

California: State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program



*Summary: In September 2022, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) funded through the 2022 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to better address cybersecurity risks and threats to information system to state, local and territorial (SLLT) governments. SLCGP will distribute funds over four years to support projects throughout the period of performance. **On December 27, 2022, California was successfully awarded \$7,976,788 for SLCGP first-year funding (federal FY22) with Cal OES formally accepting the award on January 23, 2023***

Cal OES Role: As the State Administrative Agency, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) will administer the funds pursuant to California's SLCGP allocation. The IIJA requires funds to be allocated according to a state cybersecurity plan developed by a cybersecurity planning committee. The California Cybersecurity Integration Center (Cal-CSIC) has formed a subcommittee of the California Cybersecurity Task Force called the Cybersecurity Investment Planning Subcommittee for this purpose (CCTF-CIPS).

Current Funding Posturing: At this time, Cal OES can only use up to the 5% maintenance and administration (M&A) portion of the award. The remaining 95% of the award will be available upon submission of the final Cybersecurity Plan (Cal OES will submit plan by September, then will need to be approved by CISA/FEMA/DHS before remaining 1st-year funds unlocked).

Pass Through Requirement: At least 80% of the federal funds awarded under the SLCGP are passed through to local entities. In addition, at least 25% of the total funds made available under the grant must be passed through to rural communities.

Partner Coordination: Cal OES is coordinating with the Department of Technology at the state level and federal partners at FEMA and CISA to ensure all grant requirements are met. The state's application was completed and approved by FEMA, which ensured full first-year funding is available to the state and will not restrict or limit options for subrecipients. Details about funding allocations, subrecipient procedures, and other details will be worked out in the full cybersecurity plan to be developed by the planning committee in the coming year.

Data collection: Cal OES and the California Cybersecurity Integration Center will utilize a series of surveys and information requests administered through the working groups of the Cybersecurity Investment Planning Subcommittee to collect data on the cybersecurity needs around the State to aid in drafting the Cybersecurity Plan. The Cybersecurity Plan must be submitted to CISA by September 30, 2023 and Cal OES is ensuring that will be completed on-time

Program Timeline

- February-March 2023: Developing CCTF-CIPS Working Groups
- March-May 2023: Developing and Conducting Statewide Cybersecurity Capabilities Assessment
- June-July 2023: Writing the State Cybersecurity Plan
- September 2023: Submit the final plan to CISA for approval

Resources

The following list of CISA resources are recommended products, services, and tools at no cost to the state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, as well as public and private sector critical infrastructure organizations.

- [State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program Fact Sheet](#)
- [State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Cyber Resource Hub](#)
- [Ransomware Guide \(Sept. 2020\)](#)
- [Cyber Resilience Review](#)
- [Free Cybersecurity Services and Tools](#)
- [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\) & Cybersecurity Plan Template \(click "Related Documents" tab to download\)](#)

Questions? If you have any questions related to this grant opportunity or would like to be involved in the work of the Cybersecurity Planning Investment Subcommittee, please reach out to our team at CCTF_SLCGP@caloes.ca.gov