

INCREASING WATER SECTOR CYBER RESILIENCE WITH THE STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM



PURPOSE

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is promoting the \$1 billion State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) launched by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to address cybersecurity risks and threats to information systems owned or operated by state, local, and territorial governments. The grants will assist in addressing capability and capacity gaps that state primacy agencies and local and territorial water systems may face when taking steps to improve cybersecurity measures.

Benefits to the Water Sector

State primacy agencies can receive support from a portion of the funding provided to the State Administrative Agency (SAA). Water and wastewater systems can receive cyber support from locality sub-awards. Sub-award funding can be used to increase cyber resilience through qualifying activities designated by the grant.

WHEN CAN WATER SYSTEMS BENEFIT?

Municipal water systems can expect to participate in the application process when their locality, county or city submits an application for a sub-award to the SAA. Each state process may vary; however, based on the current programmatic timeline, these announcements may not occur before **January 2023**.

How do water systems apply for sub-awards:

The application process for sub-awards may differ for each SAA. Please contact your SAA for further information. A listing of current SAAs is available at www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/about/state-administrative-agency-contacts.

STATE-LEVEL QUALIFYING ACTIVITIES

Funding will support the following activities:

- Establish a Cybersecurity Planning Committee
- Develop a state-wide Cybersecurity Plan
- Conduct cybersecurity assessments and evaluations
- Adopt key cybersecurity best practices

How is EPA helping?

The EPA is ensuring that the availability of funding is communicated broadly within the water sector. This fact sheet will be updated as additional information becomes available.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please visit: www.cisa.gov/cybergrants

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