

FY 2023 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) Pre-Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Webinar

States and Territories in FEMA Regions (1-4): June 13, 2023

States and Territories in FEMA Regions (5-8): June 14, 2023

States and Territories in FEMA Regions (9, 10, and the Pacific Territories): June 15, 2023



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Agenda

- SLCGP Overview and FY 2023 Goals and Objectives
- Suggested Focus Areas
- Review of FY 2023 Program Updates
- Stakeholder Engagement Overview
- Investment Justification Form and Project Worksheet Demo
- CISA and FEMA Contact Information
- Questions and Discussion



SLCGP Overview

Funding Summary

- Each state and territory will receive a baseline allocation using thresholds established in section 2200A(I) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (codified at 6 U.S.C. § 665g(I)).
- The allocation of available funding for states and territories for FY 2023 totals *\$400M.
- The period of performance is 48 months.

Funding Summary				
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
SLCGP Program	\$200M	\$400M	\$300M	\$100M

*Less funding for the SLCGP Management and Administration, DHS Office of the Inspector General and the Tribal Cybersecurity Grant Program



FY 2023 SLCGP Goals and Objectives

- The program's goal is to assist state, local, and territorial governments with managing and reducing systemic cyber risk.
- During FY 2022, applicants focused on **Program 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.
- In FY 2023, applicants must address **Program Objectives 2, 3 and 4** in their applications:
 - 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.



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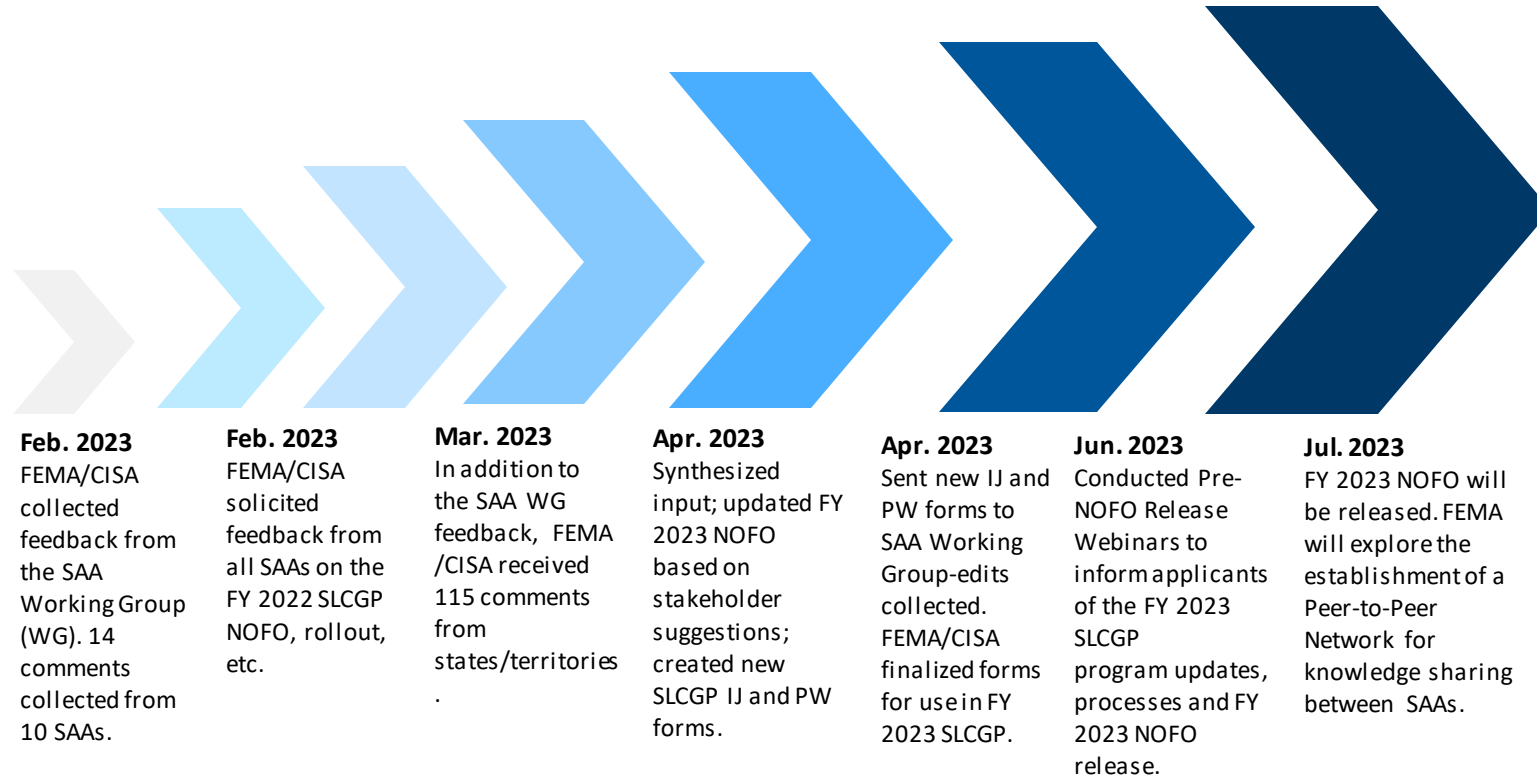
Suggested Focus Areas

- While not required, CISA strongly recommends the following:
 - Prioritizing projects that address critical infrastructure cybersecurity. SLT entities are strongly encouraged to include projects related to K-12 education, water/wastewater, healthcare, energy, defense, and elections infrastructure.
 - Strongly encouraging Cybersecurity Planning committee membership from critical infrastructure sectors and subsectors including K-12 education, water/wastewater, healthcare, energy, defense, and elections infrastructure.



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FY 2023 SLCGP Stakeholder Engagement Effort



Outcomes



FEMA and CISA created a new SLCGP Investment Justification (IJ) Form and Project Worksheet (PW) to standardize submissions, improve investment and project evaluation, and help applicants manage their awards and projects effectively. FEMA also created new User Guides for the IJ and PW forms to assist states and territories in managing their investments, projects and budgets.



FEMA integrated stakeholder input at every milestone when developing the new IJ and PW forms and FY 2023 SLCGP NOFO. FEMA received 115 comments from the State Administrative Agencies (SAAs) and incorporated stakeholder suggestions for improvement into the Program writ large. Since January 2023, FEMA conducted over 300 calls, emails and/or meetings with SLT stakeholder and partners.



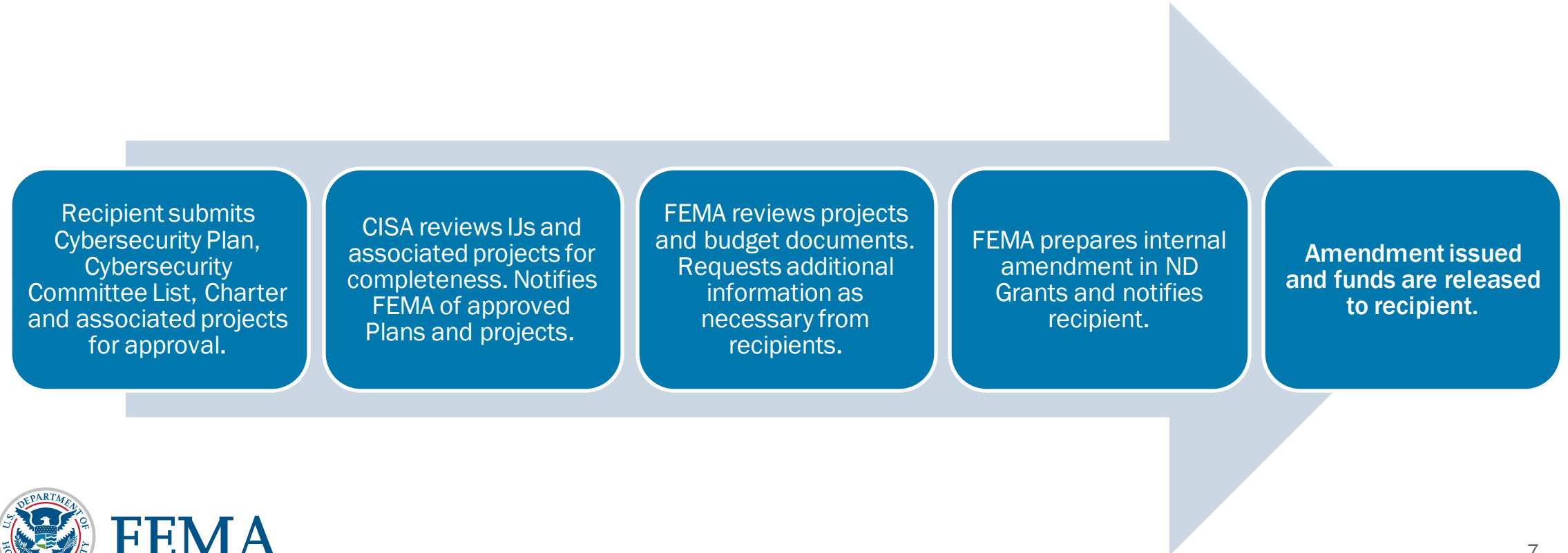
FEMA and CISA will continue to improve program tools and guidance and deliver technical assistance in order to make the program as impactful as possible for applicants.



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SLCGP Process for Plan and Project Approval / Release of Funds

- Funding cannot be released until CISA has reviewed and approved Cybersecurity Plans, Investment Justifications, and Projects. CISA and FEMA coordinate to verify project and budget information before releasing funds.



FY 2023 SLCGP Program Updates: Cost Share

- Types of Cost Share

- Hard Match
 - Cash spent for project-related costs
- Soft Match
 - Contributions of the reasonable value of property or services in lieu of cash that benefits a federally assisted program or project

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY)	Federal Share Percentage	Non-federal cost share percentage
2022	90%	10%
2023	80%	20%
2024	70%	30%
2025	60%	40%

Multi-Entity Project awards require a 10% cost share in FY 2023.



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FY 2023 SLCGP Program Updates: Pass-Through

- **Pass-Through Requirements**

- Recipients must pass through at least 80% of the federal award amount to local governments.
- Recipients must pass through at least 25% of the federal award amount to local jurisdictions within rural areas of the state or territory.
- Does not apply to funding provided for the development or revision of the Cybersecurity Plan.
- Does not apply to the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or subrecipient Tribal governments.

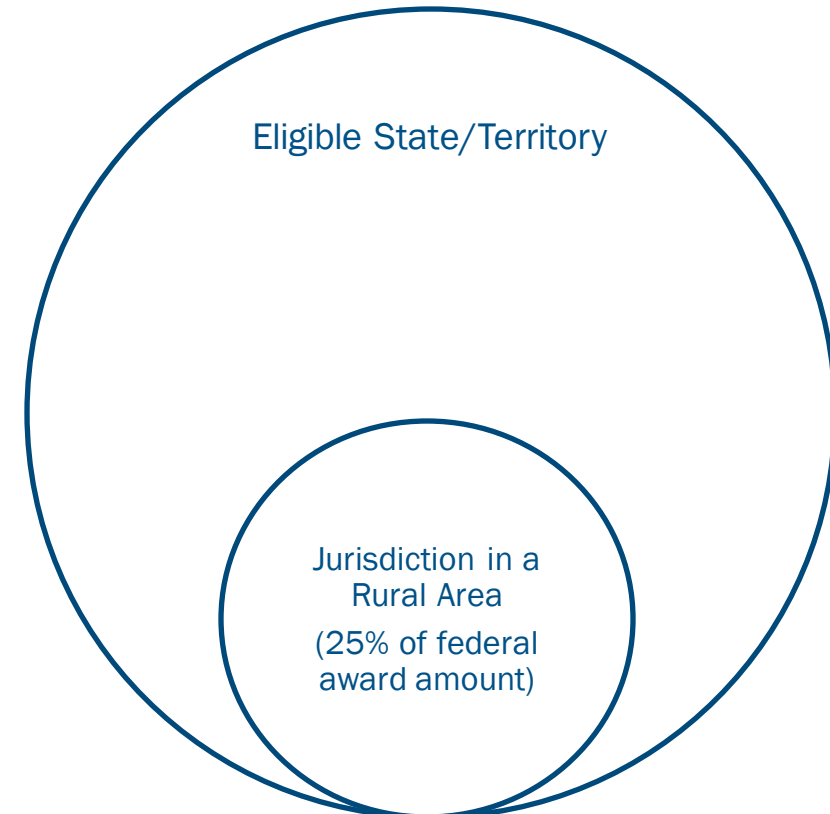


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FY 2023 SLCGP Program Updates: Rural Areas

- **Rural area clarification:**

- Recipients must pass through at least 25% of their federal award amount to rural areas.
- A “rural area” is a jurisdiction with a population of 50,000 or less.
- To satisfy the 25% rural pass-through requirement, an eligible subrecipient must be a local government entity within a rural area.



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FY 2023 SLCGP Program Updates: Certifying the Pass-Through

- After the funds have been released, the SAA must submit a letter to FEMA signed by the Authorized Official listed on the grant award.
- The letter must certify that the SAA has met the 45-day pass-through requirement and collected any signed local government consents.
- This letter is due no later than 10 days after the 45-day period for issuing pass-through funding has passed.
- The letter should be emailed to FEMA-SLCGP@fema.dhs.gov, and FEMA will send a copy of the letter to CISA.



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FY 2023 SLCGP Program Updates: Certifying the Pass-Through

- Please see below some guidance on how the Release of Funds date may impact the mandatory Pass-Through Requirement date:

Example-Project Name	FEMA-to-SAA Release of Funds Date	SAA-to-Local Government(s) Pass-Through Deadline Date	Letter Submission from SAA to FEMA Due Date
Project A	April 15, 2023	May 30, 2023	NLT June 9, 2023
Project B	May 15, 2023	June 29, 2023	NLT July 9, 2023
Project C	June 15, 2023	July 30, 2023	NLT August 9, 2023



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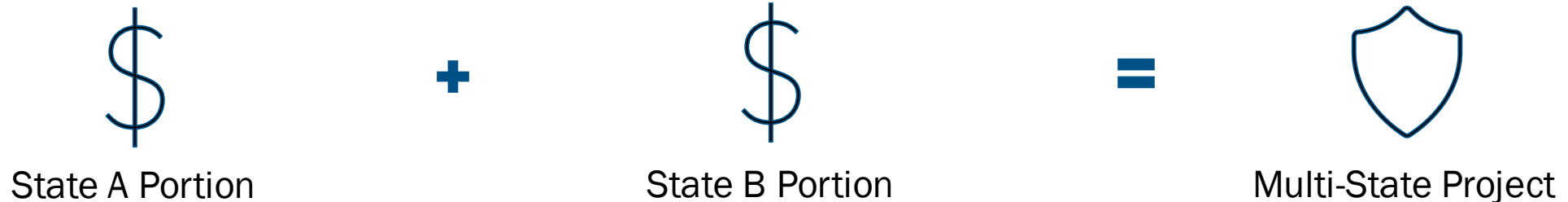
FY 2023 SLCGP Program Updates: Local Consent

- Local consents must be signed by the Authorized Official for the local government entity receiving the items, services, capabilities or activities in lieu of funding, and the consent must specify the amount and intended use of the funds.



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FY 2023 SLCGP Program Updates: Multi-Entity Projects



- States and territories can do group projects to address cybersecurity risks and threats within their jurisdictions.
- Each group member contributes an agreed-upon funding amount for the overall project.
- No separate funding awards for multi-entity projects.
 - Funding comes from each contributing state/territory individual SLCGP award.
- Each group member works together to implement the project.
- Each state or territory group member is responsible for compliance with grant requirements for their portion of the multi-entity project funding.
- **Multi-entity projects must be described as such on each applicant's Investment Justification submission.**

Investment Justification Demonstration

Project Worksheet Demonstration

Calendar and Key Dates

- FY 2023 SLCGP Application Period:
 - NOFO release date: **July 11, 2023***
 - Application Submission Deadline: **Sept. 12, 2023, at 5 p.m. ET**
 - Investment Justification and Project Worksheet due at time of submission
 - Anticipated Award Date: **No later than Nov. 30, 2023**
- Projected Period of Performance Start Date(s): **Dec. 1, 2023**
- Projected Period of Performance End Date(s): **Nov. 30, 2027**

- * Indicates intended release date



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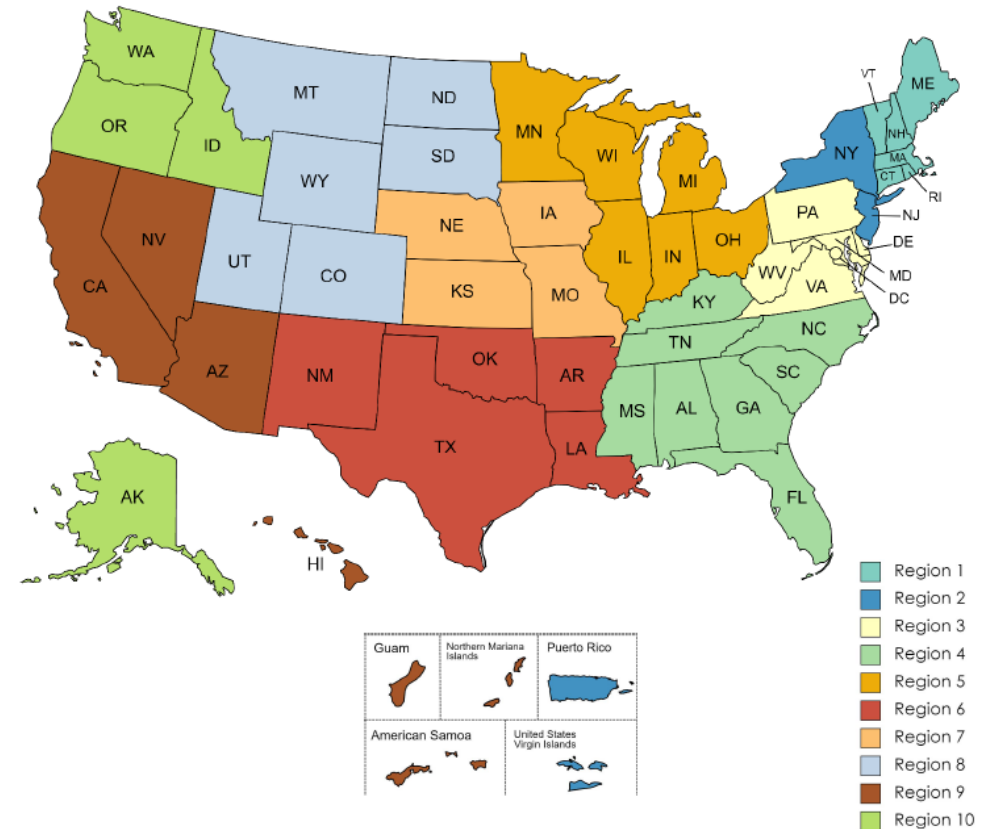
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