

Montana State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP)

Professional Development (PD) Training Service Information Detailed Explanation of Available PD Training Services

Professional Development (PD) Training for the Technical

Workforce. This focus area funds cybersecurity professional development training for

*privileged users and cyber professionals (IT and cybersecurity).

***Privileged User** – Privileged users are critical targets for cyber-attacks because compromising their accounts provides attackers with extensive system access and control. Examples of privileged users are: Executive leadership (including legislators, commissioners, mayors, council and board members), security officers, system administrators, database administrators, network administrators, and IT managers.

Option 1 - SANS Institute Professional Development Training Vouchers

- a. This option has a limit of one voucher per local-government applicant.
- b. The State of Montana (SITSD) provides vouchers and manages this service through a State of Montana contract.
- c. Once Montana DES awards the voucher, this option requires the applicant's designated PD student to apply for a course **and** an associated certificate
- d. The vouchers only support SANS on-demand "long courses". Long courses are 24 CPEs or more or 4-6 days per section.
- e. SANS Institute Courses and Certificates Catalog:
<https://www.sans.org/cyber-security-courses/>

Option 2 - CyberMontana Professional Development Training Vouchers

- a. CyberMontana will advise and curate your PD training to ensure your student understands all options available and accesses the most suitable training.
- b. This option gives you access to over 1,900 training modules ranging from 1-hour topics to multi-week courses within 30 cybersecurity training areas

through **CyBrary** and **Ed2Go**. Additionally, CyberMontana partners with **ISC2** and **CompTIA** to deliver training and certification at significantly reduced rates.

- c. This option has a baseline reimbursement of \$5100 per local-government applicant. While a SANS Institute PD training voucher will pay for one course for one employee, the \$5,100 funding limit for CyberMontana PD provides a local-government applicant with the opportunity to apply for multiple courses for multiple employees. The applicant may also choose to cover costs above the limit.
- d. CyberMontana contact information: info@cybermontana.org | <https://www.cybermontana.org> | Kristal.crowley@mso.umt.edu (continued next page)

Option 3 – Other PD Training Services. You may apply for direct funding for a service from vendors other than State of Montana SANS Institute Vouchers and CyberMontana. Direct funding requires the applicant to initially pay for the service. The SLCGP will refund the costs based on a service provider invoice. The SLCGP baseline reimbursement for these services is \$5,100 per local-government applicant. The Montana Cybersecurity Planning Committee (MT-CPC) possesses the authority to determine the eligibility of any cybersecurity service provider for the SLCGP. MT-CPC will assess proposed service providers for each applicant during the application approval process.

If you would like to apply for Cybersecurity Professional Development services through the SLCGP, please contact:

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