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Public Safety Broadband Grants Announced

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Summary

On February 6, 2013, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) opened the application period for the State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP; [CFDA 11.549](#)), which was authorized by the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 ([P.L. 112-96](#)). Requirements for the grant program were described in FFIS [Issue Brief 12-34](#). This brief lists the grant allocations and the timing for awards. Applications for grant funding must be received by NTIA no later than March 19, 2013.

P.L. 112-96 created a single, nationwide interoperable public safety broadband network (PSBN) that will allow public safety officials to communicate across agencies and jurisdictions. The law also provided up to \$135 million in funding for SLIGP, which will assist state, regional, tribal, and local jurisdictions with planning and implementing the PSBN. Of the \$135 million designated for the program, NTIA will make \$121.5 million available to states.

Under the [funding opportunity](#) issued last week, each state and territory will be awarded a base allocation of \$500,000 for planning and outreach activities; remaining funds are allocated by a formula based on population (75%) and land area (25%). No state may receive more than \$6 million. In addition, states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico will be required to provide a 20% match to the total project cost, which may be waived by the assistant commerce secretary. Territories are not required to provide any matching funds. Table 1 lists each state's award and required match.

Grant funds will be allocated to states in two phases with all funds obligated at the time of award. The first phase (50%) will be for planning and development activities in preparation for consultations with the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), including meetings, governance planning, outreach, and education. The second phase (50%) will fund planning for data collection and any additional consultation needed between states and FirstNet.

As part of the application process, states must submit a project feasibility narrative, a detailed budget justification, and a letter certifying that the state has designated a single officer or governing body to oversee the grant funds.

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Table 1**Broadband State-Local Implementation Grants**

(dollars in thousands)

<i>State</i>	<i>Federal</i>	<i>20% State Match</i>	<i>Total</i>
Alabama	\$2,094	\$524	\$2,618
Alaska	2,054	514	2,568
Arizona	2,981	745	3,726
Arkansas	1,634	409	2,043
California	5,813	1,453	7,266
Colorado	2,561	640	3,201
Connecticut	1,440	360	1,800
Delaware	742	186	928
District of Columbia	652	163	815
Florida	5,034	1,259	6,293
Georgia	3,386	847	4,233
Hawaii	893	223	1,116
Idaho	1,526	382	1,908
Illinois	4,165	1,041	5,206
Indiana	2,411	603	3,014
Iowa	1,696	424	2,120
Kansas	1,844	461	2,305
Kentucky	1,897	474	2,371
Louisiana	1,975	494	2,469
Maine	1,071	268	1,339
Maryland	2,033	508	2,541
Massachusetts	2,214	554	2,768
Michigan	3,428	857	4,285
Minnesota	2,447	612	3,059
Mississippi	1,608	402	2,010
Missouri	2,537	634	3,171
Montana	1,860	465	2,325
Nebraska	1,547	387	1,934
Nevada	2,020	505	2,525
New Hampshire	901	225	1,126
New Jersey	2,777	694	3,471
New Mexico	1,945	486	2,431
New York	4,984	1,246	6,230
North Carolina	3,280	820	4,100
North Dakota	1,196	299	1,495
Ohio	3,726	932	4,658
Oklahoma	1,971	493	2,464
Oregon	2,200	550	2,750
Pennsylvania	4,050	1,013	5,063
Rhode Island	774	194	968
South Carolina	1,898	475	2,373
South Dakota	1,284	321	1,605
Tennessee	2,418	605	3,023
Texas	6,000	1,500	7,500
Utah	1,825	456	2,281
Vermont	728	182	910
Virginia	2,823	706	3,529
Washington	2,706	677	3,383
West Virginia	1,151	288	1,439
Wisconsin	2,350	588	2,938
Wyoming	1,383	346	1,729
Puerto Rico	1,467	367	1,834
Virgin Islands	528	0	528
American Samoa	515	0	515
Guam	542	0	542
Northern Mariana Islands	515	0	515
Unallocated	0	0	0
TOTAL	\$121,500	\$29,850	\$151,350

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