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TO: Municipal Association of S.C.
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FROM: Chief Mark A. Keel 

DATE: November 21, 2022

RE: State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP).

This document serves to update eligible state and local entities on the progress of the State of South Carolina's application for the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP).

As of 11/17/2022, the Governor-designated State Administrative Agency (SAA), SLED, has completed the following initial requirements as defined in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) DHS-22-137-000-01 and submitted them to DHS/FEMA as part of the grant application:

1. Established a Cybersecurity Planning Committee with charter and acknowledgement of responsibilities signed by all 17 members. The committee includes the following:
 - a. The SAA, representing the state
 - b. A representative from a county, city, and town
 - c. A representative of public education
 - d. A representative of an institution of public health
2. High-level project milestones and investment Justifications (IJs) for completion of the State's Cybersecurity Plan.
3. Initial request of \$100,000 for FY22 funds to assist with plan writing.

The next step is:

1. Write the State-wide Cybersecurity Plan.
 - a. The Committee has until 09/30/2023 to complete this but has set an aggressive goal of 02/28/2023.



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2. Upon plan approval, SLED will send an application proposal package together with the Plan to all entities that have provided their contact information to SLED (rconnell@sled.sc.gov).
3. The Committee will review all application packages and recommend those projects that best support the Plan and are within budget.
4. SLED will then develop an IJ consisting of all the approved projects and submit it to DHS & CISA for approval and funding release to SLED.
5. SLED will provide grant awards to subrecipients with approved projects.

Please provide your contact information to rconnell@sled.sc.gov to receive an application package as discussed above.