



Mississippi Office of Homeland Security State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) Notice of Funding Announcement April 14, 2025

Purpose:

The purpose of this announcement is to provide guidance for submitting grant applications for the upcoming State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP). Grant applications must align with the SLCGP Objectives below.

SLCGP Objectives:

- 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.

Applicants must fill out the application form completely. Projects meeting one or more of the objectives will be considered and reviewed first for funding. Project requests outside the federal objectives will be considered and reviewed secondary.

Eligibility:

This grant solicitation is only open to those agencies and local entities that have provided a Memorandum of Understanding and Consent for Batch 1 and Batch 2 of the program. All other inquiries will be forwarded information to participate in Batch 3, which will open Fall 2025.

Allowable Costs:

For the upcoming application solicitation, the MOHS will focus on the following funding areas.

- Contractual Services
- Equipment
- Commodities/Supplies
- Other

Application Release:

The Mississippi Office of Homeland Security (MOHS) will release the State and Local Cybersecurity program grant application on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>May 1, 2025</u>. The SLCGP application, along with the funding guidance document will be available on the MOHS website at: https://www.homelandsecurity.ms.gov/

Virtual Grant Writing:

The MOHS will also host two (2) virtual grant writing workshops to answer questions regarding the grant and provide updates on grant funding, priority areas and information about the upcoming grant year. Please R.S.V.P for virtual grant writing by May 7, 2025, to mohsgrants@dps.ms.gov.

Dates for the grant writing sessions will be held on:

- May 15, 2025: Webinar Time: 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
- May 22, 2025: Webinar Time 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Instructions and Deadlines:

All Applications and required documentation <u>must be</u> submitted electronically to the MOHS email address at <u>mohsgrants@dps.ms.gov</u> by <u>June 4, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.</u> All fields are required to be completed and must include all required information and signatures for a completed Application.

The MOHS requests that all jurisdictions <u>prioritize</u> funding requests to address the gaps and vulnerabilities identified through a needs assessment. Please note, due to limited funding, it is likely that only projects addressing high priority gaps, vulnerabilities and meeting the state priorities will be funded. Applicants should prioritize the use of grant funds to maintain/sustain current capabilities.

Applications and required documentation submitted after the deadlines <u>will not</u> be considered for funding but may be considered if additional funding is awarded or reallocation funding becomes available. **Application submission does not guarantee funding.** MOHS will review Applications that fully align with the funding priorities of the agency.

FEMA Federal Grant Specific Information:

Further federal grant specific information can be found on the FEMA website at: https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/homeland-security

Questions:

For questions related to the grant application, guidelines or need technical assistance, please contact the MOHS email address at mohsgrants@dps.ms.gov.