Mississippi Office of Homeland Security
State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program
Grant Funding Guidance

Schedule for State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP):

Key Announcements	Key Dates
Notice of Funding: Release of Grant Application	January 5, 2026
SLCGP Grant Application Release	January 15, 2026
Grant Writing Sessions (Virtual)	January 28, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m. February 10, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m.
Application Deadline	February 27, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.
Application Review Period	March – April 2026 Initial Risk/Financial Assessment Review (March) Cybersecurity Review (March) Executive Award Review (March) FEMA Approvals (April)
Award Announcement	May 15, 2026 (Tentative)
Grant Orientation	May 2026
Grant Awards Released	At Implementation Meetings (Tentative)
Grant Packets Due	June 15, 2026 (Tentative)
Grant Performance Period	June 1, 2026-November 30, 2027

Application packets will be available at the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security website https://www.homelandsecurity.ms.gov/ Grant Applications received after the due date **will not** be accepted for the allocation of funds, but it **may** be considered if funds become available within one (1) year.

Federal Award Overview:

Department of Homeland Security
State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program
Assistance Listing Number (Formerly CFDA) 97.137
Federal Grant Period: 9/1/2025-8/29/2029
https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/homeland-security

Program Information:

The State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) was created in 2022 through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) by the federal government to award grants to eligible entities to address cybersecurity risks and cybersecurity threats to information systems owned or operated by, or on behalf of, state, local, or tribal governments.

The SLCGP provides funding to state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) governments to address cybersecurity risks and cybersecurity threats to SLTT-owned or operated information systems. The overarching goal of the program is to assist SLTT governments in managing and reducing systemic cyber risks. The four main objectives of the program for which all projects at the state and local level must fall into are below:

- **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.

Before funding can be distributed to states and eligible sub-entities, the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law requires grant recipients (States) to develop a Cybersecurity Plan, establish a Cybersecurity Planning Committee to support development of the Plan, and identify projects to implement utilizing SLCGP funding.

To comply with federal guidance, the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security and the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (MOHS/ITS), acting in its role as the designated State Administrative Agency (SAA) for this program, began working with the established Statewide Cybersecurity Committee in 2022 to prioritize the following activities to meet SLCGP grant requirements:

- Establish a Cybersecurity Planning Committee.
- Develop a state-wide Cybersecurity Plan, unless the recipient already has a state-wide Cybersecurity Plan and uses the funds to implement or revise a state-wide Cybersecurity Plan.
- Identify and support projects that meet the objectives documented in the plan.

SLCGP Funding:

The funding available through the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) is dependent on the fiscal year funding. For grant years 2022 and 2023, the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security (MOHS) successfully secured cost waivers, allowing all grant funds to be awarded without matching requirements.

The waiver determination for 2024 funds is still pending: however, currently MOHS plans to cover all matching funds with soft match amounts. This approach ensures that local entities may apply for and be awarded funding without incurring a direct matching cost burden.

Grant Funding Eligibility:

The State of Mississippi is the sole eligible entity with the ability to submit SLCGP applications to DHS/FEMA. Eligible Entities: Eligible sub-entities able to apply for SCLGP funding include State, tribal, and local governments. “Local government” is defined in 6 U.S.C. § 101(13) as:

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

State Agencies: Under the SLCGP, the State Administrative Agency (SAA) **may retain no more than 20 percent of funding** for expenditures made by the state on behalf of the local unit(s) of the government. Funding outside of the 20 percent may occur **only** with the written consent of the local unit(s) of government and the approval of DHS/FEMA.

Ineligible Entities: Ineligible entities are those entities that do not meet the definition criteria, as listed above, to include private businesses/corporations and non-profit entities. Non-Profit entities can include those entities that hold a 501(c)(3) designation status and/or houses of worship.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): The Mississippi Office of Homeland maintains all MOU's indicating written consent of the local unit(s) of government. All MOU's must be submitted to FEMA, approval and the award will be at the discretion of FEMA's approval, if funding is allocated.

- Grant Application requests are **not** a guarantee for funding. Grants may be funded in the whole or partially funded. All funding considerations will be based on need and how the project fulfills the needs of the MOHS priorities and programs.
- The total amount of funding is limited to the amount received by FEMA, national priorities, and the requirements of the grant.
- Prioritize funding requests for items that **meet the needs** of the grant and applicant's department. Awards will be given to projects with the needs identified in the Application.
- All funding requests must be reasonable and allowable.

What can I apply for?

If Applicants have questions regarding the allowable or unallowable use of funding or need assistance in completing the Application, please contact mohsgrants@dps.ms.gov. Applicants may also visit the FEMA website and review the Notice of Funding Opportunity to review all grant funding guidelines for this grant opportunity. Please see the link below: https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness

Allowable Grant Items:

Please see the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program-Notice of Funding Opportunity for additional information on allowable grant costs. The list below is not exhaustive, therefore, if Applicants have any additional questions, please reach out to mohsgrants@dps.ms.gov. Applicants may also visit the FEMA website and review the federal Notice of Funding Opportunity to review all grant funding guidelines for this grant opportunity. Please see the link below: https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness

Allowable Costs may include the following funding areas:

- Contractual Services
- Equipment
- Commodities/Supplies
- Other

The following chart shows examples of potential projects areas that could be considered for funding.

Endpoint Detection & Response:
Purchase subscriptions for Endpoint Detection and Response, Managed Detection and Response, and Extended Detection and Response licensing vendor selected utilizing entities established procurement policies and grant performance and spend period time frames.
Cybersecurity Assessments/Testing and Evaluation:
Purchase an independent Cybersecurity Assessment or Penetration Testing for the organization utilizing existing State of Mississippi negotiated contractors. Contractors can be found on the Department of Finance and Administration Website. Cybersecurity Assessments can be applied as a follow-up/progress to the original MOHS cybersecurity assessment. • Maturing assessments • Tabletop exercises • Cybersecurity exercises, testing for team capabilities and controls.

Multifactor Authentication Solutions (MFA):

Purchase authentication devices, MFA Software, or other systems/hardware supporting MFA such as Identity and Access Management systems.

Advanced Backup Solutions:

Purchase backup software, cloud services, backup servers, storage devices, or other services that support recovery and reconstitution of entity backup data.

Migration to the .gov Domain:

Pay for services that support the migration of the organization’s domain to a .gov internet domain. Managed Service Provider services to pay support vendors to perform migration tasks to a .gov domain.

Managed Service Provider Costs to pay for Cybersecurity Services:

Pay Managed Service Providers for cybersecurity services that mitigate risk, improve cyber resiliency, and perform cybersecurity work where an organization does not have onsite staff to support.

Cybersecurity Awareness Training:

Purchase subscriptions for cybersecurity awareness training for employees to better understand cyber threats, best practices, incident response, compliance, and policies. KnowBe4, Proofpoint, SANS Institute & Infosec IQ are examples of vendors providing security awareness training.

Cybersecurity Professional Training for IT/Security Staff

Purchase professional cybersecurity training for those responsible for mitigating risk and maintaining resiliency in the organization’s environment. Example Trainings: CompTIA, CySA+, PenTest+ Certification Training, SANS Institute Enterprise Cloud Security Architecture, Certified Ethical Hacker, Security Training, and Certifications that will increase the skills and knowledge of systems and security.

<u>Equipment-Allowable Costs:</u> SLCGP equipment is intended to be used specifically to address entities’ cybersecurity risks, gaps, and vulnerabilities. To ensure compliance with federal standards, all equipment purchased through this program must be listed on the FEMA Authorized Equipment List (AEL), which can be accessed at https://www.fema.gov/grants/tools/authorized-equipment-list. Equipment that is not included in the FEMA AEL will not be eligible for award under this grant program.

The following examples are allowable FEMA AEL equipment items, that can be included but are not limited to the following items. The equipment requested should enhance the project and increase capabilities for the entity.

AEL Number	AEL Equipment Title	AEL Description
04AP-04-RISK	Software, Risk Management	Software or systems that facilitate capture, quantification, and management of risk factors involved in specific tasks, environments, or programs. This functionality may also be obtainable via subscription as a cloud-based service, as opposed to purchasing software. However, special security considerations apply for data stored remotely. See 04AP-11-SAAS for further information.
04AP-11-SAAS	Applications, Software as a Service	Sometimes referred to as "on-demand software", SAAS applications run on the provider's servers, delivering functionality via the internet to any device having connectivity and the required

		browser or interface. Access to the application is obtained via a service subscription rather than outright purchase, with all updates and configuration requirements handled by the service provider. Some example SAAS applications include equipment tracking and maintenance, intra-application communication among client devices, and specialized software such as plume modeling. Note that purchasers of SAAS should consider the security aspects of the planned usage, particularly availability and the protection of sensitive information stored remotely. Internet connectivity is required to utilize SAAS applications unless specific failover measures such as a "hybrid cloud" are available. In addition, data is stored remotely on vendor equipment. Use of SAAS for mission critical applications should be thoroughly vetted before implementation.
04HW-01-INHW	Hardware, Computer, Integrated	Computer hardware and operating system software designated for use in an integrated system allowable under the indicated grant programs. Such systems include detection, communication, cybersecurity, logistical support and Geospatial Information Systems. This item may include networking hardware (routers, wireless access points, etc. servers, workstations, notebook computers, and peripherals such as printers and plotters procured with an allowable system and necessary for its implementation.
04HW-03-NETD	Components, Networking, Deployable	Networking devices such as routers, switches, and wireless access points that are designed for forward deployment during incident response. These devices may include functionality such as Power over Ethernet (PoE) or uninterruptable power supplies (UPS). Units may combine functionality, such as a satellite IP modem, wireless, and wired connections, or a router that also provides PoE for hardwired connections and has built-in UPS. These components are often ruggedized or otherwise designed for field deployment (including mesh networking) and are intended to assist in rapid deployment of wired and wireless network capability for incident command centers and other forward deployment activities.
04SW-04-NETW	Software, Network	Software for networking, monitoring network performance and/or maintaining configuration. This functionality may also be obtainable via subscription as a cloud-based service using a web browser interface, as opposed to purchasing software. However, special security considerations apply for data stored remotely. See 04AP-11-SAAS for further information.
05AU-00-TOKN	System, Remote Authentication	System used to provide enhanced remote authentication, usually consisting of a server, some synchronization scheme, and a device, token, or smartphone application.
05EN-00-ECRP	Software, Encryption	Encryption software for protecting stored data files or email messages.
05EN-00-ETRN	Encryption, Data Transmission	A class of network access solutions, usually for remote access, that provide encrypted user access. May be used for remote access, point

		to point, or link encryption. Includes virtual private networks, and encrypted transmission modes such as SSH and SSL.
05HS-00-FRNS	Software, Forensic	Application suites that allow in-depth analysis of hosts based on operating system and file systems. Software of this type may be used by law enforcement officers, government/corporate investigators and consultants to investigate the aftermath of computer-related crimes. Forensics software generally includes disk analysis tools, tools for the recovery of deleted files, and integrated database support to mark files and data of interest to investigators. This functionality may also be obtainable via subscription as a cloud-based service using a web browser interface, as opposed to purchasing software. See 04AP-11-SAAS for further information.
05HS-00-MALW	Software, Malware/Anti-Virus Protection	Software for protection against viruses, spyware, and malicious code. May be obtained for individual hosts or for entire network segments.
05HS-00-PFWL	System, Personal Firewall	Personal firewall for operation on individual devices. Usually a software solution, but appliances are also available. See also: 05NP-00-FWAL.
05NP-00-FWAL	Firewall, Network	Firewall (software or standalone appliance) for use in protecting networks. See also 05HS-00-PFWL.
05NP-00-HONY	Honeypot	System or software used as a vulnerable decoy to lure and detect attackers.
05NP-00-IDPS	System, Intrusion Detection/Prevention	Intrusion Detection and/or Prevention System (IDS, IPS) deployed at either host or network level to detect and/or prevent unauthorized or aberrant behavior on the network. Software and hardware (appliance) solutions exist. This replaces item 05NP-00-IDS and incorporates more recent prevention technology.
05NP-00-MDMS	System, Mobile Device Management (MDM) or Enterprise Mobile Management (EMM)	Tools to facilitate the administration of mobile devices such as smartphones, tablets, and laptops
05NP-00-SCAN	Tools, Vulnerability Scanning	Tools designed to identify security vulnerabilities on networks, databases, web applications or individual hosts on target networks.
05NP-00-SIEM	System, Security Information and Event Management (SIEM)	Software or appliance that gathers data from multiple security sources such as firewalls, intrusion detection systems, malware protection systems, etc. to provide log file consolidation and event correlation capability in support of network security operations. While some client-side software may be required, this functionality may also be obtainable via subscription as a cloud-based service using a web browser interface, as opposed to purchasing software. However, special security considerations

		apply for data stored remotely. See 04AP-11-SAAS for further information.
05PM-00-PTCH	System, Patch/Configuration Management	System to manage the update and installation of patches, applications, and/or operating systems utilized by an organization in order to maintain current "version control." This functionality may also be obtainable via subscription as a cloud-based service using a web browser interface, as opposed to purchasing software. However, special security considerations apply for data stored remotely. See 04AP-11-SAAS for further information.
05SM-00-ITAM	System, Information Technology Asset Management	Tools for maintaining and consolidating information about an organization's IT resources, including both hardware and software assets.

Additional Required Justifications for Specific Equipment:

Applicants must provide additional information and justification for the items listed below. Any items submitted without the required justification will not be considered for review. Justification must be included as an additional attachment with the application submission to ensure proper evaluation.

Any items requested over $75,000.00 will require additional justification **to be considered.** Provide the following:

- How will this item increase the Homeland Security mission in your area?
- How will this item reduce terrorism in your area?

Additional FEMA Approval: Some equipment requests may require additional approval from FEMA. MOHS may require additional information and detailed justifications for the request.

- Environmental and Historical Preservation Compliance: All projects that may have potential impact on the environment **will require** a FEMA Environmental Historic Preservation form. For more information, please see FEMA Policy 108-023-1.
  - Ground disturbances, new construction, modification/renovation of buildings (including the addition of cameras, security doors, etc.) will require an EHP form to be submitted.
  - Renovation of and/or modification including installation of security and communication equipment to buildings or structures that are fifty (50) years old or older.
  - Installation of security features such as doors, cameras, security locks, etc., will also require an EHP submission for FEMA approval.
  - Security enhancements to improve perimeter security or any other construction or renovations that change or expand the footprint of the facility.
  - Physical security enhancements including, but not limited to:
    - Lighting
    - Fencing
    - Closed Circuit Televisions
    - Motion Detection
    - Stationary/fixed License Plate Readers
    - Barriers, doors, gates, and related security enhancements.

Unallowable Grant Costs:

The following items are considered unallowable by FEMA and/or the Mississippi Department of Homeland has deemed the items not permissible for funding. Applicants may also visit the FEMA website and review the Notice of Funding Opportunity to review all grant funding guidelines for this grant opportunity. Please see the link below, https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness

- Supplanting:
  - Grant funds will be used to supplement existing funds and will not replace (supplant) funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose. Applicants or recipients may be required to supply documentation certifying that a reduction in non-federal resources occurred for reasons other than the receipt or expected receipt of federal funds.
- Unallowable Costs: SLCGP funds may not be used for the following.
  - Spyware.
  - Construction.
  - Renovation.
  - To pay a ransom.
  - For recreational or social purposes.
  - To pay for cybersecurity insurance premiums.
  - To acquire land or to construct, remodel, or perform alterations of buildings or other physical facilities.
  - For any purpose that does not address cybersecurity risks or cybersecurity threats on information systems owned or operated by, or on behalf of, the eligible entity that receives the grant or a local government within the jurisdiction of the eligible entity.
  - To supplant state or local funds; however, this shall not be construed to prohibit the use of funds from a grant under this NOFO for otherwise permissible uses on the basis that the SLT has previously used SLT funds to support the same or similar uses; and
  - For any recipient or subrecipient cost-sharing contribution.
- Recipients and subrecipients of FEMA federal financial assistance are subject to the prohibitions described in section 889 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (FY 2019 NDAA), Pub. L. No. 115-232 (2018) and 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.216, 200.327, 200.471, and Appendix II to 2 C.F.R. Part 200. Beginning August 13, 2020, the statute – as it applies to FEMA recipients, subrecipients, and their contractors and subcontractors – prohibits obligating or expending federal award funds on certain telecommunications and video surveillance products and contracting with certain entities for national security reasons. Guidance is available at FEMA Policy #405-143-1 - Prohibitions on Expending FEMA Award Funds for Covered Telecommunications Equipment or Services Additional Information and restrictions can be found in FEMA NOFO.

Where can I find the Application and How do I fill out the Application?

For the next round of SLCGP Application, MOHS will be using an electronic application for submission. The following link can be used to direct the agency to the online application. The application will also be available on the MOHS website.

https://mohsgrants.jotform.com/253526323139960

The application will be in an accessible application with fill-in spaces for each section. Pages 12-26 are provided to walk each applicant through the application.

When Are Applications Due?

All State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) applications and supporting documentation must be received by the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security (MOHS) no later than **February 27, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. CST**. Applicants are encouraged to submit their materials in advance of the deadline, as early submission is strongly recommended. Applications received after the stated deadline may not be considered eligible for review or funding.

What Do I Need to Do to Apply?

- The applicant must be eligible for funding.
- The applicant must not be listed on the suspended and debarred list.
- The applicant must not be listed on the Denied Parties List.
- The applicant must be NIMS compliant with NIMS Courses (100, 200,700 and 800). Applicants will be requested to show compliance, if awarded.
- Applicants must have a current and active Unique Entity Identification (UEI) number.
- Applicants must read and comply with 2 CFR 200.318 to 2 CFR 200.327 regulations.
- Applicants must have written procurement standards per 2 CFR 200.318(a).
- Applicants must have written conflict of interest standards per 2 CFR 200.318(c).
- Applicants read and understand that certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment are prohibited from being purchased using grant funds. See 2 CFR § 200.216 and 2 CFR § 200.471.
- Applicants must take necessary steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used, when possible, per 2 CFR 200.321.
- The applicant agrees that this federal funding does not supplant (replace) state, local, and agency monies in their organization's budget for the requested items in this Application.

The following items must be submitted at the time of the Application, or the Application will be considered incomplete.

- Complete State and Local Cybersecurity (SLCGP) Application
- Agency Signatures
- UEI Certification, showing Active Date and UEI Number
- NIMS Certifications
- Most Recent Audit, if applicable.
- Additional Justification, if applicable for the following items:
    - Items are over $75,000.00

What If I Have Questions about the Grant Application?

The Mississippi Office of Homeland Security (MOHS) is available to answer any questions regarding the application packet or any grant-related inquiries. Applicants are encouraged to reach out to MOHS staff for clarification or assistance to ensure that submissions are complete and meet all program requirements.

Grant Writing Sessions:

The MOHS will hold two (2) virtual grant writing sessions to provide program updates, answer questions and assist in the development of the Applications.

Grant Writing Sessions for the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program	
January 28, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m. via Microsoft TEAMS	February 10, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m. via Microsoft TEAMS

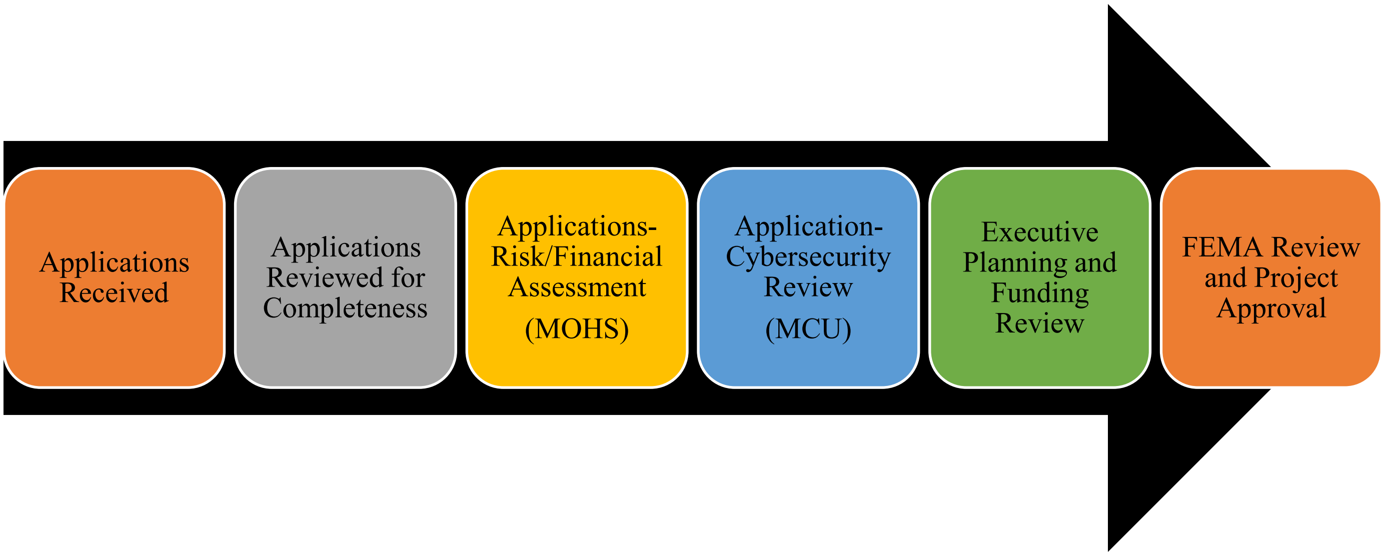
What Happens After the Application Is Submitted?

Each application submitted to the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) will undergo a series of reviews to ensure fairness and compliance. The review process includes an evaluation for completeness, a risk assessment, peer review, scoring, and an executive planning and funding session. Applicants should keep in mind that grants are focused on the cybersecurity nexus and are not intended to support IT services, computer repair, or programming projects. Because funding is limited and the program is highly competitive, only the strongest applications that align with program objectives and state priorities will be considered for award.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to prioritize projects and funding requests, as awards will be determined based on how the identified needs support the mission of the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security (MOHS) and the availability of funds.

Each section of the grant application must be completed in its entirety, and no sections should be left blank. Projects may be funded either in full or in part, depending on available resources and alignment with program priorities. **Applicants should request funding only for what the agency truly needs, rather than for items considered optional or desirable**.

If awarded, funding will be provided strictly for the approved items submitted with the application, and modifications to awards will be limited.


Applications Received
Applications Reviewed for Completeness
Applications- Risk/Financial Assessment (MOHS)
Application- Cybersecurity Review (MCU)
Executive Planning and Funding Review
FEMA Review and Project Approval

Notice of Awards:

All Applicants will receive a Notice of Award or Notice of Non-Approval. All non-approval Applications will be kept on file for (1) one year if funds become available. If funding becomes available, MOHS staff will contact the agency to discuss opportunities.

If awarded during the review process, the applicant will be designated as a sub-recipient and will receive notice of an upcoming Grant Orientation meeting. During this orientation, the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security (MOHS) will provide updates on the grant, award packet information, grant forms, and details regarding required reporting and closeout procedures.

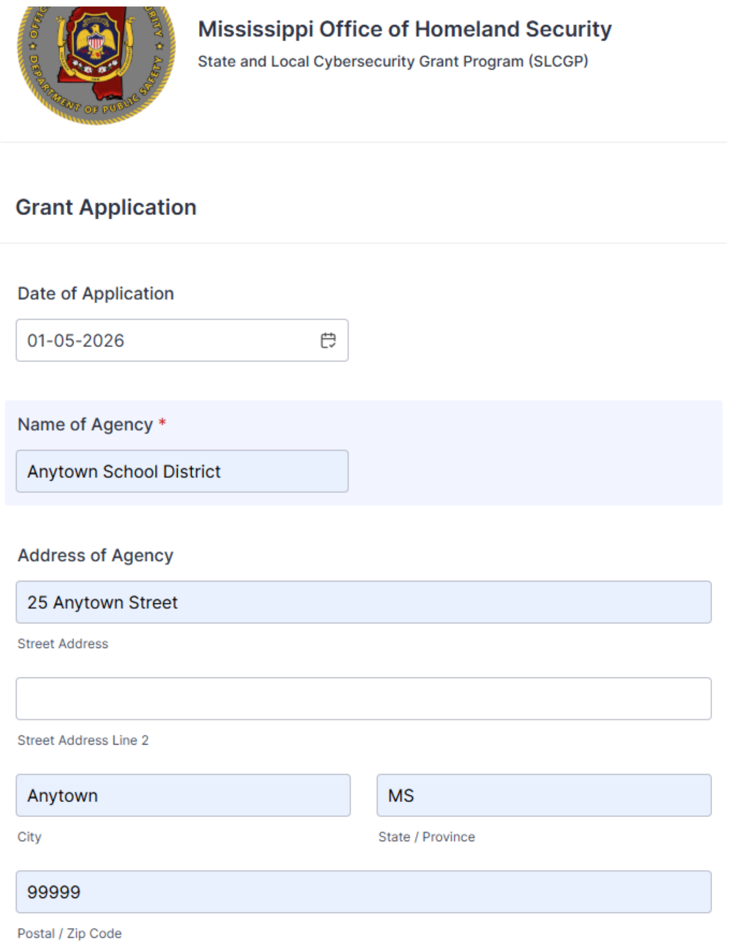
A grant award packet will be sent to the sub-recipient for review and for the attainment of signatures from all authorized signatory officials. Grant funds may not be spent or requested until all required award documentation has been submitted by the sub-recipient. Any costs or expenses incurred prior to the execution of the agreement will be disallowed, and contracts entered before the official period of performance begins will not be eligible for reimbursement.

Completing the Grant Application

Agency Applicant Information:

Applicant Details:

- Date: Date of Application Submission.
- Name of Agency: Full name of the Agency.
- Mailing Address: Full mailing address of the Agency.
- County of Agency: Name of the county where the Agency resides.
- Agency Contact Name: Name of the person that is responsible for filling out the Application.
- Agency Contact Phone Number: Phone number that can best reach the agency contact.
- Agency Contact Email Address: Email Address that can best reach the agency contact.
- Signatory Authorized Official Name: Name of the Mayor, Board President, Commissioner or Head of Agency.
- UEI Number: Twelve (12) Numeric and Digit code set up in SAMS.gov. Check with the finance clerk for this number.
- UEI Expiration Date: Date that the UEI Number is set to expire for the year.
- Congressional District: Congressional district where the agency resides.



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State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP)

Grant Application

Date of Application

01-05-2026

Name of Agency *

Anytown School District

Address of Agency

25 Anytown Street

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

Anytown

City

MS

State / Province

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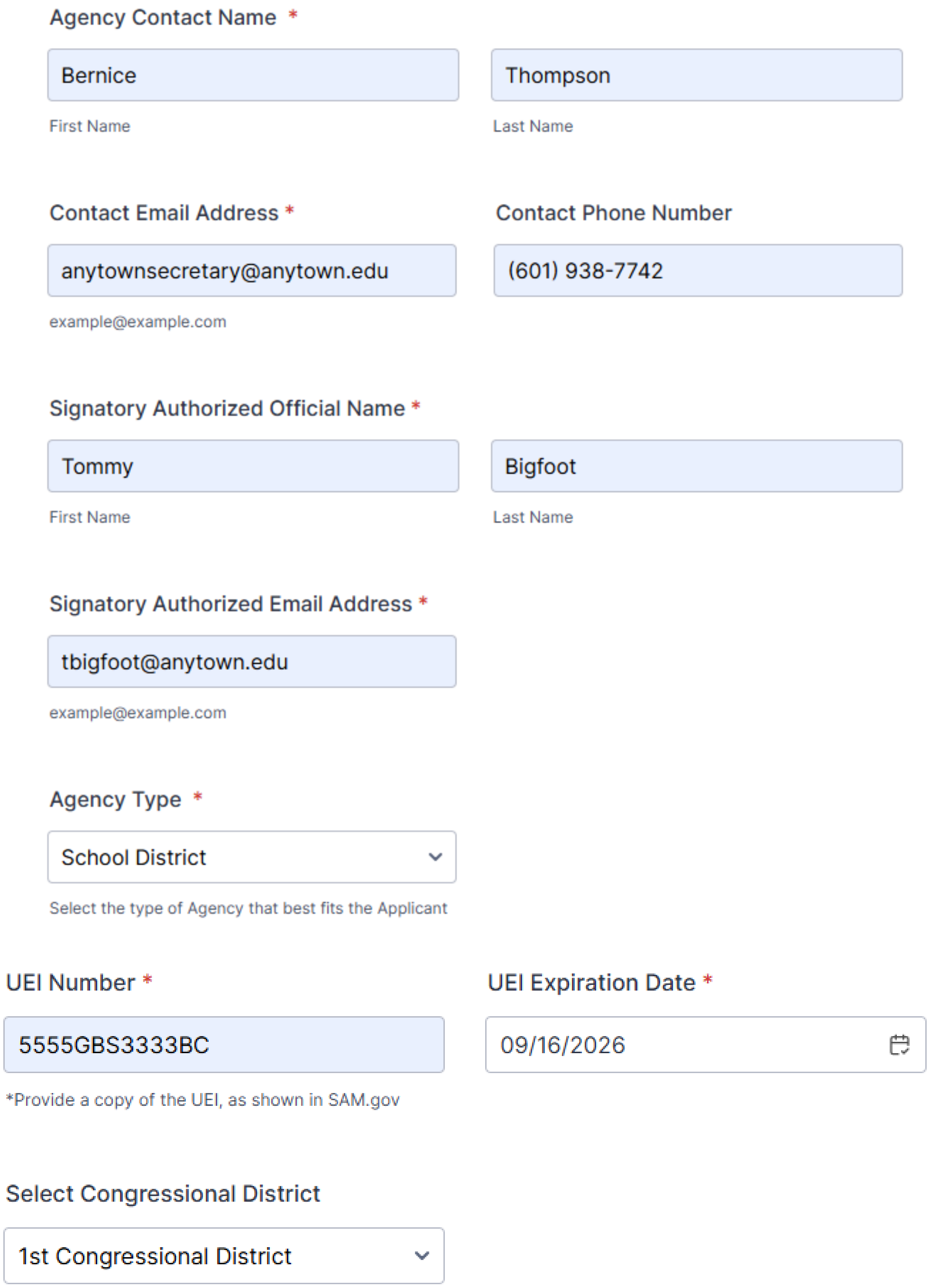
Postal / Zip Code



Agency Contact Name *

Bernice
First Name

Thompson
Last Name

Contact Email Address *

anytownsecretary@anytown.edu
example@example.com

Contact Phone Number

(601) 938-7742

Signatory Authorized Official Name *

Tommy
First Name

Bigfoot
Last Name

Signatory Authorized Email Address *

tbigfoot@anytown.edu
example@example.com

Agency Type *

School District
Select the type of Agency that best fits the Applicant

UEI Number *

5555GBS3333BC
*Provide a copy of the UEI, as shown in SAM.gov

UEI Expiration Date *

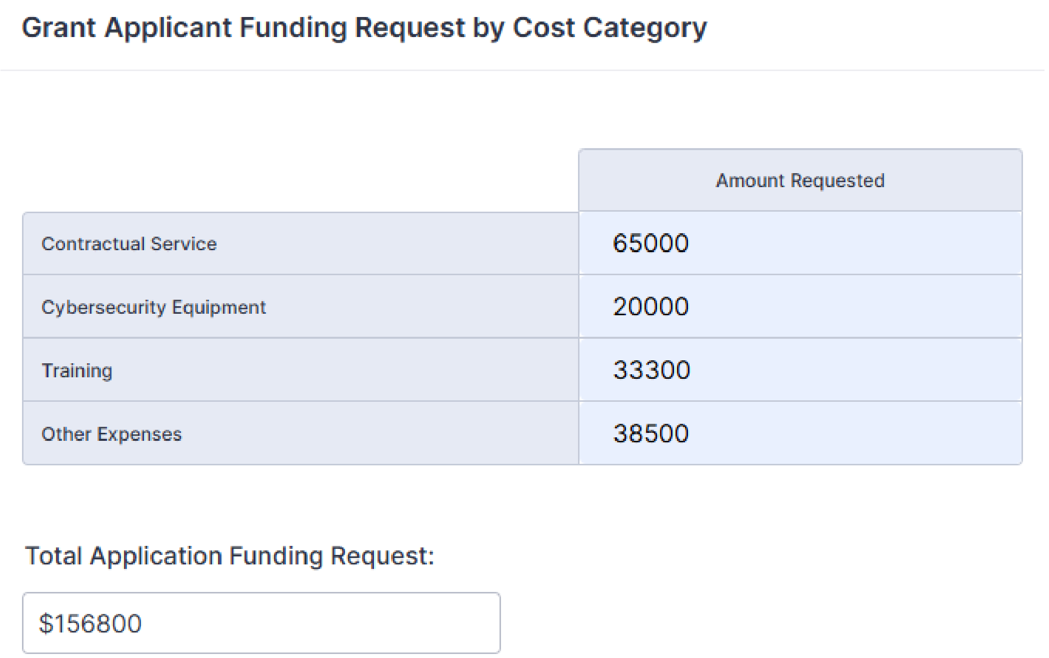
09/16/2026

Select Congressional District

1st Congressional District

Grant Applicant funding Request by Cost Category:

- Contractual Services: List of the total amount requested for contractual services.
- Equipment: List of the total amount of equipment requested.
- Commodities/Supplies: List of the total amount requested for commodities/supplies.
- Training: List the total amount requested for training.
- Other: Any expenses that fall outside the other categories, should be included in the "Other" category.
- Total Grant Amount Requested: Add all sections for the total grant amount requested.



Grant Applicant Funding Request by Cost Category

	Amount Requested
Contractual Service	65000
Cybersecurity Equipment	20000
Training	33300
Other Expenses	38500

Total Application Funding Request:

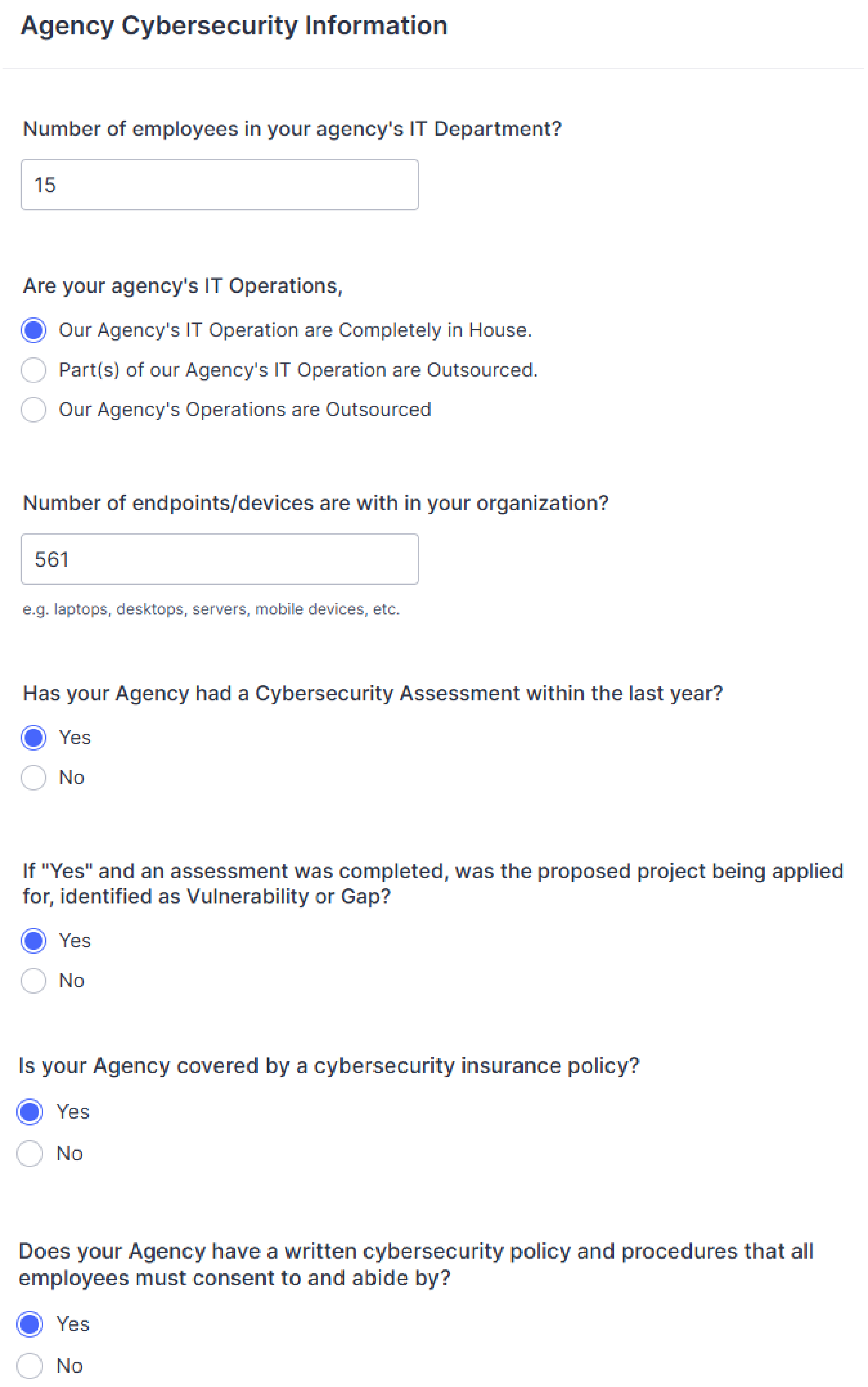
$156800

Problem Identification:

Agency Cybersecurity Information:

Please provide responses to the following questions.

- Number of employees in your IT department?
- Are IT operations, whole or part(s), outsourced?
- Number of endpoints/ devices (e.g. laptops, desktops, servers, mobile devices) within your organization?
- Has a Cybersecurity Assessment been performed by your Agency?
- If assessment was completed, was the proposed project being applied for, identified as a Vulnerability or Gap?
- Is your Agency covered by a cybersecurity insurance policy?
- Does your Agency have written cybersecurity policies that all employees must consent and abide by?



Agency Cybersecurity Information

Number of employees in your agency's IT Department?

15

Are your agency's IT Operations,

● Our Agency's IT Operation are Completely in House.
○ Part(s) of our Agency's IT Operation are Outsourced.
○ Our Agency's Operations are Outsourced

Number of endpoints/devices are with in your organization?

561

e.g. laptops, desktops, servers, mobile devices, etc.

Has your Agency had a Cybersecurity Assessment within the last year?

● Yes
○ No

If "Yes" and an assessment was completed, was the proposed project being applied for, identified as Vulnerability or Gap?

● Yes
○ No

Is your Agency covered by a cybersecurity insurance policy?

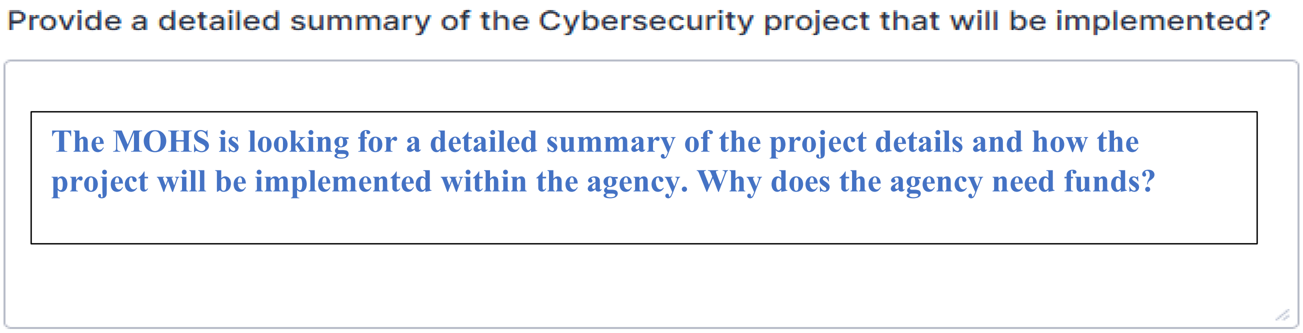
● Yes
○ No

Does your Agency have a written cybersecurity policy and procedures that all employees must consent to and abide by?

● Yes
○ No

Proposed Project Description and Project Details

Each applicant should provide a detailed description of the project details and how the project will be implemented by the Agency.

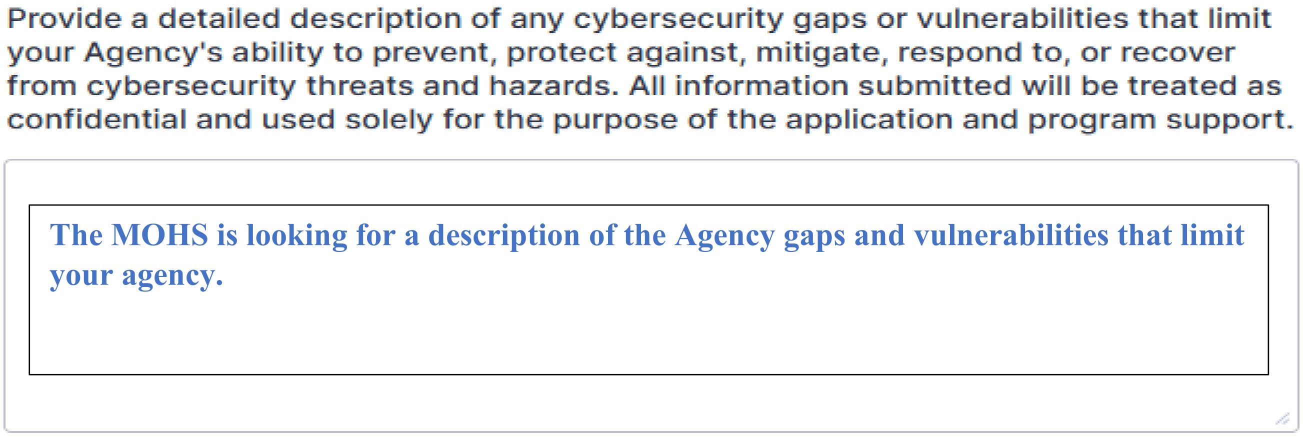


Provide a detailed summary of the Cybersecurity project that will be implemented?

The MOHS is looking for a detailed summary of the project details and how the project will be implemented within the agency. Why does the agency need funds?

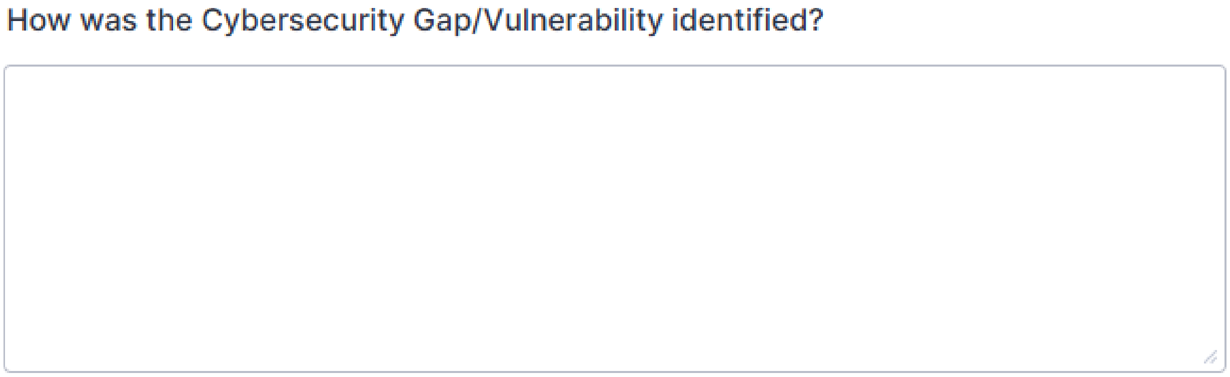
Cybersecurity Gaps, Vulnerabilities and Capabilities

Each applicant should provide detailed responses to the following questions centered around the Agency's cybersecurity gaps, vulnerabilities and capabilities. Detailed information should be provided from real cybersecurity events, cybersecurity exercises and or cybersecurity assessment.

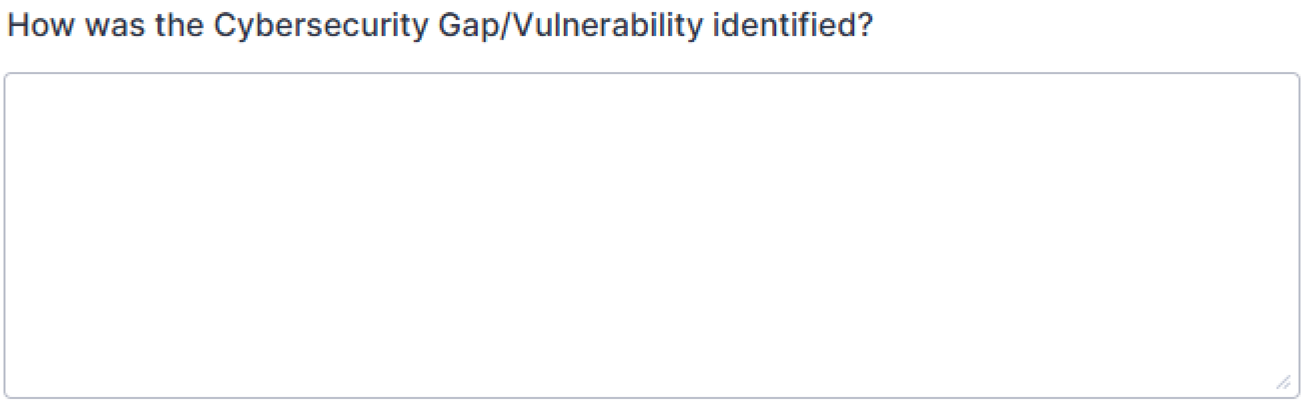


Provide a detailed description of any cybersecurity gaps or vulnerabilities that limit your Agency's ability to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, or recover from cybersecurity threats and hazards. All information submitted will be treated as confidential and used solely for the purpose of the application and program support.

The MOHS is looking for a description of the Agency gaps and vulnerabilities that limit your agency.



How was the Cybersecurity Gap/Vulnerability identified?



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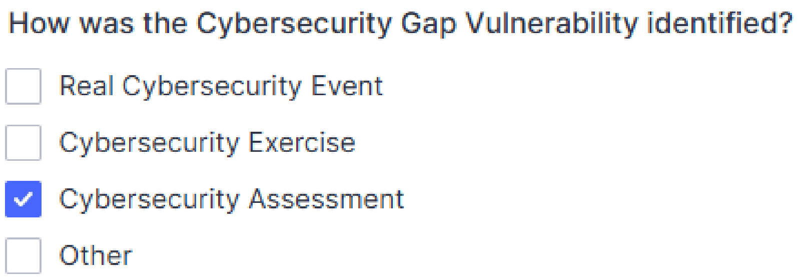


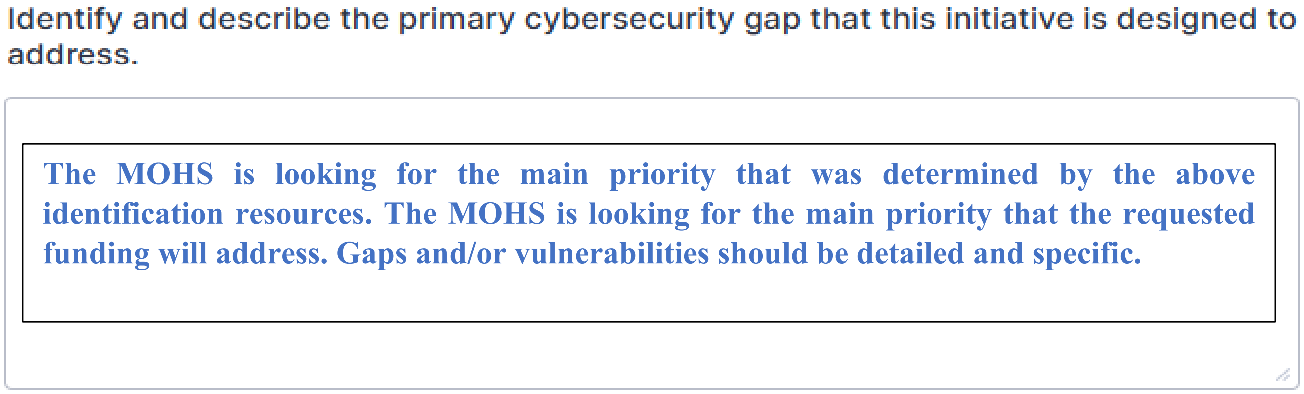
How was the Cybersecurity Gap Vulnerability identified?

□ Real Cybersecurity Event

□ Cybersecurity Exercise

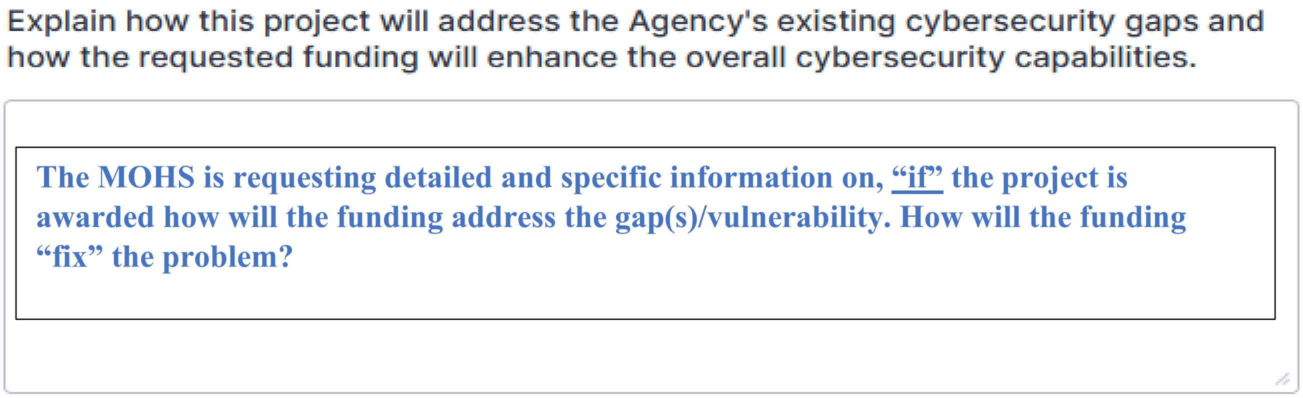
☑ Cybersecurity Assessment

□ Other



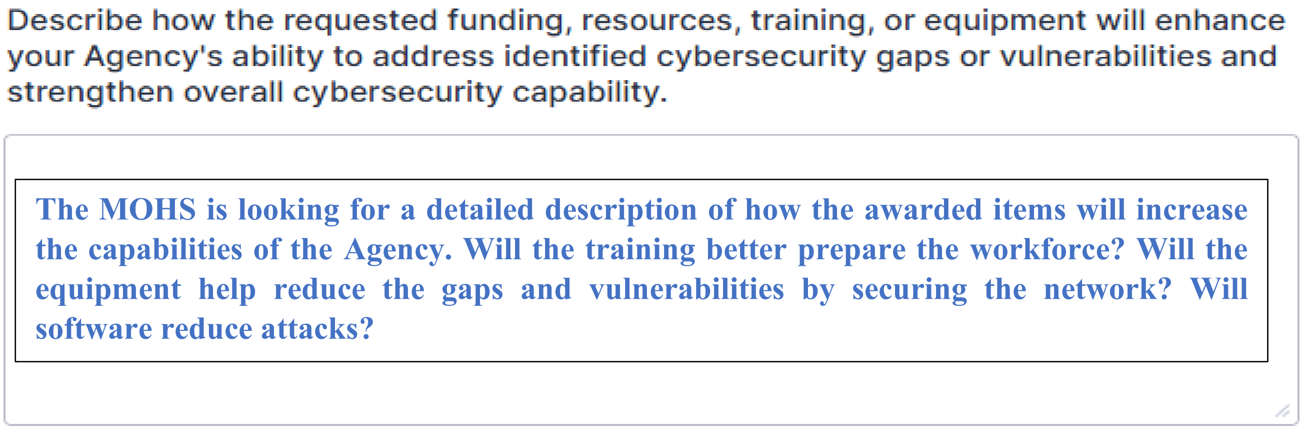
Identify and describe the primary cybersecurity gap that this initiative is designed to address.

The MOHS is looking for the main priority that was determined by the above identification resources. The MOHS is looking for the main priority that the requested funding will address. Gaps and/or vulnerabilities should be detailed and specific.



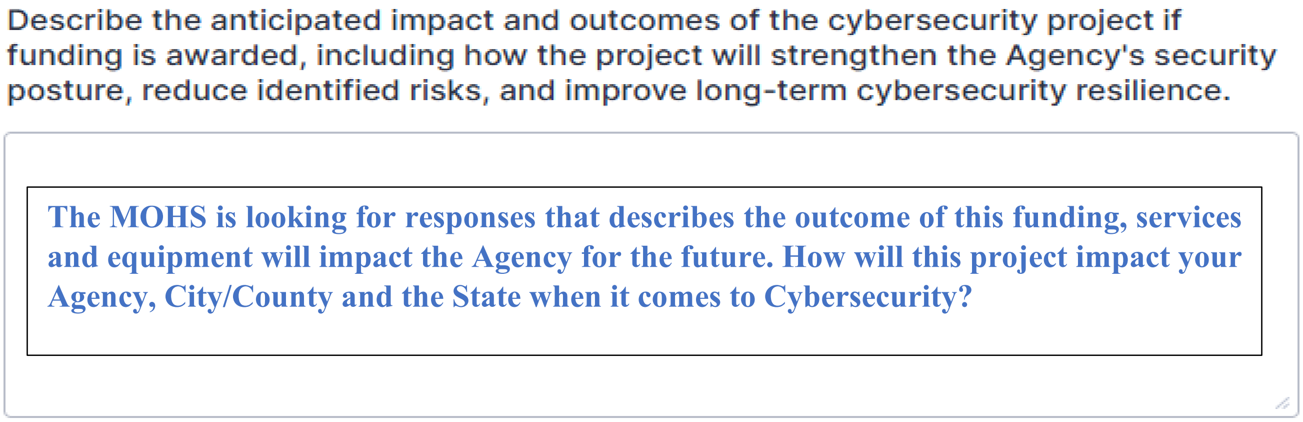
Explain how this project will address the Agency's existing cybersecurity gaps and how the requested funding will enhance the overall cybersecurity capabilities.

The MOHS is requesting detailed and specific information on, "if" the project is awarded how will the funding address the gap(s)/vulnerability. How will the funding "fix" the problem?



Describe how the requested funding, resources, training, or equipment will enhance your Agency's ability to address identified cybersecurity gaps or vulnerabilities and strengthen overall cybersecurity capability.

The MOHS is looking for a detailed description of how the awarded items will increase the capabilities of the Agency. Will the training better prepare the workforce? Will the equipment help reduce the gaps and vulnerabilities by securing the network? Will software reduce attacks?

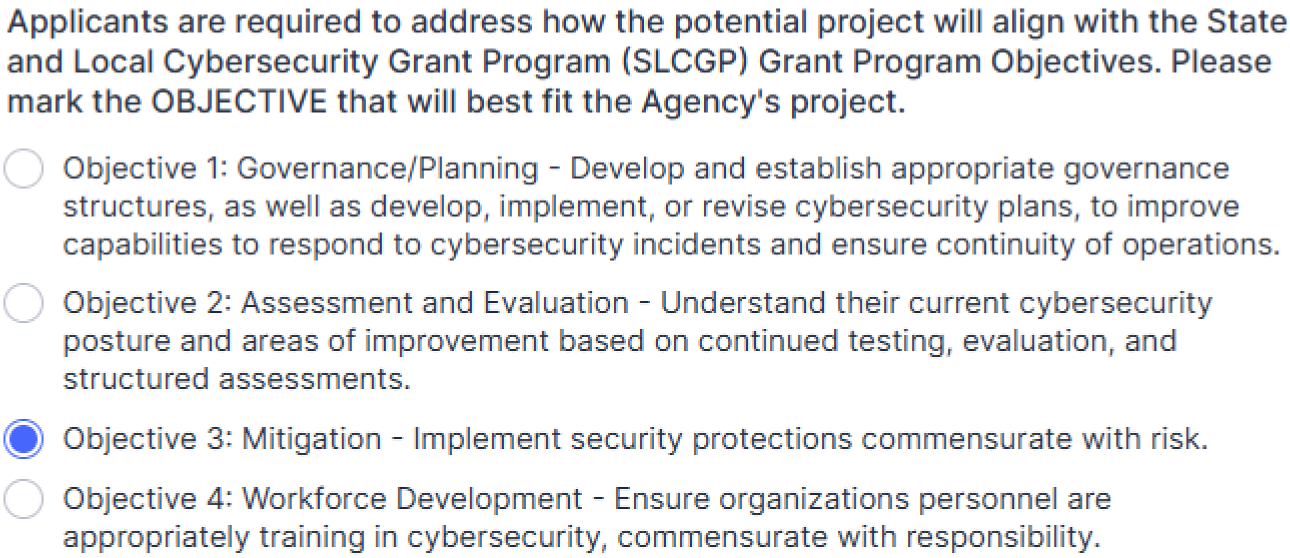


Describe the anticipated impact and outcomes of the cybersecurity project if funding is awarded, including how the project will strengthen the Agency's security posture, reduce identified risks, and improve long-term cybersecurity resilience.

The MOHS is looking for responses that describes the outcome of this funding, services and equipment will impact the Agency for the future. How will this project impact your Agency, City/County and the State when it comes to Cybersecurity?

Alignment with State and Local Cybersecurity Objectives

As part of the SLCGP, each project must address one of the four (4) cybersecurity objectives for the program. Please review the definitions with each objective and place a mark on the objective that fits your project the best.



Applicants are required to address how the potential project will align with the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) Grant Program Objectives. Please mark the OBJECTIVE that will best fit the Agency's project.

○ Objective 1: Governance/Planning - Develop and establish appropriate governance structures, as well as develop, implement, or revise cybersecurity plans, to improve capabilities to respond to cybersecurity incidents and ensure continuity of operations.

○ Objective 2: Assessment and Evaluation - Understand their current cybersecurity posture and areas of improvement based on continued testing, evaluation, and structured assessments.

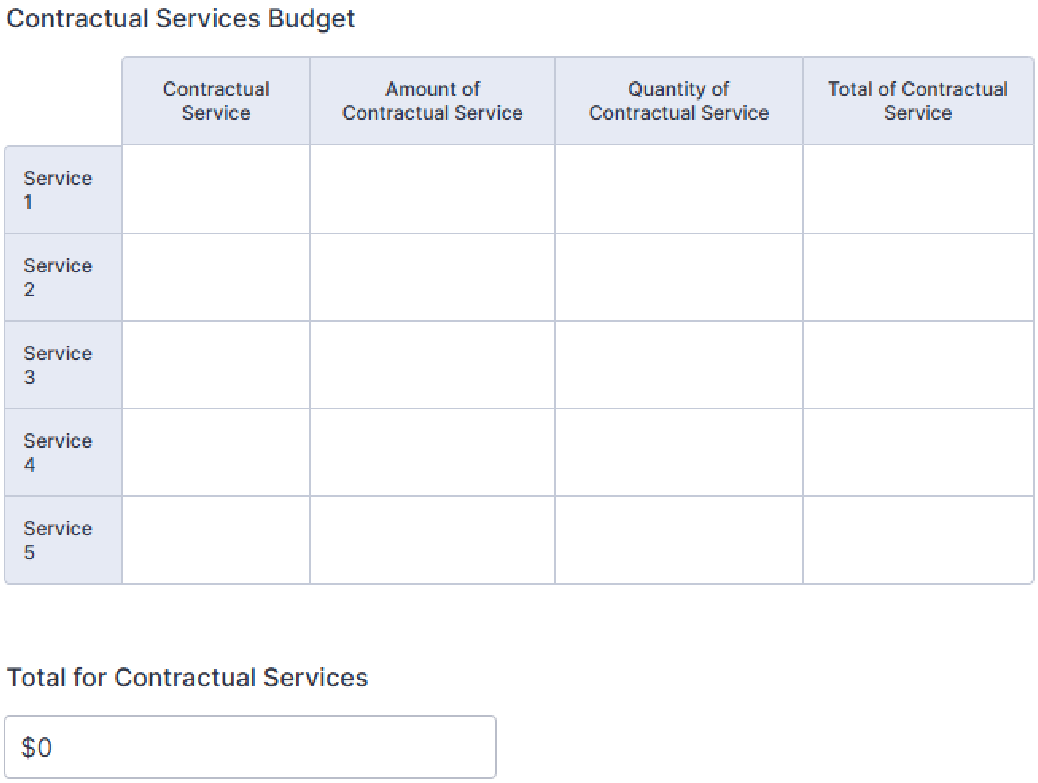
● Objective 3: Mitigation - Implement security protections commensurate with risk.

○ Objective 4: Workforce Development - Ensure organizations personnel are appropriately training in cybersecurity, commensurate with responsibility.

SLCGP Grant Budget Request:

Each applicant should review the Agency Gap(s)/Vulnerabilities to request the budget fund requests that will fit the agencies **NEED**. Funding is **VERY** limited and should be requested based on need and priority of the request. All information provided in the Grant Budget Request sections is a request. There are no guarantees for funding. Funding may be partial or adjusted to coincide with grant funding available. All items requested MUST be justifiable by the cybersecurity gap, vulnerability and to increase capability.

Contractual Services: Include a detailed assessment of contractual services within the program area in which Applicants will be applying. Also, include a cost estimate for all contractual needs (rental, shipping costs, etc.). All expenses must be in accordance with current state and federal guidelines. **Multiple years for services will be considered with justification.**



Contractual Services Budget

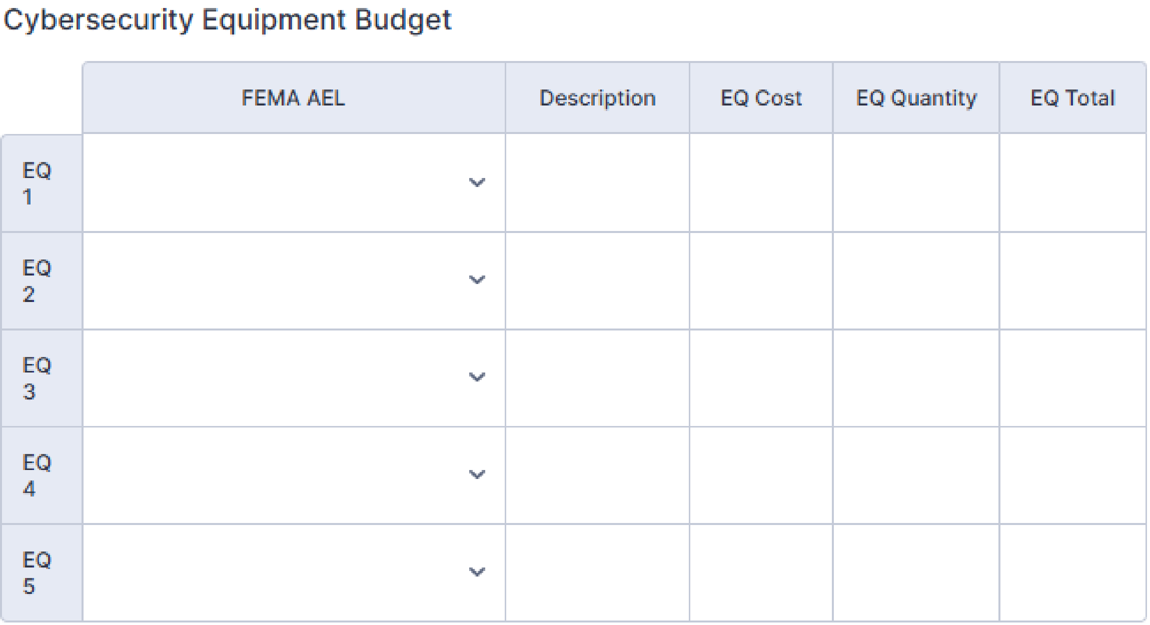
	Contractual Service	Amount of Contractual Service	Quantity of Contractual Service	Total of Contractual Service
Service 1				
Service 2				
Service 3				
Service 4				
Service 5				

Total for Contractual Services

$0

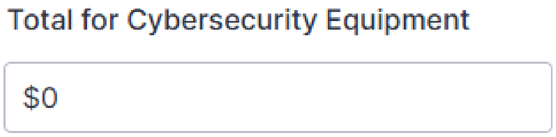
Cybersecurity Equipment: All equipment requested under the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) must be allowable, reasonable, and essential to closing identified preparedness gaps. To ensure compliance, all equipment must be included on the **FEMA Authorized Equipment List (AEL)**, which can be accessed at https://www.fema.gov/grants/tools/authorized-equipment-list.

Funding must be directly tied to equipment that is essential to the program. If equipment requires additional justification for consideration, applicants must provide this justification at the time of submission. Items submitted without justification may not be considered, or they may be awarded at reduced program allocations, such as mobile radios. If additional space is needed to list equipment, applicants should attach an additional page to the application.



Cybersecurity Equipment Budget

	FEMA AEL	Description	EQ Cost	EQ Quantity	EQ Total
EQ 1	⌄				
EQ 2	⌄				
EQ 3	⌄				
EQ 4	⌄				
EQ 5	⌄				



Total for Cybersecurity Equipment

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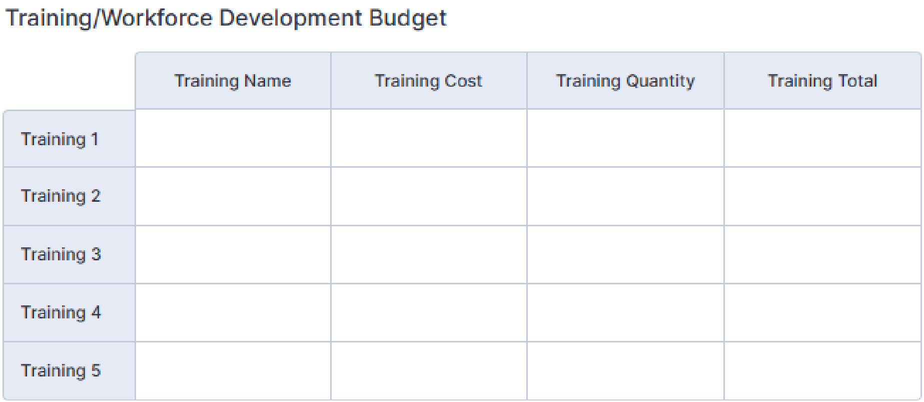
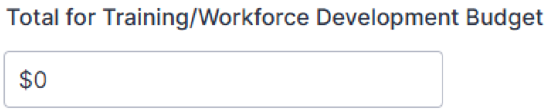
Training/Workforce Development: Please include a listing of any trainings or professional certification programs that the Agency will be seeking with grant funds. Please include Training Name, Costs, Number of person(s) to be training and the total costs.



Training/Workforce Development Budget

	Training Name	Training Cost	Training Quantity	Training Total
Training 1				
Training 2				
Training 3				
Training 4				
Training 5				



Total for Training/Workforce Development Budget

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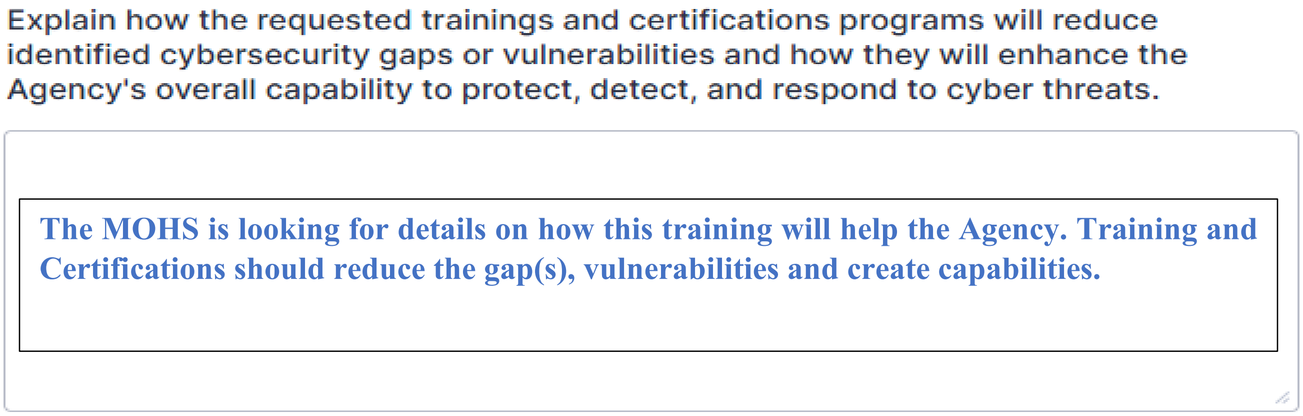
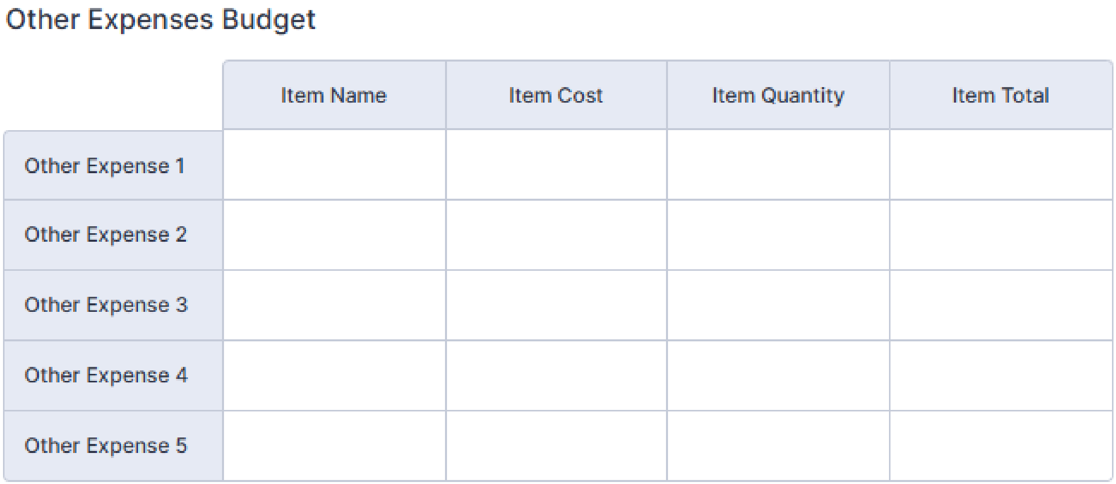
If training/workforce development training is being requested for the Agency, please describe how the training/certification program will reduce gaps(s)/vulnerabilities and increase Agency capability.



Explain how the requested trainings and certifications programs will reduce identified cybersecurity gaps or vulnerabilities and how they will enhance the Agency's overall capability to protect, detect, and respond to cyber threats.

The MOHS is looking for details on how this training will help the Agency. Training and Certifications should reduce the gap(s), vulnerabilities and create capabilities.

Other Expenses: Include a detailed assessment of additional needs within the program area in which Applicants will be applying. Additional items listed in this category must have a detailed justification for requests. All expenses must be in accordance with current state and federal guidelines.



Other Expenses Budget

	Item Name	Item Cost	Item Quantity	Item Total
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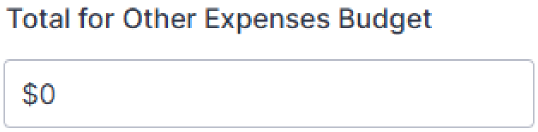
Other Expense 3				
Other Expense 4				
Other Expense 5				



Total for Other Expenses Budget

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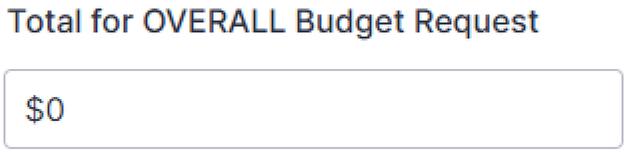
Total Amount Request for Cybersecurity Funds: Please include a total of all budget sections for a total of the funding being requested.



Total for OVERALL Budget Request

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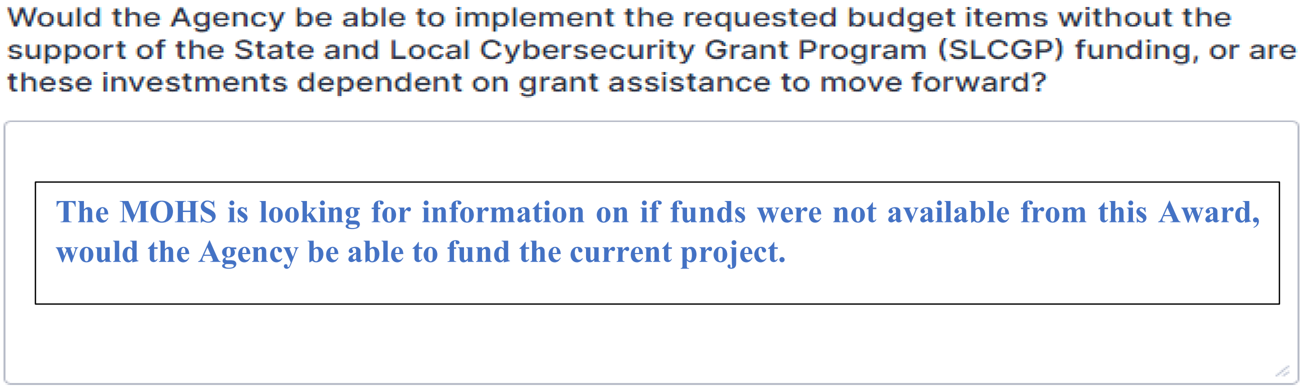
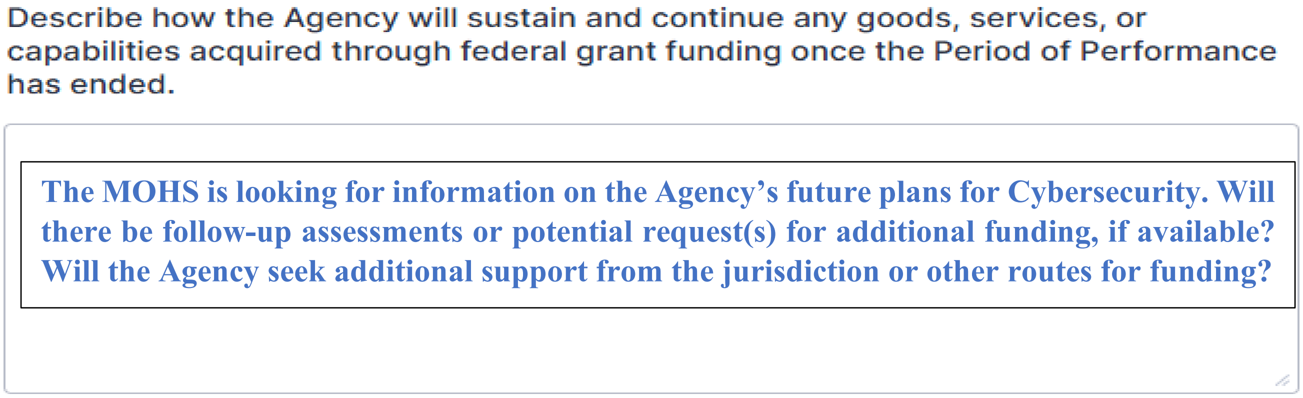
Sustainability of Project

Federal funds awarded under the SLCGP should be considered as “one” time funding. Funds should be used to address the current priority of the Agency. Provide detailed responses to the following questions.



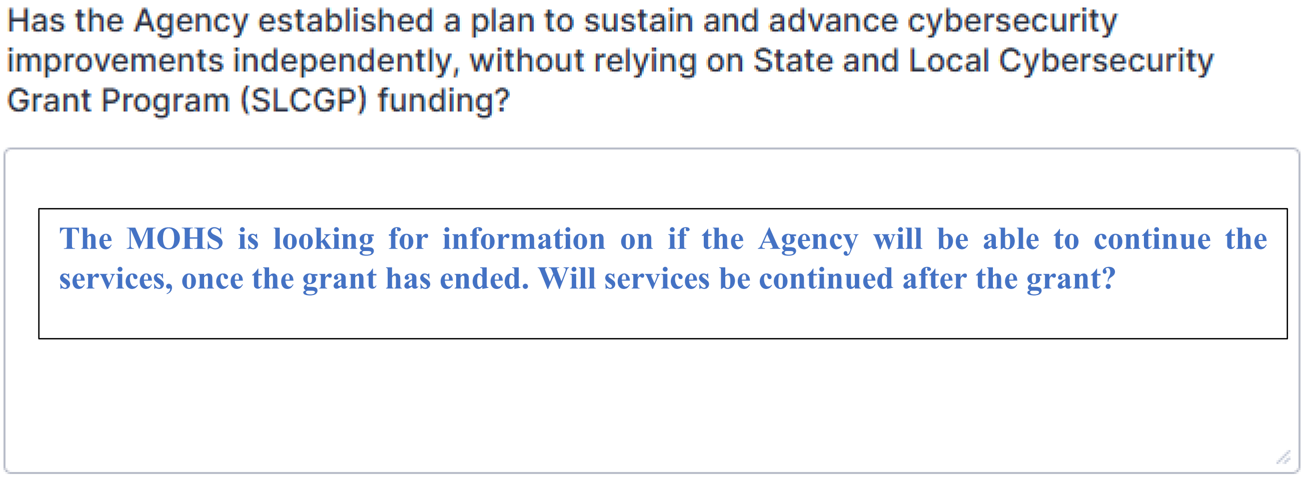
Would the Agency be able to implement the requested budget items without the support of the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) funding, or are these investments dependent on grant assistance to move forward?

The MOHS is looking for information on if funds were not available from this Award, would the Agency be able to fund the current project.



Describe how the Agency will sustain and continue any goods, services, or capabilities acquired through federal grant funding once the Period of Performance has ended.

The MOHS is looking for information on the Agency’s future plans for Cybersecurity. Will there be follow-up assessments or potential request(s) for additional funding, if available? Will the Agency seek additional support from the jurisdiction or other routes for funding?

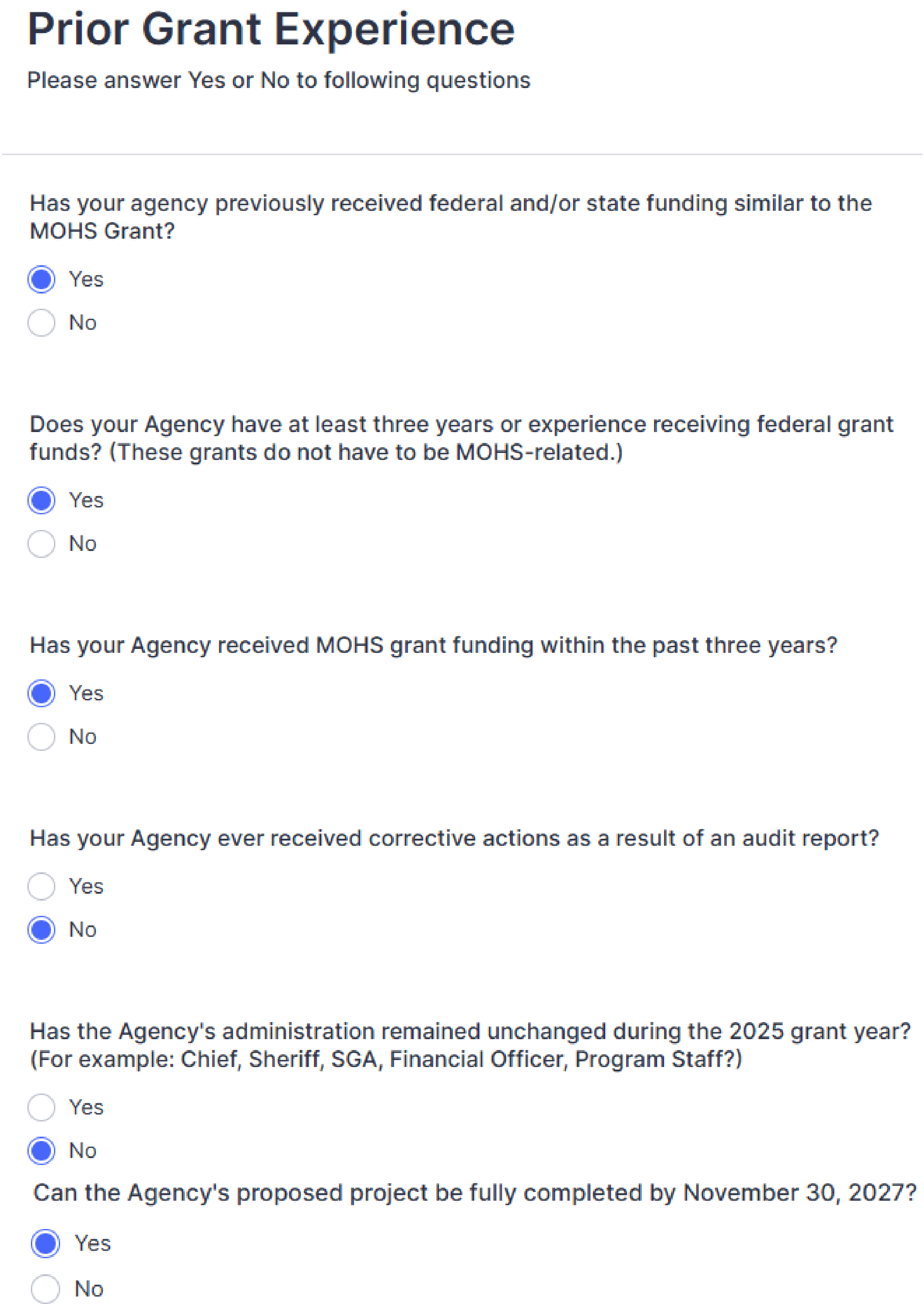


Has the Agency established a plan to sustain and advance cybersecurity improvements independently, without relying on State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) funding?

The MOHS is looking for information on if the Agency will be able to continue the services, once the grant has ended. Will services be continued after the grant?

Prior Grant Experience:

Please mark Applicants' responses by a Yes or No response. Complete all sections.



Prior Grant Experience

Please answer Yes or No to following questions

Has your agency previously received federal and/or state funding similar to the MOHS Grant?

● Yes

○ No

Does your Agency have at least three years or experience receiving federal grant funds? (These grants do not have to be MOHS-related.)

● Yes

○ No

Has your Agency received MOHS grant funding within the past three years?

● Yes

○ No

Has your Agency ever received corrective actions as a result of an audit report?

○ Yes

● No

Has the Agency's administration remained unchanged during the 2025 grant year? (For example: Chief, Sheriff, SGA, Financial Officer, Program Staff?)

○ Yes

● No

Can the Agency's proposed project be fully completed by November 30, 2027?

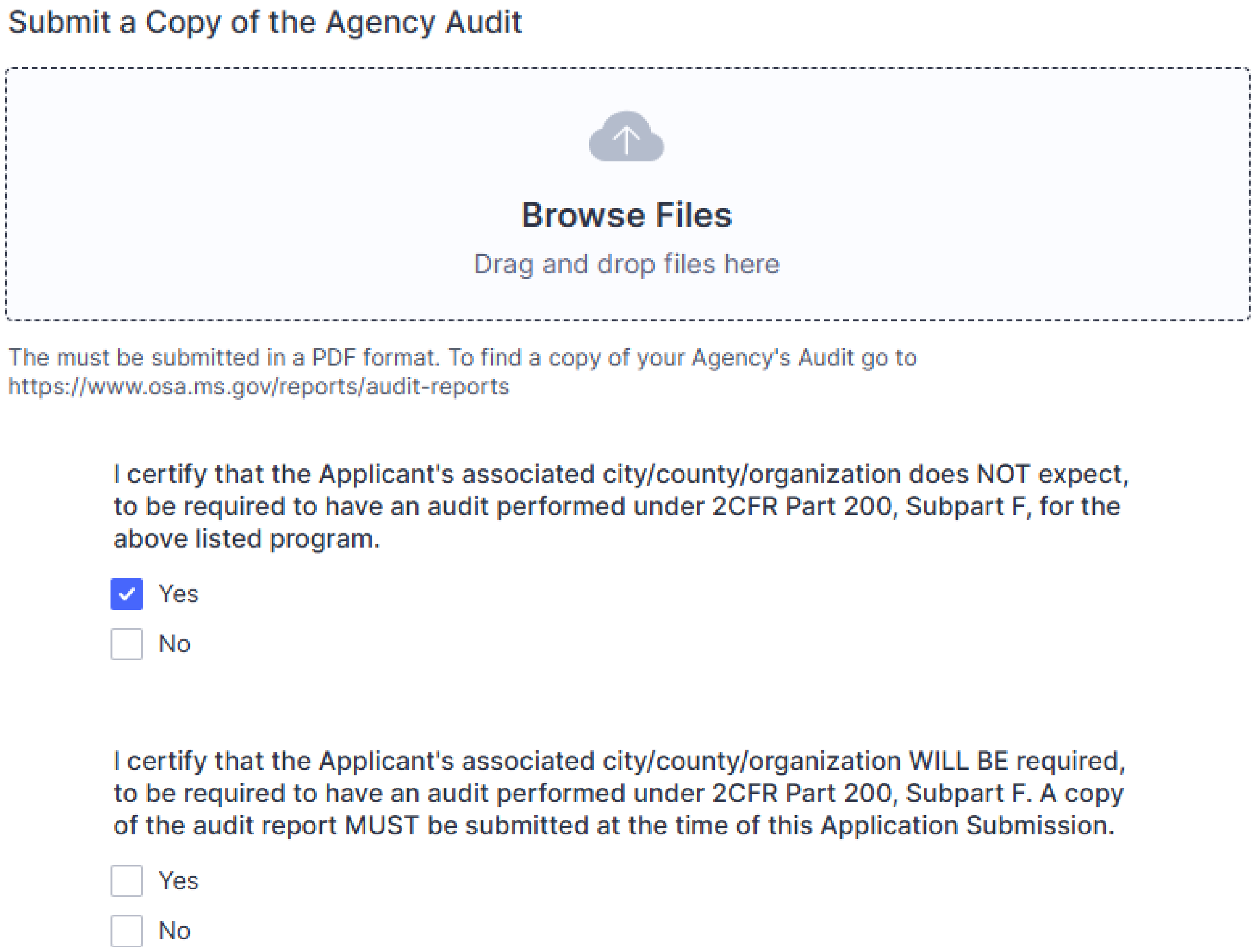
● Yes

○ No

Agency Audit:

Non-federal organizations, which expend $1,000,000.00 or more in federal funds during a fiscal year, will be required to have an audit performed in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F. Applicant **MUST** provide a copy of their Applicants latest audit report, if applicant meets the funding threshold. If an agency is applying as a sub-agency of a municipality or county, please include the municipality or county's latest audit report. Attach a copy of the latest audit at the time of the Application submission.

If an agency is required to submit an audit, but is not submitted with the Application, the Application will be considered incomplete.



Submit a Copy of the Agency Audit

The must be submitted in a PDF format. To find a copy of your Agency's Audit go to https://www.osa.ms.gov/reports/audit-reports

I certify that the Applicant's associated city/county/organization does NOT expect, to be required to have an audit performed under 2CFR Part 200, Subpart F, for the above listed program.

☑ Yes

□ No

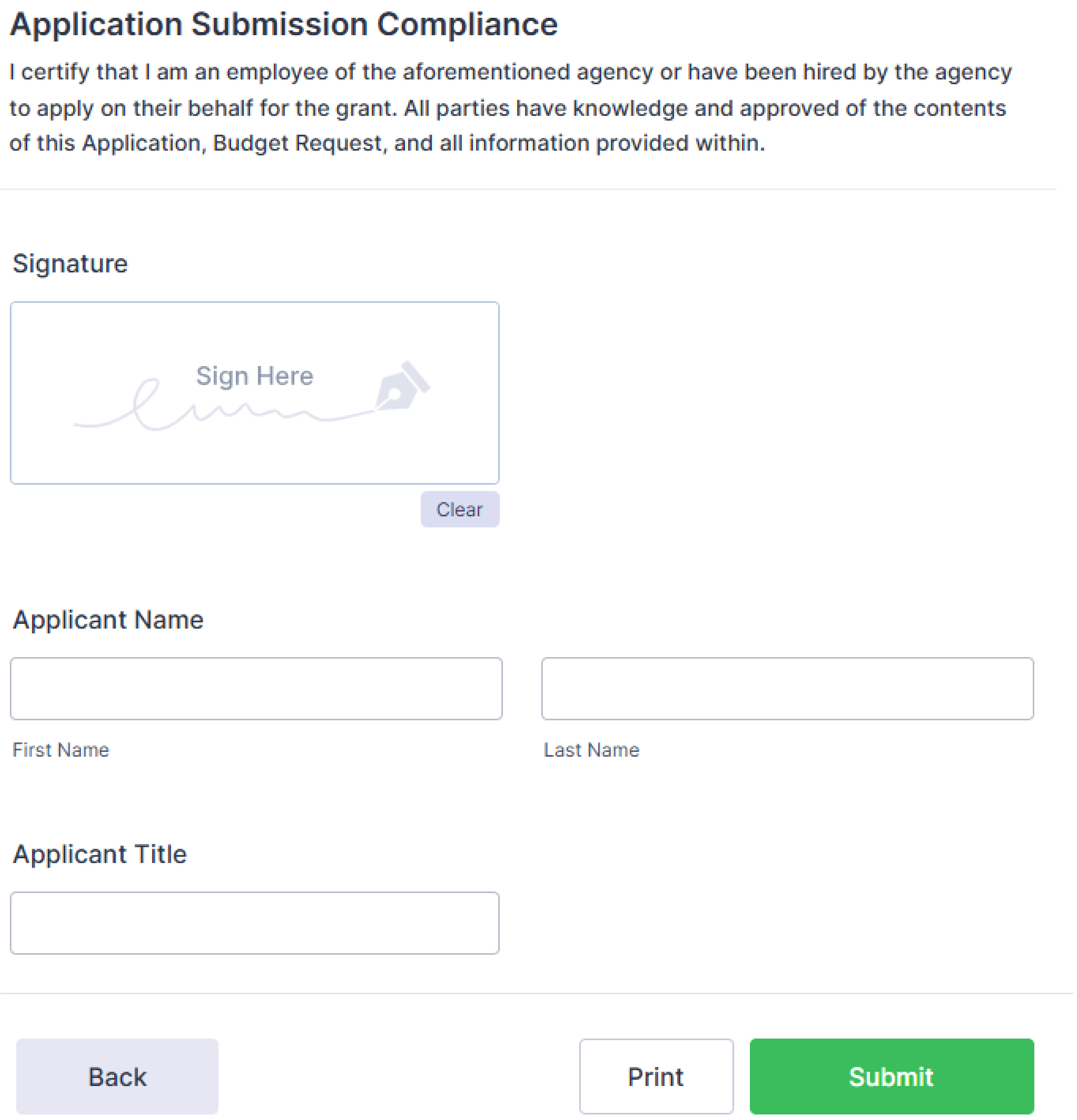
I certify that the Applicant's associated city/county/organization WILL BE required, to be required to have an audit performed under 2CFR Part 200, Subpart F. A copy of the audit report MUST be submitted at the time of this Application Submission.

□ Yes

□ No

Application Submission Compliance

Please read the following statement if the applicant agrees with the submission of the SLCGP Grant Application, please have the person completing the Application fill out the following:



Application Submission Compliance

I certify that I am an employee of the aforementioned agency or have been hired by the agency to apply on their behalf for the grant. All parties have knowledge and approved of the contents of this Application, Budget Request, and all information provided within.

Signature

Applicant Name

First Name

Last Name

Applicant Title

BEFORE SUBMITTING THE SLCGP APPLICATION:

Have you included:

- State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Application:
  - All sections of the Application must filled be out. No blank spaces.
  - Double checked AEL/Equipment list and include allowable AEL Numbers.
  - Cost estimates will cover all areas of the budget request.

- Required Documentation is Provided at the time of the Application submission:
  - Unique Entity Identification Number
    - UEI Confirmation. As shown in Grants.gov
      - UEI Number
      - Current Status
  - Latest Audit (If Applicable)
  - Agency Cybersecurity Assessment: Agency should provide a copy of the most recent Cybersecurity Assessment. Assessment should be no older than (2) years old.

- NIMS Compliance Certifications
  - 100
  - 200
  - 700
  - 800

- Additional Justification Statement, if applicable for the following items:
  - Items are over $75,000.00

- Once completed and double checked.
  - Email the mohsgrants@dps.ms.gov, on or before **February 27, 2026**, at 5:00 p.m.