FY18 Grant Guidelines: Concepts and Approaches

PGC Meeting

February 18, 2016

NG9-1-1 data projects

- Issue:
  - Need guidance on Tier assignment for these projects
  - FY17 projects were assigned to TO Tier
    - Floyd was the exception
- Staff Recommendations:
  - Prioritize data projects before display
    - Currently, NG 9-1-1 GIS Equipment and Services are ranked lower than 9-1-1 Mapping System, which includes 9-1-1 software and hardware

NG9-1-1 data projects (continued)

- Staff Recommendations (continued):
  - Prioritize data projects before display
    - Tier structure would not apply to data projects – new naming convention
      - NG 9-1-1 GIS Data (Mission Critical)
      - NG 9-1-1 GIS Data (Supportive)
    - Rename 9-1-1 Mapping System to Mapping Systems and GIS Equipment

NG9-1-1 data projects

- Issue:
  - Assess current priority/ranking related to NG9-1-1 transition efforts
  - Does this accurately reflect need and necessary commitment
- Staff Recommendations:
  - With reprioritization of critical projects, rankings will need to be adjusted accordingly
    - Add NG-911 GIS Data (Mission Critical) to ranking structure at #15
    - Add NG 9-1-1 GIS Data (Supportive) to ranking structure at #30

NG9-1-1 data projects

- Also, of note:
  - Text to 9-1-1 is currently ranked higher than Physical Consolidations – is this still appropriate considering current priority of the Board?
  - GIS matrix will be updated for consideration during the April PGC meeting as a result of recommendations for GIS data projects priorities.

ESInet Projects

- Issue:
  - Should ESInet projects be identified as a separate priority:
    - Currently networks are addressed as CHE projects
    - Established precedent to rank as a TO CHE project
- Staff Recommendations:
  - ESInet projects should continue to be prioritized as CHE
  - Do no harm until we have input from ESInet Trusted Partner
  - Footnote to be added to Guidelines for the CHE priority noting that network projects will not be funded individually and that ESInet and core services are considered a part of the CHE project.

Shared Services Projects: Definitions

- Issue:
  - The intent of the Guidelines is to promote projects that share a single solution, not to connect multiple versions of the same solution

- Staff Recommendations:
  - Revise Shared Services definition to include:
    - The intent of Shared Services projects is to promote projects that share a single geodiverse solution, not to connect multiple versions of the same solution.
    - Add a Guidelines definition for geodiversity

Shared Services Projects: Length

- Issue:
  - Should the grant award period for shared services grants be extended to 36 months
- Staff Recommendations:
  - Recommend leaving grant period at 24 months (however, may need to revisit after completion of first cycle with Shared Services projects)
  - Grant award extensions can address need for additional time

Time Sync and UPS Projects

- Issue:
  - Purchasing these components separate from CHE is not addressed in the Guidelines
  - Prioritized as CHE STR with FY17 applications
- Staff Recommendations:
  - Formalize precedent
    - Add footnote to CHE priority that states CHE individual component projects such as Time Synchronization and UPS will automatically be considered Strengthen projects.

Financial & Programmatic Process

- Issue:
  - PSC staff believes FPR and GER need to be revised to better serve ISP informational needs:
    - PSC staff (process)
    - RCs (knowledge about project)
- Staff Recommendations:
  - Replace with separate progress report and grant closure form:
    - Due dates and review dates changed to balance workload
    - Revise Financial and Programmatic and Grant Closure sections of Guidelines

Grant Payment Request Process

- Issue:
  - Need to shorten process time with grant payment requests

- Staff Recommendations:
  - Limit time PSAPs have to provide documentation when omitted/insufficient from payment request – 15 or 30 days:
    - PEPS - 30 days after the deadline then request is no longer valid; other grants resubmit after 30 days
    - Revise Grant Payment Request section of Guidelines

PSAP Education Program

- Issue:
  - Per diem calculation confusing to PSAPs and Finance
  - Incidentals and parking currently not included (recommended by Finance to be included)
- Staff Recommendations:
  - Establish in Guidelines that per diem will be a flat rate based on conference location (parking and incidentals will be inconsequential to flat rate)
  - Clarify in Guidelines that reimbursement will be made for conference/training (including course material), lodging, and flat rate per diem per participant

Old Business Items

- No items from ISP staff

New Business Items

- Hanover County WEP Reimbursement
- Brunswick County FY17 Grant Application

And In Conclusion

- Public Comment
- Adjourn
- Next meeting date is April 14, 2016