



# State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Overview and Implementation Plan



#### Agenda



- Purpose
- State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program Overview
- Funding Implementation Plan Presentation
  - Local Interest Survey
  - Cost Categories
  - Participant Guide
- Next Steps



#### Purpose



To provide <xxxx>, information and the planned implementation plan to administer the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) for Connecticut



#### History Facts about Cybersecurity!



- According to Cyber Magazine...
  - Cybersecurity began in the 1970s when researcher Bob Thomas created a computer program called "Creeper" that could move across ARPANET's network, leaving a breadcrumb trail wherever it went.
  - Ray Tomlinson, the inventor of \_\_\_\_\_, wrote the program "Reaper", which chased and deleted "Creeper"
  - Reaper was the very first example of antivirus software and the first selfreplicating program, making it the first-ever computer worm



## State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program



- Created by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) which amended Homeland Security Act of 2022 and appropriated \$1B over 4 years
- Co-managed by CISA as Cybersecurity Experts and FEMA
- Provides funding to eligible state, local, and territorial (SLT) governments to manage and reduce systemic cyber risk
- Objectives
  - Governance and Planning (FY 2022 only)
  - Assessments and Evaluation
  - Mitigation/Implementing Security Protections Commensurate with Risk)
  - Workforce Development/Training)
- Pass-through Requirements
  - 80% of total funding to local jurisdictions
  - 25% of the total funding to rural jurisdictions (population of 50,000 or less)



## State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program



- Eligible Entities
  - States and other eligible entities
    - Eligible entity: 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
- Eligible Activities
  - Myriad of activities ranging from vulnerability scanning and monitoring to technical capacity building such as implementing MFA, end point detection, etc.
- Sliding Cost Shares
  - FY 2022: 90% federal, 10% nonfederal
  - FY 2023: 80/20
  - FY 2024: 70/30
  - FY 2025: 60/40
- Annual Grant, 4-year period of performance

### Available Funding

FY 2022 Funding Allocation

Total 2022 SLCGP	\$2,978,432	Total Local Pass-through: 80% of federal			\$2,144,471	Total State Projects	\$595,686
Federal Share (90%)	\$2,680,589	Rural Jurisdiction Federal Share 25% of federal funds	\$670,147	Non-rural Federal Share	\$1,474,324	Federal Share	\$536,118
Non-Federal (10%)	\$297,843	Rural Jurisdiction Nonfederal Share	\$74,461	Non-rural Non-Federal Share	\$163,814	Non-Federal Share	\$59,569

FY 2023 Funding Allocation

Total FY2023 SLCGP	\$6,832,344		Funding Pass-th	nrough:	\$4,372,700	Total State Projects	\$1,366,469
Federal Share	\$5,465,875	Rural Jurisdiction Requirement Federal Share 25% of federal funds	\$1,366,469	Non-rural Federal Share	\$3,006,231	Federal Share	\$1,093,175
Non-Federal	\$1,366,469	Rural Jurisdiction Requirement Nonfederal Share	\$341,617	Non-rural Non-Federal	\$751,558	Non-Federal Share	\$273,294



#### Funding Implementation Plan



#### **State Shared Services**

- 100% of funding administered by State for locals
- Creates challenges with local consent process

#### State Open Application

- Challenges in fielding projects
- Does not promote consistency or strategic path

- DEMHS seeking Planning Subcommittee approval of the following plan:
  - 1. Local Program Interest Survey
    - To determine number of interested subentities and establish priorities, building of CTNG Local Assessments
  - 2. Develop Cost Categories and Spending Limits of Projects
    - Will be used to request funding from FEMA
    - Will be used by eligible sub-entities to apply for funding
  - 3. Develop State Cybersecurity Grant Program Participant Guide
    - Application
    - Activities
    - Processes



#### Local Program Interest Survey



Sent out to all eligible sub-entities by DEMHS, ESF-17, and others

- Questions include:
  - Contact Information
  - Organization Information
    - FTEs, Devices, Level of IT Support
  - Rural Jurisdiction Identifier
  - Cybersecurity Posture/Status
    - Vendors
    - Policies or Standards
    - Cybersecurity Information/Intelligence
  - Interest in the Program based on Cost Share

- Top 5 Cybersecurity Needs
  - Migrating to .gov
  - Implementing EDR
  - Implementing MFA/2FA
  - Cybersecurity Training
  - Vulnerability Scanning
  - Response Planning
  - Physical Upgrades
  - Data Encryption
  - End of life software/hardware changes
  - Malicious Domain Blocking and Reporting (MDBR)
  - Reconstituting Systems
  - Enhanced Logging



### Cost Categories and Participant Guide



- Use Survey Results to identify common trends/projects to allocate funding limitations to
- Projects and amounts approved by subcommittee will be submitted to FEMA for program administration
  - DEMHS has 45 days from approval to pass funds through to sub-entities
  - Subapplication and subgrant format for 80/20 passthrough
- DEMHS to create Participant Guide for eligible sub-entities



#### Next Steps



Open and Send Survey

December 2023



Analyze and Present Results

March 2024



Subcommittee Determines Funding Allocations

April 2024



**Cybersecurity Grant Program Participant Guide Finalized** 

**April 2024** 



**Projects Begin** 

*Period of Performance 9/1/2024-3/1/2026* 



**DEMHS Requests FY 2022 Funding** 

June 2024



**Sub-application Period Opens** 

May 2024



### Questions, Comments, Discussion, Survey, Bueller...Bueller...





Connecticut State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program Eligible Entity Interest Survey