Most helpful was the opportunity to introduce, develop, and implement a governance structure for public safety broadband initiatives to be utilized by first responders through the received funds. The primary challenge encountered was the inability of first responders taking advantage of the FirstNet products and services due to their report of unavailable funding resources.</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>4-Agree</p>	<p>What was most helpful? What challenges did you encounter?</p>	<p>Most helpful was the opportunity to implement statewide FirstNet planning and strategy activities with first responders in Alabama. The primary challenge encountered was the inability of developing interest in FirstNet offerings by first responders due to their report of unavailable funding resources.</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>Most helpful was coordinating with Chuck Murph, our Public Safety Advisor, to discuss ways to prepare and distribute the information about FirstNet. Discussing strategies and ideas with other state representatives was also helpful. One of the challenges that we encountered was a lack of interest from first responders and other emergency personnel.</p>
<p>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>			
<p>16a. Typed or printed name and title of Authorized Certifying Official:</p>			<p>16c. Telephone: 334-242-5687</p>
<p>Lindsey Raughton, Grant Accountant</p>			<p>16d. Email Address: lindsey.raughton@oit.alabama.gov</p>
<p>16b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official: </p>			<p>16e. Date: 8/28/2020</p>

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