

Which organizations are considered eligible subrecipients?

Eligible subrecipients include any New Mexico “local government” entity as defined in 6 U.S.C. § 101(13):

1. 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;
2. An Indian tribe or authorized tribal organization, or in Alaska a Native village or Alaska Regional Native Corporation; and
3. A rural community, unincorporated town or village, or other public entity.

Are universities eligible for this grant program?

Yes. Higher education institutions are eligible to participate in the SLCGP. Under the terms of this grant program, a higher education institution is classified as a state entity and not a local government entity. Because a *minimum* of 80% of total SLCGP funding must be passed through to or benefit local government entities and *only* local governments have the option of obtaining pass-through in the form of a direct grant subaward, **state entities (including higher education institutions) may only apply for State-provided services**. Any branch campus of a higher education institution interested in participating in the SLCGP must coordinate with and may only apply through its respective main campus.

Can individual local government functions (e.g., divisions, departments, agencies, etc.) individually apply to participate in the SLCGP?

No. All individual functions within a local government should apply through the individual (e.g., county manager, city/town mayor, K-12 school district superintendent), or an authorized designee, with the authority to legally commit the entity by signing the grant application as an authorized official of the entire local government entity. Therefore, only one grant application may be submitted by, and will be accepted from, each overarching local government entity.

For example, if the Health Department and Construction Department within **County A** are both interested in participating in the SLCGP, an authorized official (e.g., county manager, commissioner, IT Director) must submit the SLCGP application on behalf and for the overall benefit of **County A**.

Is there a dollar amount that the State limits each entity to ask for?

No. However, the total amount available for projects through this grant program cannot exceed the total amount allocated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for each federal Fiscal Year (FY). (Total federal SLCGP funding available to the State of New Mexico for FY 2022, or Year 1, of the grant program for all projects is: \$2,540,403). Funding for individual projects will be determined based on availability of funds and in consideration of various factors, such as the number of participating entities, cost-effectiveness and potential cyber risk reduction of requested projects, management and administrative costs, etc.

How do we find information on the full State-provided solutions to determine which route we want to go?

Projects requested under this grant program must align to the projects identified and approved for funding by the New Mexico Cybersecurity Planning Committee and included in the New Mexico Cybersecurity Plan. The NM Cybersecurity Plan can be found at: https://api.realfile.rtsclients.com/PublicFiles/16569e3bf98c467e95901b46fd511499/6c75dd2a-2007-4645-8b91-d4c80423048b/Approved_Cybersecurity_Plan.pdf.

Cybersecurity projects may vary from year-to-year, and the five (5) projects approved for FY 2022/Year 1 of the SLCGP include:

- Cybersecurity Governance Planning
- Cybersecurity Risk Assessments
- Vulnerability and Attack Surface Management
- Cybersecurity Training
- Cyber Workforce Development Planning

If we are using the same vendor (i.e., KnowBe4) for cybersecurity training, can we move our training to the State's tenant and have the state cover the cost?

Yes. In cases where a local entity is using the same vendor, the entity may move its training to the State's tenant/instance and have the cost covered as part of State-provided services but *only* after the effective date of that training tenant/instance has expired. SLCGP funding can only be used to expand or enhance services/solutions as well as continue expiring services/solutions. However, SLCGP funding cannot be used to replace (i.e., "supplant") what an organization is already spending (or had already budgeted to spend) on services/solutions.

Can I apply for a project that is not listed in the application?

All grant requests must be to implement one (1) or more of the five (5) projects listed in the application, address a risk identified by the NM Cybersecurity Planning Committee, and align to the existing NM Cybersecurity Plan. Although the five (5) projects noted further above have already been selected for Year 1 (FY 2022) of the grant program, the NM Cybersecurity Planning Committee will continue to collaborate with eligible entities to determine future projects for addressing new or evolving cybersecurity risks in subsequent grant years.

Where can I find the existing New Mexico Cybersecurity Plan?

The New Mexico Cybersecurity Plan for the SLCGP can be found using the link below: https://api.realfile.rtsclients.com/PublicFiles/16569e3bf98c467e95901b46fd511499/6c75dd2a-2007-4645-8b91-d4c80423048b/Approved_Cybersecurity_Plan.pdf