

# Cybersecurity Incident Response Plan and Tabletop Exercise Grant Opportunity

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Executive Office of Public Safety and Security  
Office of Grants and Research



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Q: Are public schools in Massachusetts eligible for this grant?

*A: Public Schools are not eligible to apply for this grant program individually. However, if an agency under the Executive Office of Education applies for this grant program and includes Public Schools in the Cyber Incident Response Plan, that is allowable.*

Q: If we don't know the vendors, how should we complete the application materials? Can they be updated later?

*A: Please complete the application and related materials using "Vendor TBD," etc. as a placeholder. The application and/or related materials can be modified as needed at a later date after awards have been announced and vendors determined.*

Q: Can the CIRP or Tabletop Exercise focus on a mission critical Agency application?

*A: The Cyber Incident Response Plan (CIRP) or Tabletop Exercise (TTX) should focus on a cybersecurity need identified by your agency. If there is a mission-critical application whose failure could significantly disrupt operations, and that would benefit from the implementation of a CIRP or TTX, it would qualify as an acceptable project. Please reach out to Program Coordinator Sarah Cook ([sarah.e.cook@mass.gov](mailto:sarah.e.cook@mass.gov)) for specific details related to your application and/or project.*

Q: To what extent are the vendors we are required to use familiar with this program?

*A: Our colleagues at EOTSS, the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security, is currently in the process of securing at least three vendors to perform these services for applicants selected for an award. Upon award notification, awardees will be provided a list of vendors that are on statewide contract. Recipients must select a vendor on the list to conduct all grant funded services for their approved project. Awardees will not be permitted to utilize a different vendor.*