



## SUMMARY OF

# State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) (New Jersey)

as of May 24, 2023

## AUTHORITY

New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (OHSP)

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

Funding from the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) helps eligible entities address cybersecurity risks and threats to information systems owned or operated by—or on behalf of—state, local and territorial (SLLT) governments. The Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law requires grant recipients to develop a Cybersecurity Plan, establish a Cybersecurity Planning Committee to support development of the Plan, and identify projects to implement utilizing SLCGP funding. The overall goal of the SLCGP is to improve the cybersecurity posture of state, local, and territorial (SLT) government organizations by providing assistance for managing and reducing systemic cyber risk through the following 4 objectives:

- **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.
- **Objective 4:** Ensure organization personnel are appropriately trained in cybersecurity, commensurate with responsibility.

On April 24, 2023, DHS and FEMA provided final approval of the NJ SLCGP Strategic Plan and 4 first-year projects that were submitted by the NJ SLCGP Planning Committee. In New Jersey, the SLCGP is administered by the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (NJOHSP) through its New Jersey Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell (NJCCIC).

The following 4 first-year projects have been approved by SLCGP Planning Committee, DHS and FEMA, and funds from the SLCGP will be used to implement them. To ensure as many New Jersey entities can benefit from the limited SLCGP funds, the software, hardware, and services procured with the grant funds will be passed through to state and local government entities by the NJCCIC. Below is a list and descriptions of the FFY22 approved projects:

1. **Cybersecurity Governance and Planning-** This project aims to help state and local government organizations develop and establish governance structures, including developing and implementing



- cybersecurity plans, and documented policies and standards that promote the implementation of security controls, address capabilities to respond to cybersecurity incidents, and ensure continuity of operations.
2. Cybersecurity Risk Management- This project will allow state and local government organizations to identify, assess, and prioritize risk remediation efforts while also driving areas for improvements to their overall cybersecurity posture. The risk assessment results from this project will also help inform the SLCGP Planning Committee regarding necessary investments of SLCGP funds in years 2 through 4.
  3. Enhance Cybersecurity Resilience- Three cybersecurity resilience enhancement initiatives will be funded and supported in first year of the SLCGP. These initiatives address endpoint, application, and access control threats. Additional initiatives will be supported in subsequent years.
  4. Workforce Development- This project provides IT and cybersecurity personnel with training resources and opportunities to develop knowledge, skills and abilities to address evolving cyber challenges.

## ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants are:

- A county, municipality, city, town, township, local public authority, school district, special district, intrastate district, council of governments, regional or interstate government entity, or agency or instrumentality of a local government;
- An Indian tribe or authorized tribal organization, or in Alaska a Native village or Alaska Regional Native Corporation; and
- A rural community, unincorporated town or village, or other public entity.

## AWARD DESCRIPTION

The State of New Jersey has been awarded a \$3.37 million grant for Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2022. In subsequent years NJ will receive approximately: \$6.8 million in FY23, \$5.1million in FY24, and \$1.7million in FY25.

A total of \$1 billion has been allocated for this program from FY2022 through FY2025 for fifty U.S. states and six territories. This program has appropriated \$185 million for FY22, \$400 million for FY23, \$300 million for FY24 and \$100 million for FY25. U.S. states and territories will be the only entities that can apply for grant awards under the SLCGP. Local entities receive sub-awards through states. The legislation requires states to distribute at least 80% of funds to local governments, with a minimum of 25% of the allocated funds distributed to rural areas.

FY22 SLCGP requires a 10% non-federal cost share, or match, raising the total amount of funding to almost \$6 million. NCEM will provide the entire 10% non-federal cost share for the FY22 SLCGP.

The match requirement for eligible entities will increase annually. In the case of a grant to a single entity:

- for fiscal year 2022, 10 percent;
- for fiscal year 2023, 20 percent
- for fiscal year 2024, 30 percent
- for fiscal year 2025, 40 percent

In the case of a grant to a multi-entity:

- for fiscal year 2022, no match is required
- for fiscal year 2023, 10 percent



- for fiscal year 2024, 20 percent
- for fiscal year 2025, 30 percent

## DEADLINE DESCRIPTION

NJ State and local government organizations are required to complete and submit the following two documents by June 9, 2023 by 11:59 pm EST:

1. Local Consent Agreement: <https://www.cyber.nj.gov/local-consent-agreement/>
2. NJ ASLCGP Request Application: <https://www.cyber.nj.gov/nj-slcgp-resource-request-application/>

## HISTORY OF FUNDING

None is available.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Any entity that receives funds from a grant under this program may not use the grant:

- Supplanting state or local funds;
- Recipient cost-sharing contributions;
- Payment of a ransom from cyberattacks;
- Recreational or social purposes, or for any purpose that does not address cybersecurity risks or cybersecurity threats on SLTT information systems;
- Lobbying or intervention in federal regulatory or adjudicatory proceedings;
- Suing the federal government or any other government entity;
- Acquiring land or constructing, remodeling or altering buildings or other physical facilities; or
- Cybersecurity Insurance; or
- Any purpose that does not address cybersecurity risks or cybersecurity threats on information systems owned or operated by, or on behalf of, the eligible entity or a local government within the jurisdiction of the eligible entity.



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## WEB LINKS

Program Page: <https://www.cyber.nj.gov/nj-slcgp/>  
Miscellaneous: <https://www.cyber.nj.gov/NJ-SLCGP-Strategic-Plan.pdf>  
Miscellaneous: <https://www.cyber.nj.gov/learn/business-government-resources/>

*\*Consult the program guidance by following the links provided at the above URLs. Additional relevant POCs are provided in the program guidance.*