State of Maine
State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program

In 2022, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced a $1 billion cybersecurity grant program for state, local, and territorial governments. **The State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP)** provides funding to eligible entities to address cybersecurity risks and threats to information systems owned or operated by, or on behalf of, state, local, or tribal governments. **The program allocates resources where they are needed most: at the local level.**

The Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and the Office of Information Technology (OIT) collaboratively manage the program under the guidance of Maine's SLCGP Planning Committee. As the State Administrative Agency (SAA), MEMA is responsible for applying for this grant on the state's behalf.

Who is eligible?

States and territories are the only eligible entities for the SLCGP, and local and tribal governments are eligible sub-recipients.

Maine's local governments (counties, municipalities, schools) are candidates.

How to access the program

Eligible local governments will be contacted directly with next steps. Subsequent stakeholder outreach and webinars will be held in 2024.

Timing

Through four distinct Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO), SLCGP and TCGP combined will distribute $1 billion through their multi-year performance periods to support projects nationwide.

The State of Maine will provide SLCGP-funded shared services for the first year of this four-year grant program. The program includes:

Security Awareness Training

Providing centrally managed security awareness training for end users (employees) in qualifying entities

Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

Providing MFA services to qualifying entities to implement on their networks

Cybersecurity Resources

Increasing practitioners' awareness and implementation of federally offered free and fee-based cybersecurity resources

Please email slcybersecurity.grant@maine.gov with specific program questions.

For more information, visit:
Federal: https://www.cisa.gov/state-and-local-cybersecurity-grant-program
State: https://www.maine.gov/mema/grants/state-and-local-cybersecurity-grant-program