Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

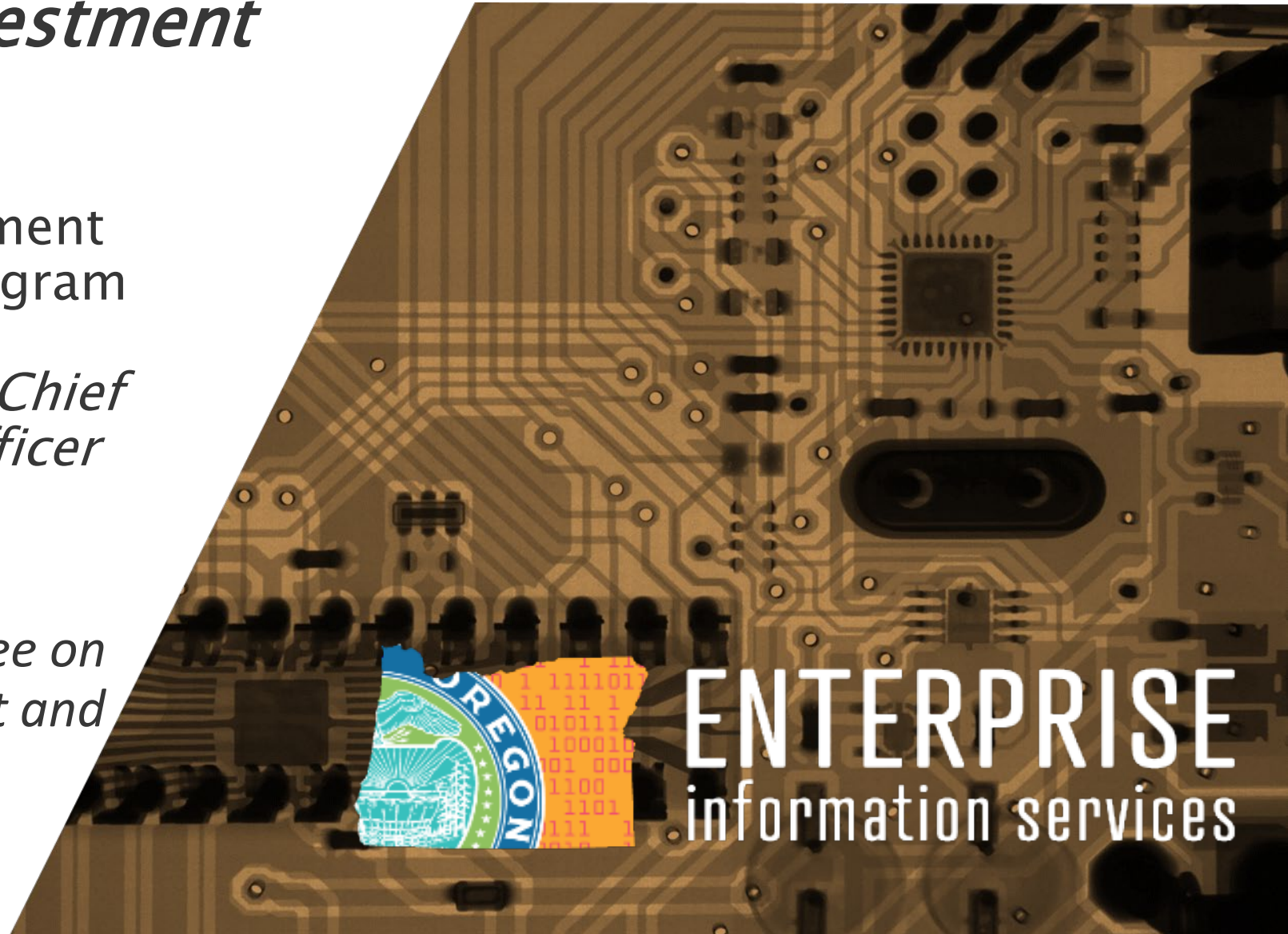State and Local Government Cybersecurity Grant Program

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Grant Program Background

The **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)**, Congress established the **State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP)** 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."*

Within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) implement this authority through two grant programs:

1. State and territory State Administrative Agencies (SAAs) apply for SLCGP.
2. Tribal governments apply for Tribal Cybersecurity Grant Program (TCGP). Under TCGP, Tribal governments of federally-recognized Tribes are the only eligible entities and they do not apply for funding through SAAs.

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Grant Program Goal & Objectives

Program Goal: The overarching goal of the program is to assist state, local, tribal and territorial governments in managing and reducing systemic cyber risks.

To accomplish this goal, applications are required to address four discrete, but interrelated **objectives**:

Governance & Planning: Develop and establish appropriate governance structures ... to improve capabilities to respond to cybersecurity incidents and ensure continuity of operations.

Assessment & Evaluation: Understand their current cybersecurity posture and areas for improvement based on continuous testing, evaluation, and structured assessments.

Mitigation: Implement security protections commensurate with risk.

Workforce Development: Ensure organization personnel are appropriately trained in cybersecurity, commensurate with responsibility.

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Grant Program Priorities

Grant recipients are highly encouraged to prioritize the following which are statutorily required as a condition of receiving the grant:

1. Establish a Cybersecurity Planning Committee.
2. Develop a statewide Cybersecurity Plan.
3. Conduct assessment and evaluations as the basis for individual projects throughout the life of the program.
4. Adopt key cybersecurity best practices.

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Cybersecurity Planning Committee

Responsibilities include:

- Developing, implementing and revising a statewide Cybersecurity Plan.
- Formally approving the statewide Cybersecurity Plan along with the State CIO and State CISO.
- Developing and prioritizing a catalog of cybersecurity services for local government.
- Assisting with determination of effective funding priorities.

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Cybersecurity Planning Committee

Membership includes:

- State
- County, city and Oregon special district representation
- Institutions of public education within the state's jurisdiction
- Institutions of public health within the state's jurisdiction
- Representatives from rural, suburban and high-population jurisdictions

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Cybersecurity Planning Committee

#	Government Entity	Entity Type	Location Type	Name	Title
1	EIS-Cyber Security Services	State	N/A	Ben Gherezgiher	State Chief Information Security-City Officer
2	Multnomah County	County	Urban	Dennis Tomlin	Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)
3	Portland Public Schools	Public Education	Urban	Derrick Brown	Sr. Director of Technology
4	Special Districts Association of Oregon	Special District	Rural	Frank Stratton	Executive Director
5	Lane Council of Governments	Regional Government	Urban, Rural	Heidi Leyba	Chief Technology Officer
6	Klamath County	County	Urban, Rural	Jessica Chastain	IT Director
7	DHS/OHA	State	N/A	Kathryn Kopania	Preparedness Field Assignee
8	City of Grants Pass	City	Rural	Ken Selland	IT Manager
9	Clackamas County	County	Urban	Kevin Galusha	Chief Information Security Officer
10	Medford Water Commission	Special District - Water	Urban/Rural	Kris Stitt	IT Manager
11	Jackson County	County	Urban, Rural	Mark Decker	Technology Director and CISO
12	Linn Benton Lincoln Education Service District	Special District, Public Education	Urban	Richard Thomas	Security Engineer
13	Oregon Dept of Emergency Management	State	N/A	Sarah Puls	Preparedness Planner
14	City of Albany	City	Urban	Sean Park	Chief Information Officer
15	City of Happy Valley	City	Urban	Will Wilson	IS Manager

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Cybersecurity Plan

- Template provided with Notice of Funding Opportunity.

- Planning Committee develops and revises.

- Planning Committee approves along with State CIO and State CISO.

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Thank you.