



Grant Funding Opportunities

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Dear members,

We have been notified/reminded by two state entities Massachusetts CyberCenter and OSD of the following grant opportunities.

MassCyberCenter

The MassCyberCenter wanted to make you aware of two cybersecurity grant programs currently available for municipal entities, including schools and libraries—the Cyber Resilient Massachusetts Grant Program (rolling applications) and the Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program (applications due by Nov 1). These grant programs provide an opportunity for municipal entities to better secure their data, networks, and systems, and bolster cybersecurity.

Cyber Resilient Massachusetts Grant Program (MassCyberCenter)

Applications for the MassCyberCenter's *Cyber Resilient Massachusetts Grant Program* are now open. Municipalities are eligible to receive grants of up to \$25,000 to fund narrowly-focused cybersecurity technology upgrades which will be identified through a cybersecurity vulnerability assessment. Grants may fund capital equipment, technology and infrastructure for cybersecurity improvement projects including vendors/contractors or IT-related staff costs of the municipality performing the upgrades.

Applications are reviewed quarterly; the next review deadline is September 30.

Learn more and apply [here](#). Please direct any questions regarding this program to proposals@masstech.org.

Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program (Federal Communications Commission)

The Federal Communications Commission is now accepting applications for the *Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program*. Schools, libraries and consortia of schools and libraries (e.g., regional or statewide groups of schools or libraries that jointly apply for the Pilot Program) that meet the E-Rate program's eligibility requirements may apply to participate in this 3-year, \$200 million program. Applicants are eligible to seek reimbursement under this program for a wide variety of cybersecurity services and equipment, subject to an overall cap. Eligible services and equipment include: Advanced/Next Generation Firewalls; Endpoint Protection; Identity Protection and Authentication; and Monitoring, Detection, and Response.

Applications are open until November 1, 2024. Learn more here: <https://www.fcc.gov/cybersecurity-pilot-program>

Cyberattacks are an ever-growing concern for communities, and we want to help provide good information about how to protect against attacks (and programs that can provide additional resources to bolster cybersecurity, like these two grant programs). For more information about the MassCyberCenter, go to MassCyberCenter.org.

OSD Grant

The Operational Services Division (OSD) for Police Departments in Massachusetts is making nearly \$740,000 in grants available through the [FY25 Law Enforcement Body-Worn Camera Program](#). This is the second round of funding offered through the program this year.

Eligibility

The program is open to police departments from Massachusetts municipalities (local unit of government). Under this grant, municipal police departments with less than 50 sworn officers may collaborate to submit a joint application for funding.

Deadline

October 7, 2024, no later than 4 p.m.

Additional Savings

Police Departments may expand opportunities to defray costs by exploring body-worn camera purchases through the [PSE01 Public Safety Equipment Statewide Contract, Category 3](#).

Products and Services for Police Departments

Statewide Contracts offer much more than body cameras for Police Departments. Find products and services that support Police Departments' daily operations across the Operational Services Division's Statewide Contracts which feature pricing that exemplifies the Commonwealth's significant purchasing power.

From body-worn cameras, drones, rugged laptops, and disaster response equipment to public safety grade wireless services, forensic supplies, and police pursuit vehicles, our contracts have been sourced with Police Departments in mind. Review our [Police Flyer](#) for a snapshot of our offerings.

Reach out to our [Local Government Enablement Team](#) or the [OSD Help Desk](#) with questions.

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