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Public safety grant funding 101: Funding cybersecurity and CJIS compliance initiatives



Why consider grant funding?

Public safety agencies face increasing pressure to strengthen cybersecurity and maintain compliance with evolving federal, state, and local requirements. Yet budget constraints often make it difficult to fund critical technology investments through traditional operating budgets.

A variety of federal and state grant programs exist that can help public safety agencies fund cybersecurity improvements. Many programs prioritize projects that strengthen security, protect critical systems, reduce operational risk, and support compliance requirements. In many cases, these funds are intended to support local agencies.

Grant funding may help agencies:

- Accelerate cybersecurity projects
- Address CJIS compliance requirements
- Reduce budget constraints
- Modernize critical yet aging systems and tools
- Strengthen cybersecurity and improve operational readiness

Commonly funding cybersecurity projects

Project type	Examples
Identity and access security	Multifactor authentication (MFA), identity and access management (IAM), vendor and privileged access management, single sign-on
CJIS compliance initiatives	Access controls, authentication modernization, audit and monitoring
Cybersecurity modernization	Endpoint protection, threat detection and response, vulnerability management, security monitoring, SIEM
Critical infrastructure protection	Secure access to dispatch, records management systems, emergency communications, and public safety operations
Cybersecurity preparedness	Risk assessments, incident response planning, cybersecurity training and awareness

Major grant programs supporting cybersecurity

Grant program	Common focus areas
State & Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP)	Cybersecurity planning, access management, risk reduction, modernization, threat detection
Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)	Critical infrastructure protection, cybersecurity, preparedness, risk reduction, modernization
State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)	State and local security initiatives, cyber resilience
Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)	Security and preparedness for high-risk urban areas, including cybersecurity
Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)	May include technology and cybersecurity projects that improve public safety operations
State-Specific Programs	Varies by state: may fund cybersecurity, public safety technology, infrastructure protection

The typical grant process

1. Identify needs

Define cybersecurity, compliance, or operational priorities.

2. Align to funding opportunities and priorities

Match project goals to the SAA's priorities and upcoming grant programs: projects that support these priorities are often more competitive. Plan early!

3. Build the case

Document the operational needs, objectives, expected outcomes/benefits, and project scope.

4. Submit application

Complete the required narratives, budgets, and supporting documentation.

5. Implement and report

Upon award, execute the project and satisfy funding reporting requirements.



Did you know?

Many federal cybersecurity grant programs require states to distribute a significant portion of funding to local governments. Agencies should work with their State Administrative Agency (SAA) to understand available funding opportunities and their state's priorities.

How Imprivata can help

Through its partnership with Lexipol, Imprivata provides resources to help public safety agencies identify and pursue grant funding opportunities for cybersecurity and compliance initiatives.



Identify potential funding opportunities

Identify federal, state, and local grant programs aligned to cybersecurity and CJIS-related initiatives.



Align projects with grant priorities

Help connect project goals to common grant funding priorities such as cybersecurity, compliance, risk reduction, and operational resilience.



Application guidance

Support agencies throughout the grant application process with project justification, resources, and expertise.



Support funding strategies

Help agencies identify funding sources that can support cybersecurity projects when budgets are limited.

Interested in exploring funding opportunities for your agency's cybersecurity initiatives?

Contact Imprivata to learn more about available grant support resources.



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