

State Interoperability Executive Committee

August 8, 2023

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Agenda

- Welcome & Introduction
 - Review agenda
 - Member News and Information Roundtable
 - **Approval** of June 13 meeting minutes
- Introduction and Brief FirstNet Update - Brett Johnson
- Cybersecurity Grant Updates - Zack Hudgins
- SAW Group Updates - Anton Damm
- SCIP - Bill Kehoe
 - SCIP Addition to Objective 2
 - Assign Objectives
 - Potential Decision Package
- Good of the Order / Public Comment

Review June 13 Minutes

Brett Johnson
Senior Public Safety Advisor
FirstNet Authority



State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP)

Applications Submitted

AUGUST 2023



Timeline – *project selection*

- **5/5-6/2, 4 wks: Notice of Intent (NOI)**
- **6/12: Plan submitted to CISA for approval**
- **6/20-7/18, 4 wks: Application period**
 - 143 eligible projects submitted, totaling \$15,478,157
- **7/17: CISA final approval of Cybersecurity Plan**
- **7/18-25: In-processing and review applications**
- **7/19-8/7: Scoring group scores/ranks projects**
- **8/16: Planning Committee meeting to review projects and develop recommendations for CIO decision**
- **NLT 8/31: Notify successful applicants**

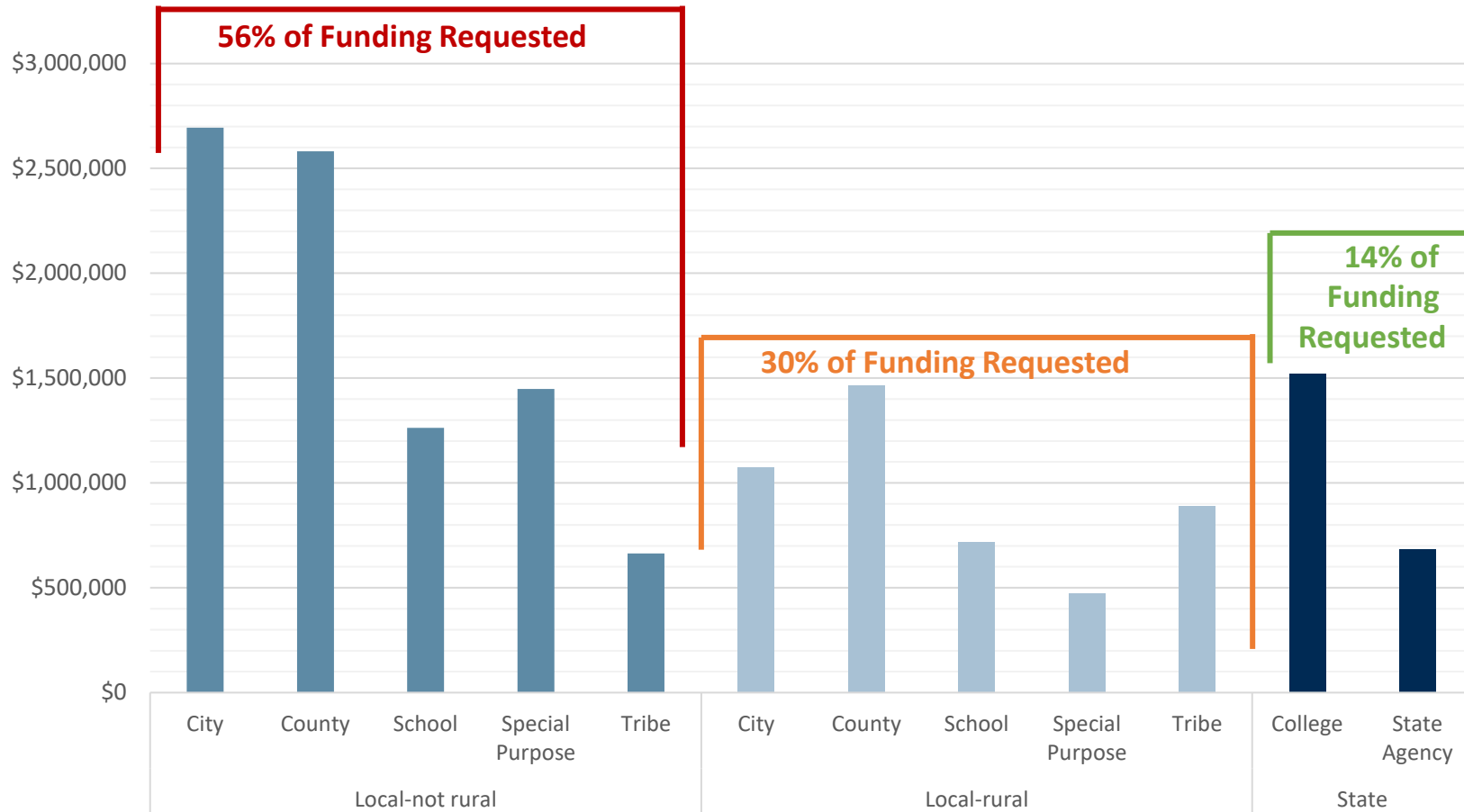


Submissions

- **# of entities: 99**
- **# of projects: 143**
 - City: 57
 - County: 23
 - Tribal: 9
 - Special Purpose District: 18
 - School: 18
 - College: 15
 - State Agency: 3
- **Total funding requested: \$15,478,157**
 - Local-rural: \$4,618,968
 - Local-not rural: \$8,650,563
 - State: \$2,208,626
- **Ineligible projects: 5**



Total Requested by Funding Type



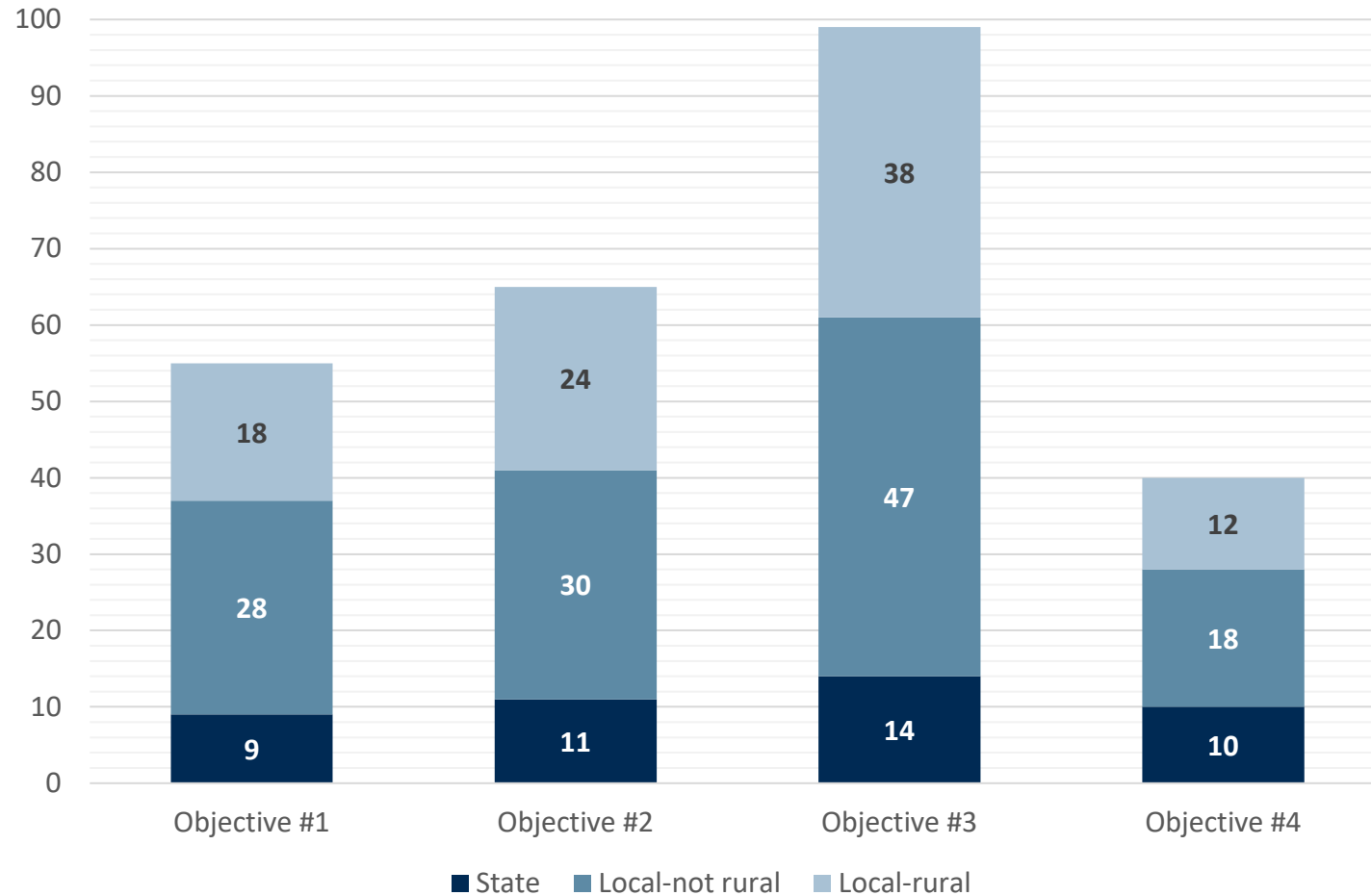


Projects

- **Projects across all Objectives**
- **Types of projects**
 - Plan and policy development to include response and recovery
 - System testing and vulnerability assessment
 - Firewalls and security hardware
 - Monitoring and response systems
 - Identity management/MFA
 - Program development
 - Training to include certification of IT staff



Projects by Objective





Timeline – *next steps*

- **8/16: Planning Committee Meeting to review projects and develop recommendations for CIO decision**
- **NLT 8/31: Notify successful applicants**
- **8/16-9/15: Package projects, revise Investment Justification, submit to FEMA for approval**
- **Mid-Oct – end of Nov: Execute grant agreements as projects are approved and funding released**
 - 45-day obligation period once funding is released (proj approval)
 - Subrecipients begin projects



NOFO requirements

Funding Thresholds

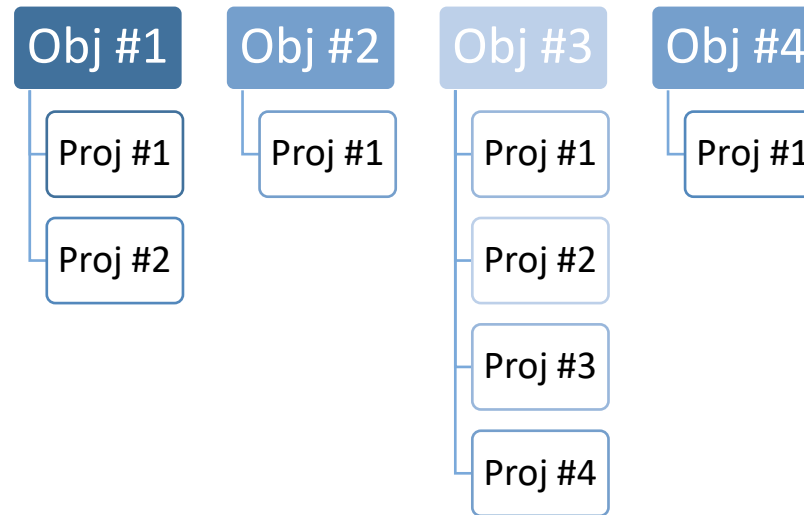
- **80% to local jurisdictions (\$3,259,139)**
- **25% to rural jurisdictions (\$1,018,481)**
- **Remainder can be passed through to state agencies or to additional local entities (\$570,347)**

Application

- **Investment Justifications (IJs) - one for each SLCGP Objective**
 - #1 Planning, program, governance
 - #2 Assessment, vulnerability scanning
 - #3 Solution implementation, close identified gaps
 - #4 Training *optional*
- **Project Worksheet**
 - All projects must align under an Objective for submission



Application framework



OBJECTIVE 1: Develop and establish appropriate governance structures, as well as develop, implement, or revise cybersecurity plans, to improve capabilities to respond to cybersecurity incidents and ensure continuity of operations.

OBJECTIVE 2: SLT agencies understand their current cybersecurity posture and areas for improvement based on continuous testing, evaluation, and structured assessments.

OBJECTIVE 3: Implement security protections commensurate with risk (outcomes of Objectives 1 & 2)

OBJECTIVE 4: Ensure organization personnel are appropriately trained in cybersecurity, commensurate with responsibility.



Resubmission

IJ requirements for each Objective

- **Alignment with Plan elements**
 - Specific to the Objective and projects included for funding
 - Capability of the state for the Objective, gaps identified
- **Description of the projects**
 - How they align with the Cybersecurity Plan
 - How the gaps will be addressed
 - Applicable metrics from the Plan

Project Worksheet required information

- **Entity**
- **Objective**
- **Project Title**
- **Project Description**
- **POETE budget breakout**



Approval

- **Application resubmission to FEMA**
 - FEMA coordinates CISA Approval
- **Funding released by FEMA**
 - 45-day obligation period
 - Email agreements to subrecipients
- **New subrecipient meetings**
 - Reimbursement and reporting processes
 - Explanation of requirements (e.g., NCSR, procurement documentation, etc.)
- **Subrecipients complete projects**
 - Submit expenditures for reimbursement
 - Submit reporting
- **Report out to Planning Committee**
 - Progress
 - Finalized projects



FY23

- **NOFO supposed to come out July 11**
 - As of last week, with Office of Management and Budget for approval
 - FEMA expects it to drop any minute
- **Match approved by Legislature for next two SFYs – \$1.77 million**
 - WMD will continue to request match funding for local projects
- **May be able to fund some projects submitted under FY22 application process**



QUESTIONS?

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SAW Group Updates

SCIP Document

VISION AND MISSION

This section describes Washington's vision and mission for improving emergency and public safety communications interoperability:

Vision:

Seamless interoperable and resilient communications

Mission:

Enable a statewide interoperable public safety communications strategy

Washington’s implementation plan is shown in the table below.

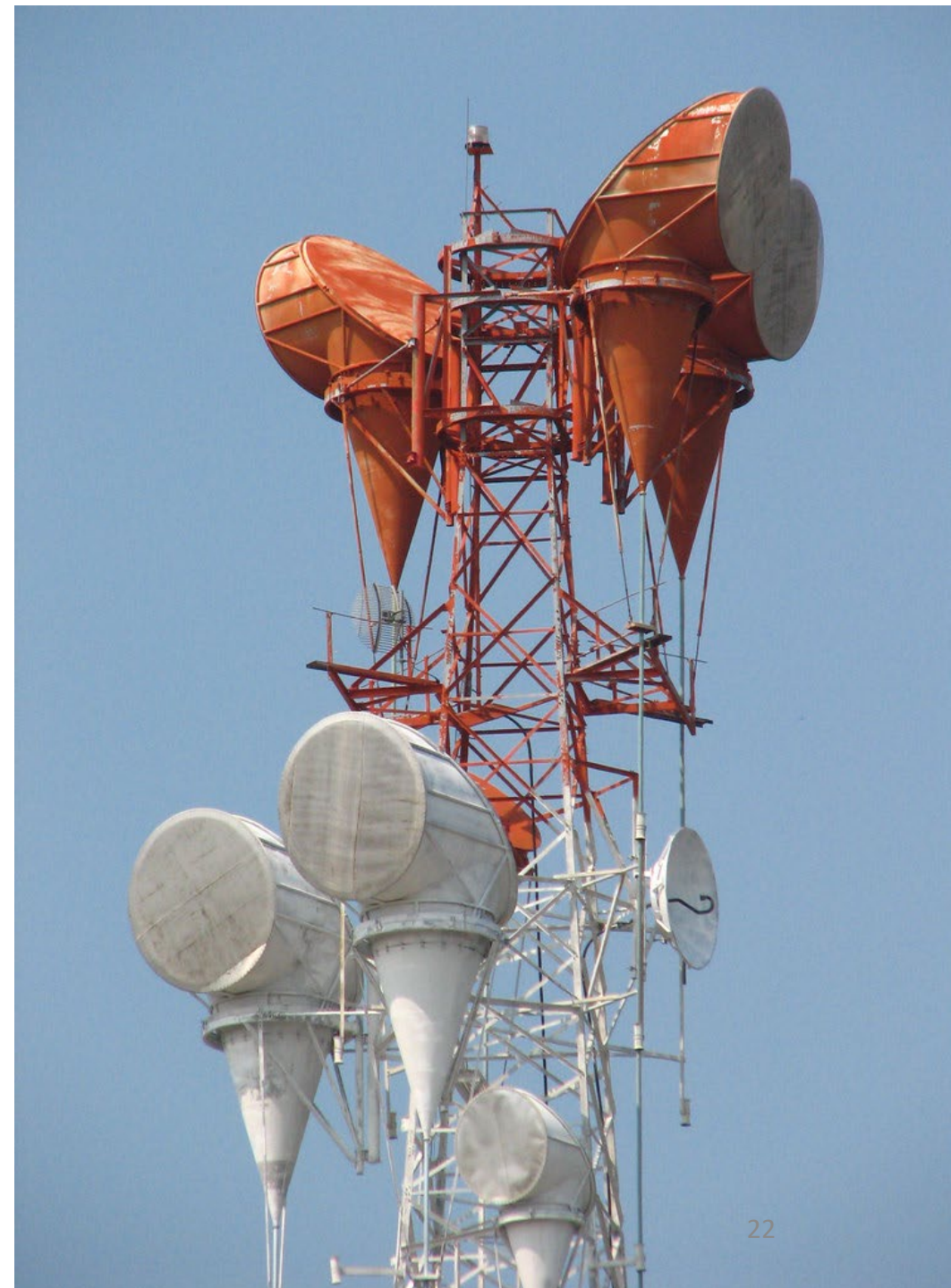
Goals	Objectives	Owners	Completion Date
1. Enhance and expand Interoperable Communications governance throughout the state	1.1 Research and implement opportunities for regional and/or discipline representation (e.g., SIEC work groups including regional working groups)		December 2023
	1.2 Develop and execute a communications plan to provide information and encourage active participation across the state	8/8 SIEC	September 2023
	1.3 Identify and establish subcommittees and subcommittee structure to add to the SIEC (ex. cybersecurity)	8/8 SIEC	June 2023
	1.4 Identify grant opportunities and communicate opportunities to stakeholders	SIEC	Ongoing
	1.5 Create a full-time, fully-funded SWIC position through identification of roles and responsibilities, sustainable funding stream, and administration staff support	Complete	July 2023
	1.6 Formalize communication and coordination between the state broadband office and the SIEC	WaTech	March 2023
	1.7 Identify the SIEC’s role in alerts and warnings across the state	MIL	June 2023

SIEC Subcommittee

- Communications
- Cybersecurity

SIEC 2024 Supplemental Decision Package

- Staff Support
- Interoperability Assessment and Recommendations



1. Increase inter/intra state communications coordination planning	2.1 Establish regular lines of communications with international partners, neighboring states, tribal nations, and federal agencies	<div style="background-color: #e67e22; color: white; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">8/8 SIEC</div> SWIC	December 2023
	2.2 Establish methods of interoperability with said partners		Ongoing
	2.3 Hold joint meetings with SIECs of adjoining states and provinces		Ongoing

1. Continue to improve the cybersecurity posture of interoperable systems	4.1 Increase information sharing between the Office of Cybersecurity and the SIEC	8/8 SIEC	Ongoing
	4.2 Provide templates and communicate best practices for cybersecurity	8/8 SIEC	Ongoing
	4.3 Add the state CISO to the SIEC	Complete	February 2023

1. Increase LMR interoperability statewide	3.1 Add LMR technology and usage standards to communications plan	SIEC (working group TBD)	TBD
	3.2 Consult with the state attorney general about potential mandates for local agencies regarding P25 standards	SWIC	Dec 2023 June 2023
	3.3 Ensure CASM remains updated with interoperable channel information	SWIC	January 2024, then ongoing
	3.4 Identify LMR interoperability capabilities across the State, compliance with the Revised Code of Washington, determine interoperability gaps, and identify interoperability solutions	8/8 SIEC	June 2023, then ongoing
	3.5 Work with LTE and third-party providers and identify opportunities for LTE/LMR integration	SIEC (working group TBD)	January 2024, then ongoing
	3.6 Review and recommend updates of the Revised Code of Washington and grant guidance to ensure compliance with LMR standards	SWIC	June 2024
	3.7 Identify opportunities to increase interoperability between the statewide ESInet and other statewide networks	SECO	December 2023



Public Comment