Subject: Extending FY22 SLCGP Project Application Deadline for Local Government Entities
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This communication is intended for the CIOs/IT Directors (or equivalents) of Tennessee's local government entities, we ask that you please share this communication with the appropriate contact(s) within your organization accordingly:

The State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) is an assistance program that provides funds to build capabilities at the state and local levels through planning, equipment, and training activities and implement the goals and objectives of the State and Federal Cybersecurity Strategies. The Tennessee Cybersecurity Grant Planning Committee has recently decided to reopen the year one (2022) application period for SLCGP, extending the application deadline from September 18th to **November 17th, 2023**. This decision was made after thoughtful review and consideration of feedback received from several local entities who shared they had not received timely information regarding the SLCGP from the Planning Committee. We greatly appreciate those entities who did turn in their applications by the original deadlines, and this information will weigh into decision-making when we review all received applications at the next Planning Committee meeting. If you have already submitted your entity's application and would like to resubmit, you are welcome to do so.

In preparation for the FY 2022 SLCGP award, we are providing the following information for planning purposes to assist individual entities with the completion of the Local Government Investment Justification (IJ) project application. **This is not an award notice** – unlike the State Homeland Security Program where funding is allocated directly to Districts, this funding for local governments is based on cybersecurity needs as identified in individual local government entity Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR) assessments. The Districts will not receive lump sums of funding. Rather, individual entities must apply for funding.

The SLCGP requires subrecipients of direct grant funding to have completed the NCSR assessment, and related projects must be reviewed and approved by the Tennessee Cybersecurity Planning Committee, State Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), and State Chief Information Officer (CIO). Again, in order to apply individual entities must meet the minimum requirement of having completed the NCSR assessment. Please contact the State's NCSR Team at NCSR@tn.gov if you need assistance with completing the assessment, as this assistance is provided at no charge.

The total amount of funding available for disbursement to local government entities in Tennessee for year one (2022) of four is approximately $1,167,098. This is the amount remaining after funding two statewide cybersecurity projects that the Planning Committee voted on as immediate needs. The first project is a managed endpoint detection and response solution, and the second project is access to end-user cybersecurity training for all local government employees. **Should a local government entity choose to apply for year one SLCGP funds, their CIO/IT Director or equivalent will be required to submit an application no later than November 17th, 2023 for review and approval by the Planning Committee, State CISO, and State CIO.** Once approved, the entity will receive an approval letter and directions for reimbursement from the Planning Committee and the Department of Finance & Administration.

Attached, you will find a blank project application form for FY 2022 (attached as "FY22 Local Gov Cyber Project Application Form_TN"). We have also attached an example of a filled application (attached as "FY22 Local Gov Cyber Project Application Form_TN Example Filled") for your reference. Applications must be completed by the entity's CIO/IT Director (or equivalent), and only one per entity will be accepted. Application tips: All projects must address findings discovered in the entity's NCSR and be articulated clearly. For those that would like to use state services for managed endpoint detection and/or cybersecurity awareness training please notate the number of licenses you will need as a separate project with a cost of $0. If an organization wants to purchase both a firewall and a backup solution, they will need to have a project detail sheet and an Authorized Equipment List (AEL) for each on the same application form (reference the attached "Authorized Equipment List_October 2023"). Once completed, please return applications to **STS representatives at CyberSafeTN@tn.gov no later than November 17th, 2023**.

Included below is a District map and contact listing of District representatives. Please reach out to your District representative if you have any questions regarding this correspondence, as they are the main points of contact for local entities on this grant.

Sincerely,

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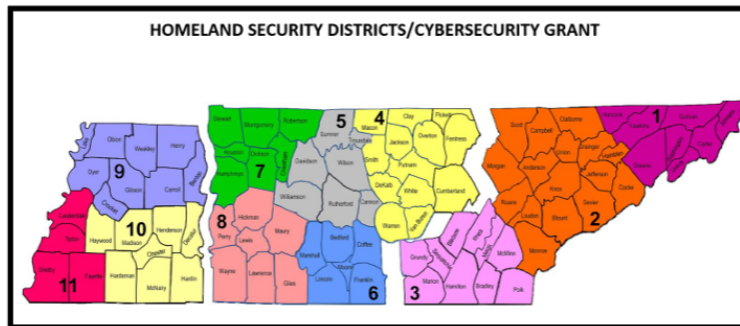Chief Information Security Officer

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