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What's Next for State, Local Cybersecurity Grants?

Fifty-four of the 56 entities eligible for year one federal grants applied, and 10 have fulfilled the second part of the process by submitting their cybersecurity plans. A notice of funding opportunity is expected year two in the spring.

States had until mid-November to apply for their — and their local government partners' — share of nearly 200 million worth of federal cybersecurity grants. Now that applications are in, what's next?

Most — but not all — eligible entities applied for the <u>State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program</u> (SLCGP), and under a fifth have completed both of the two key parts needed before they can receive funds, said Trent Frazier, deputy assistant director for Stakeholder Engagement at the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), who spoke as part of a FedInsider panel this week. CISA is reviewing the applications alongside FEMA.

The four-year grant program keeps progressing, too, and the notice of funding opportunity for the second year's round of awards is due out in late spring, to the tune of \$400 million, Frazier said.

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