Extension Process Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Period of Performance Extension:

1. **Why is NTIA offering extensions to the SLIGP 2.0 period of performance?**
   SLIGP 2.0 recipients have had a slow spend rate since the start of the program in March 2018. Through discussions with recipients, NTIA learned that the short (24-month) period of performance hindered many states’ ability to hire program staff and complete RFPs/issue contracts for project activities. NTIA plans to recommend that the NIST Grants Officer extend the period of performance so recipients have more time to complete project activities and meet their project goals. Additionally, the extensions will move all period of performance end dates to the end of a financial quarter, making quarterly reporting and closeout activities easier.

2. **Who is eligible to request a period of performance extension?**
   All SLIGP 2.0 recipients will receive a unilateral extension of the period of performance until March 31, 2020.
   All SLIGP 2.0 recipients are eligible to request a period of performance extension past March 31, 2020, if requested in writing by July 31, 2019. Recipients must select from the available end-date options of June 30, 2020, September 30, 2020, December 31, 2020, or March 31, 2021, to ensure the grant end date aligns with the end of a financial quarter.

3. **What do recipients need to submit to NTIA in order to receive an extension to March 31, 2020?**
   Nothing. All recipients will receive an extension until March 31, 2020.

4. **What do recipients need to submit to NTIA in order to receive an extension PAST March 31, 2020?**
   Recipients will need to submit a letter requesting the new period of performance end date past March 31, 2020. This letter must:
   - Be on State/Agency letterhead
   - Request your new period of performance end date from the following options:
     - June 30, 2020
     - September 30, 2020
     - December 31, 2020

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- Affirm that your organization understands that this is only an extension of time, and no additional funds will be awarded.
- Affirm that your organization will meet the 20% match requirement, as required by the SLIGP 2.0 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) (https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=297692).
- Be signed by either the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) or Authorized Representative (AOR) as listed on your most recent award document.
- Be received by your Federal Program Officer no later than 5:00pm Eastern Time, July 31, 2019.

5. **Can we keep our original period of performance end date of February 28, 2020?**
   No, all awards will be unilaterally extended through March 31, 2020, unless you select a later period of performance end date.

6. **Will there be additional funds available with the period of performance extensions?**
   No, no additional funds will be available for SLIGP 2.0 recipients. The extensions are only for additional time to complete allowable grant activities.

7. **Will these grant extensions change the activities that are allowable under SLIGP 2.0, as described in the NOFO and grant Specific Award Conditions (SACs)?**
   No, the allowable activities have not changed. Please refer to the SLIGP 2.0 NOFO (https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=297692), SLIGP 2.0 FAQs (https://www.ntia.doc.gov/files/ntia/publications/sligp_2.0_nofo_faqs_updated_may_2018_-_final.pdf), and the SACs of your grant award for information on allowable activities and costs.

8. **When do we need to notify our assigned Federal Program Officer of the chosen period of performance extension date?**
   The deadline to submit your extension request is 5:00pm, Eastern Time, July 31, 2019.

9. **When will our requested extension be approved by the Grants Officer?**
   The NIST Grants Office and NTIA will notify your agency of your new period of performance end date in late fall 2019 through an official award amendment.

10. **Will my agency need to submit a budget modification in order to receive an extension of the period of performance?**
    No. Your agency will not be required to submit a budget modification in order to receive the extension (either the March 31, 2020 end date or a later end date).
Waiver of the final PPR requirement:

11. What does the waiver of the final PPR requirement mean?
Grantees are required to submit a final PPR as well as a programmatic closeout report to complete the reporting requirements for SLIGP 2.0. This reporting is duplicative in many respects and is an unnecessary administrative burden. NTIA will be requesting that the NIST Grants Officer waive the final PPR requirement. This will mean that you will submit your closeout report in lieu of your final PPR (only submit one report).

12. When will our closeout report package be due?
Closeout reports will be due 90 days following the end of the extended period of performance. Additional guidance on the closeout package, requirements, and deadlines will be sent to recipients in early 2020.