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Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP)

- Year Two!
- Moving into the implementation phase of the state cybersecurity plan
- We do not anticipate many changes from FY 2022
- FY 2023 subrecipient application is open until August 18, 2023



Welcome to the fiscal year (FY) 2023 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP)!

SLCGP was created by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) to address cybersecurity threats. We are now in the second fiscal year for this grant program.

As you may recall, in the first year of SLCGP, the state was required to collect cybersecurity projects from locals to help identify capability gaps and develop the state cybersecurity plan. In year two, we're moving into the implementation phase of the plan, so we'll be more focused on finding projects which support plan goals and close the gaps that were identified in year one.

The FY 2023 subrecipient application is open in ZoomGrants (https://www.zoomgrants.com/zgf/NDEM_SLCGPFY23) until August 18, however, the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) has not yet been released. From what we have learned, we don't expect big changes from 2022. For this reason, the subrecipient application was opened while we're waiting on the NOFO so everyone can have more time to complete their application than we were able to give in the previous grant year.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 – What We Know

- Release of the FY 2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is delayed
- 20% cost share in FY 2023 vs. 10% cost share in FY 2022
- Must have at least one project for all four objectives
- DEM may reach out to subapplicants for updates after the NOFO is released



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The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for FY 2023 was supposed to come out in mid-July but has been pushed back for reasons unknown to us. We will send out a bulletin as soon as the NOFO is released, so make sure you're on the Division of Emergency Management (DEM) grants listserv so you can receive that notification.

What we do know about FY 2023 is that there is a 20% cost share this year instead of the 10% cost share we had last year. (The cost share will continue to go up with each grant year.) We also know that we need projects that hit all four of the SLCGP objectives, instead of just three of them like last year—will discuss this more on the next slide.

Although the NOFO is not yet released, we encourage subapplicants to go ahead and submit applications for projects. If any big changes do come to light, we will reach out to you and help you work through updating the application to align with FY 2023 priorities.

FY 2023 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP)

Four Objectives

- Need projects for all four objectives
- Review at *Section A.10.b* and *Appendix A* of the FY 2022 NOFO

16 Required Elements

- Projects must align with at least one element
- Review at *Appendix C* of the FY 2022 NOFO

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/state-local-cybersecurity-grant-program>



Like FY 2022, FY 2023 SLCGP has four main objectives. Again, the FY 2023 NOFO isn't out yet, but you can access more detailed information on these objectives in the FY 2022 NOFO, which is available on FEMA's website (<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/state-local-cybersecurity-grant-program>). (See Section A.10.b and Appendix A of the FY 2022 NOFO.)

As stated previously, in FY 2022, we were only required to align projects with objectives 1-3, however, in FY 2023, we need to have projects associated with all the objectives (1-4).

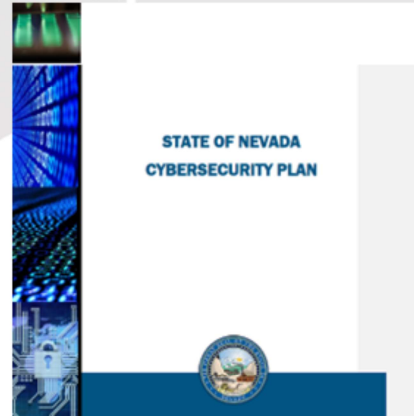
The fourth objective is ensuring organization personnel are appropriately trained in cybersecurity, commensurate with responsibility, so start thinking about that as an additional project option.

As with last year, the projects must align with at least one of the 16 required elements. (See Appendix C of the FY 2022 NOFO.)

State Cybersecurity Plan & Governor's Cybersecurity Task Force



Some of the members of the Governor's Cybersecurity Task Force (CSTF) at the June 30, 2023 SCLGP project ranking and voting meeting



In order to receive SLCGP funding, which we can pass through to you, DEM conducted a state cybersecurity assessment and created a state cybersecurity plan.

The CSTF is the team of subject-matter experts from varying disciplines who are responsible for ranking, voting on, and selecting cybersecurity projects, and using those to develop the state cybersecurity plan. This is done at a Zoom meeting, like we see here. This screenshot is from the meeting where the CSTF chose the projects for FY 2022 SLCGP.

It's important to remember that you will have to send representation to the FY 2023 ranking and voting meeting in order to present your project and answer any questions the task force might have. The link to that meeting will be sent out in a bulletin through the grants listserv.

Eligible Subrecipients

“Local government” is defined in 6 U.S.C. § 101(13) as

- A) 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;
- B) An Indian tribe or authorized tribal organization, or in Alaska a Native village or Alaska Regional Native Corporation; and
- C) A rural community, unincorporated town or village, or other public entity.



Most every organization that provides administrative oversight of a jurisdiction is eligible for SLCGP funding.

Grant funding is not limited to only cities and counties. DEM is required to pass through 80% of the funding to local governments, but the definition of “local government” includes:

- Counties, municipalities, cities, towns, townships, local public authorities, school districts, special districts, regional government entities, or agencies of a local government;
- Tribes or authorized tribal organizations;
- Rural communities, unincorporated towns or villages, or other public entities

For our tribal partners: FEMA is planning on releasing another cyber grant specifically for tribal nations that you can apply for directly. That grant program isn't out yet, but hopefully we will start to see communication about that soon! In the meantime, you are able to obtain SCLGP funding as a pass-through entity of the state.

Everyone, please share information about SLCGP with any partner agencies you work with so we can help improve cybersecurity posture across all of Nevada!

Additional Requirements

All SLCGP recipients and subrecipients must participate in these **FREE** services by Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA):

Not required for submitting an application, but this is a post-award requirement

Cyber Hygiene Services

Web application scanning

Vulnerability scanning

Nationwide Cybersecurity Review

Self-assessment which measures cyber capabilities and gaps

Details can be found in *Appendix G* of the FY 2022 NOFO



In order to receive funding, recipients and subrecipients—meaning us at the state and you, as well—have to sign up for certain free services from the Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency.

Instructions for how to access these services are in Appendix G of the FY 2022 NOFO. You don't have to participate in these services in order to apply for grant funding, but you will need to participate as a condition of receiving funding.

Cyber hygiene services check the health and vulnerability of your publicly accessible web applications and send alerts when problems are detected.

The Nationwide Cybersecurity Review is a free, anonymous cybersecurity self-assessment which is required within the first year of the grant, and then annually afterward.

ZoomGrants Application

You must be logged in to apply

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FFY 2023 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) Deadline

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The goal of the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) is to assist state, local, and territorial (SLT) governments with managing and reducing systemic cyber risk. For Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, applicants are required to address how one or more of the following program objectives will be met in their applications:

- Objective 1: Develop and establish appropriate governance structures, including developing, implementing, or revising cybersecurity plans, to improve capabilities to respond to cybersecurity incidents and ensure continuity of operations.
- 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. (SLCGP, A.10 b)

The Nevada Division of Emergency Management invites you to share with us your project ideas for FY 2023 SLCGP.

****PLEASE SUBMIT A SEPARATE APPLICATION FOR EACH PROPOSED OBJECTIVE.****

Application Status: Not Submitted

You must be logged in to begin.

\$ 0.00 requested

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Application Title/Project Name

Amount Requested \$



The subrecipient application can be found in ZoomGrants (https://www.zoomgrants.com/zgf/NDEM_SLCGPFY23).

If you've applied for grants through DEM before, this should look familiar to you. If this is your first time applying for grant funding with us, please let us know and we will be happy to answer any questions you might have about our process.

ZoomGrants also has a dedicated technical support help desk that can answer questions related to the software itself (contact information is linked on slide 14).

Pre-Application and Application Questions

Summary Pre-Application Application Questions Line Item Detail Budget Document Uploads

5. Supplanting is prohibited under this grant. Supplanting occurs when a subapplicant reduces their own agency's funds for an activity because federal funds are available (or expected to be available) to fund that same activity.

I attest that funding for this project does not currently exist within our agency's budget

Summary Pre-Application Application Questions Line Item Detail Budget Document Uploads

18. Please select all applicable planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise (POETE) elements for which funding is being sought for this project.

- Planning - Development of policies, plans, procedures, mutual aid agreements, strategies, and other publications; also involves the collection and analysis of intelligence and information
- Organization - Individual teams, an overall organizational structure, and leadership at each level in the structure
- Equipment - Equipment, supplies, and systems that comply with relevant standards
- Training - Content and methods of delivery that comply with relevant training standards
- Exercises - Hands-on activities which enhance knowledge of plans, allow members to improve their own performance, and identify opportunities to improve capabilities to respond to real events



The pre-application questions are the same as last year, with one additional question to explain supplanting. We had numerous first-time subrecipients in FY 2022, so we're trying to go forward with more detail about general grant requirements to hopefully clarify some things.

Supplanting is when an agency has budgeted their own money for a project, but then a grant opportunity comes up, and they decide to use grant funding instead so previously budgeted funding can be spent on something else. This practice is prohibited for any federal grant, and we want to make sure everyone is aware of what supplanting is so they can watch out for it.

The main application for FY 2023 SLCGP is mostly the same as FY 2022, except we've added a question to clarify which Planning, Organization, Equipment, Training, and Exercise, or POETE, elements your project falls into. We've provided definitions of each element in this question to help you select your answers.

Application Questions – Dos and Don'ts



- Be as descriptive as possible
- Review the NOFO (when it comes out), especially the section on allowable costs
- Start your application early



- Don't use brand names in your narratives
- Don't wait until the last minute to submit
- Don't guess at how to fill something out



The narrative questions are really the most important part of the application because this is where you tell us about your big picture plan. Some dos and don'ts for the application questions section can be seen on this slide:

Do:

- Be as descriptive as possible in your narratives – tell us what you want to do, why it's important, and how SLCGP funding will help you accomplish the goal. The task force members who rank and vote on the projects read these applications, so this is your first chance to really reach them and get their support for your project.
- Review the NOFO – it's a big document and there's a lot in there that only applies to us at the state, but check the table of contents and flip to sections that might be helpful for you to become familiar with. Definitely review the section on allowable costs so you know what can be done with the funding, but also review grant objectives, cost share guidance, and eligibility.
- Start your application as soon as you can. If you're still figuring out details, at least go in and fill out your contact information and things you already know, that way you can spend more time later on the narrative portions.

Don't:

- Don't use brand names when writing your narratives. If there's a certain product you have to use because it's what's compatible with your existing system, that's OK. We can do sole source documentation later, but for the purpose of the application, just speak about the products you need in general terms. (Example: "portable radio" instead of "Motorola radio.")
- Don't wait until the last minute to submit! When the application is submitted, we can start

reviewing the application for things that might need to be updated before the task force meeting, and the sooner we can do that, the more time you'll have on your end to make any corrections.

- And if you're not sure how to fill something out or what it means, please reach out to us to ask! :) We're always looking to improve the grant process, so if something isn't clear, let us know so we can work on giving better instructions next time.

Line Item Detail Budget

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PLANNING COSTS

Planning costs are allowable under this program. SLCGP funds may be used for a range of planning activities, such as those associated with the development, review, and revision of the holistic, entity-wide cybersecurity plan and other planning activities that support the program goals and objectives and Cybersecurity Planning Committee requirements.

Planning Cost Name	Line Item Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total project if grant funding was reduced or discontinued?	Describe how the purchase(s) within this element tie into the project as described in the Application Questions section.
			\$		
			\$		
			\$		



The line item detail budget tab is where subapplicants will give a cost breakdown of the Planning, Organization, Equipment, Training, and Exercise (POETE) elements for your project.

We received feedback during the FY 2022 post-application survey that some users had trouble with the “Total” section in this table. If you run into this, please try refreshing your browser or calling the ZoomGrants technical support desk for help. We didn’t notice problems on our end, but we will keep an eye on that going forward and reach out to you if the math isn’t adding correctly.

Please note the last column in the line item detail budget table where it says, “Describe how the purchases within this element tie into the project as described in the Application Questions section.” The response here should be a statement such as, “This item is essential for this project because...” and then explain what the item has to do with the project. The Governor’s Cybersecurity Task Force Members are subject matter experts, but DEM grants staff have limited knowledge of cybersecurity, so providing this explanation makes it easier for us to determine if each line item is allowable under the grant.

POETE

Please also see
Section D.12.e of
the FY 2022 NOFO

PLANNING

- Includes all costs related to developing a plan for the agency:
 - Supplies
 - Contractors
 - Personnel (for development and research)

ORGANIZATION

- Operational costs directly related to grant project goals
- Includes personnel (for project execution)

EQUIPMENT

- Purchase, installation, and maintenance of grant-related equipment
- Also includes warranties purchased for the grant-related equipment

TRAINING

- Sending personnel to grant and project-related training
 - Salaries, registration fees, travel costs
- Costs related to hosting grant-related training

EXERCISE

- All costs related to developing and conducting a grant-related exercise
 - Supplies, contractors, development and research costs, etc.



Let's talk a little bit about POETE!

POETE stands for Planning, Organization, Equipment, Training, and Exercises, and are the categories of things that are allowable under most FEMA grants.

As we saw over the last couple of slides, identifying which POETE element your purchases align with is important to your application.

This slide gives some examples of things that may fall into each POETE element. This is not a complete list, so if you're unsure of where to categorize each item related to your grant, please reach out so we can help.

Please also review Section D.12.e. of the FY 2022 SLCGP NOFO for more information on allowable items for each POETE element.

Document Uploads/Milestones

Summary Pre-Application Application Questions Line Item Detail Budget Document Uploads

Documents Requested *

A-133 Audit (Most Current)	Required?	Required
Travel Policy	Required?	Required
Payroll Policy	Required?	Required
Procurement Policy	Required?	Required
Milestones	Required?	Required
Capabilities Assessment	Required?	Required

Download template: Project Milestones template

Download template: Capabilities Assessment

List project milestones and anticipated completion dates which can be used to determine success at each phase of the project.

Applicant Name:	
Project Name:	
Project Funding Stream:	FY 2023 SLCGP
Milestone Description*	Date of Expected Completion
1	
2	
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*Please add additional rows as necessary for your project



The Document Uploads tab within the SLCGP application contains a list of required documents to be uploaded, including a template for communicating your project milestones.

Please be descriptive when telling us how you plan to measure success at each step of the project.

Document Uploads/Capabilities Assessment

Summary	Pre-Application	Application Questions	Line Item Detail Budget	Document Uploads
Documents Requested *				Required?
A-133 Audit (Most Current)				Required
Travel Policy				Required
Payroll Policy				Required
Procurement Policy				Required
Milestones				Required
Download template: Project Milestones template				
Capabilities Assessment				Required
Download template: Capabilities Assessment				

FY 2022 STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM CAPABILITIES ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET		
ENTITY NAME:		
Cybersecurity Plan Required Elements	Brief Description of Current Cybersecurity Capabilities For Each Element	Select capability level from: Foundational Fundamental Intermediary Advanced
1. Manage, monitor, and track information systems, applications, and user accounts		
2. Monitor, audit, and track network traffic and activity		
3. Enhance the preparation, response, and resiliency of information systems, applications, and user accounts		
4. Implement a process of continuous cybersecurity risk factors and threat mitigation.		



The Document Uploads tab also includes a template for the cybersecurity capabilities assessment. This document lists the 16 plan elements and asks that you describe your agency's current capability as it relates to each element. You will identify each capability level as Foundational, Fundamental, Intermediary, or Advanced.

In the future, DEM plans to conduct the cybersecurity assessment during the fall workshops, but for now, this assessment will continue to be included as an attachment within the SLCGP application.

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Reach out any time you have questions! If sending an email, please include dhsgrants@dem.nv.gov on your message.

If you have technical assistance questions regarding the ZoomGrants platform, please reach out to ZoomGrants tech support. They are available Monday through Friday, 8 am - 6 pm Mountain Time.

There are many ways to reach out to us, and we're always ready and available to answer your questions.



Thank you!

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