State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program

FFY 2022/2023 Grant Application Information

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What is the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program?

Through funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the SLCGP enables DHS to make targeted cybersecurity investments in SLT government agencies, thus improving the security of critical infrastructure and improving the resilience of the services SLT governments provide their communities.

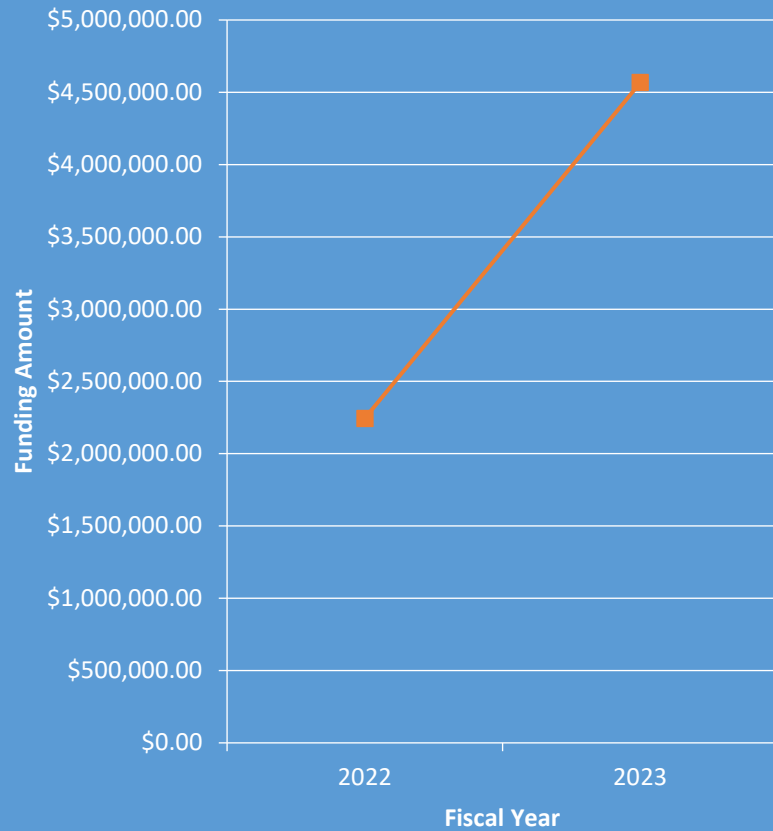# Who Can Apply?

Local Government

Towns	Cities	Villages	Boroughs	Municipalities	School Districts

Historical SLCGP Funding

Grant Funding

Federal Year (FY) 2022
$2,494,425.56 90/10
Awarding $968,814.65
Remaining $1,026,725.79

Federal Year (FY) 2023
$4,567,677 – Federal Portion
$1,141,919.25 – Required Match
80/20 – Currently anticipating the State will provide the match, dependent on approved state budget

National Priorities

- FY 22 Priority –
  - Objective 1: Develop and establish appropriate governance structures, including by developing, implementing, or revising Cybersecurity Plans, to improve capabilities to respond to cybersecurity incidents, and ensure continuity of operations.
- FY 23 Priorities –
  - Objective 2: 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.

State Priorities

1. Cybersecurity Risk Assessment.
2. Enhancing cybersecurity resilience and interoperability.
3. Foster a cybersecurity culture.
4. Enhance cybersecurity collaboration and partnerships.
5. Improve cybersecurity incident management and response capabilities.

Projected Timeline

Completed Application due to mva.grants@alaska.gov on March 29th

Review Committee will be May 21-23, 2024

Projected Period of Performance

FY 2022 Funds: 02/1/24-12/31/25

FY 2023 Funds: 08/1/24-08/31/26

Project Identification

- Projects must be focused with clear deliverables – be careful of multiple projects in a single project application, they will be disqualified.

- No more than four (4) projects can be submitted.

- Applicant must have a completed cybersecurity risk assessment or request funds to do an assessment. The requested projects must align with closing gaps and/or strengthening capabilities in the agency's cybersecurity risk assessment.

Eligibility for award is dependent upon accuracy and completeness

Application

Application Coversheet

Project Application Forms(s)

Signatory Authority Form with required three (3) signatures

Application Overview

- Top Box
  - Amount Requested must equal the budget table
  - Project Priority must match coversheet

Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management¶

Federal Fiscal Year 2022/2023 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) Application ¤

Application Deadline 11:59 p.m., Friday, March 29, 2024¤

Please contact mva.grants@alaska.gov or call the Grants Section at 907-428-7000 or 1-800-478-2337 if you have any questions regarding this application.¶

This form must be completed for each project. To qualify as a **single project**, the pieces of the project must be integral toward achieving one precise objective. See state overview and guidelines for more information. ¶

Ensure all questions on this form are completed. Questions that are left blank will receive a score of 0.¶

Please duplicate this form as necessary.¶

Jurisdiction:¤	¤	
Amount Requested¤	$ ¤	Project Priety·· ¶ Up to four (4) projects may be submitted.¤
Project Title¤	¤	
Choose the budget category.¤	☐ Exercise ¤	☐ Equipment¤
	☐ Planning¤	☐ Training¤
Is this a continuation project from a previous grant year?¤	☐ Yes or ☐ No··· If yes, which grant/year?·· ¤	

Application Overview

- Questions
  - Best Practices
    - Describe but be concise
  - Common Pitfalls
    - Being vague or assuming
    - Not answering
    - Large funding requests
    - Remove Brand Names

1. → Describe·the·project.··(Make·sure·to·include·what·the·project·is,·who·the·project·is·for,·how·the·project·will·help·the·jurisdiction,·quantity·of·items,·etc.)¶

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2. → Explain·how·the·project·supports·increased·cybersecurity·preparedness/response.¶

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3. → Does·this·project·address·a·gap·identified·in·the·Cybersecurity·Assessment?·If·yes,·please·provide·a·page·number.¶

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4. → Explain·the·implementation·of·this·project·and·how·start-up·will·begin·within·the·first·90·days·of·award.·¶

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5. → Explain·the·financial·need·for·this·grant·to·support·this·project.··Please·include·if·any·jurisdictional·funds·are·being·used·and·how·you·plan·to·maintain·and·sustain·the·project·financially.¶

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Application Overview

- Questions
  - Best Practices
    - Providing complete cost breakdown
  - Common Pitfalls
    - Not filling out the budget table
    - Lumping all costs into one line item
    - Including line for contingency costs
- AEL Lookups
- AEL Use
- Partial funding may be allocated even if you say no to question 7

6. → This section must describe and itemize expenses for all project components regardless of budget category (including travel costs, training fees, planning contracts, etc.) Columns not applicable can be left blank. ¶

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*Please provide the authorized equipment list (AEL) number for equipment. The DHS AEL can be found at https://www.fema.gov/authorized-equipment-list to look up the number. ¶
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Description¤	AEL #¶ (If equipment)¤	Qty¤	Unit Cost¤	Cost Total¤	¤
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7. → Can this project be broken out into phases for funding? If so, please provide a possible phasing breakdown. *Note: Partial funding may be allocated if phases are or are not provided. ¶
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Allowable Costs and Activities

Equipment
- Security software
- Multifactor Authentication
- Check FEMA's Authorized Equipment Listing

Planning
- Cybersecurity Assessments
- Cybersecurity Plans
- Cybersecurity Annex to EOP

Training

Exercise

Unallowable Costs and Activities

Management and Administration (M&A) costs

Spyware

Construction/Renovation

Any Modifications to Existing Buildings or Structures

Pay for Cybersecurity Insurance Premiums

General Use Software (i.e. Microsoft Office)

Indirect costs

Applications must be sent and **received** in DHS&EM mva.grants@alaska.gov email box no later than 11:59 pm Friday, March 29, 2024

Application Review Criteria

Overall responsiveness to the required project application worksheets and forms

Clearly Describe the project

Address a clearly identified need/gap

Explain the implementation of each project and how the start-up will begin within the first 90 days of the award.

Can the project be completed within grant period of performance.

Previous financial audit submitted

Jurisdiction's Procurement Policy

Print-out of jurisdiction's entity overview record displaying the UEI Number

If applicable, any Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), or Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) related to inter-agency projects

Key Requirements if Awarded

Nationwide Cybersecurity Review - Annually

Participate in Cyber Hygiene Services – Free Service

Quarterly Reporting

See *22/23 State Overview and Guidelines* for a full list of compliance requirements, available at: https://ready.alaska.gov/Grants/CGP

First Round Projects

Projects that were not funded during the first round of applications in 2022 are carried into this round of funding

Feedback and comments on suggested updates are being provided

Resubmit them on the new project application with notation that they were from the first round of funding (we will verify)

These carry over projects will not count against maximum project submission.

Questions?

If you would like us to review a draft of your application and provide feedback please have them submitted to mva.grants@alaska.gov by March 8, 2024 asking for a review.

Contact
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