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CyberOhio Announces .gov Domain Migration Grant Opportunity for Local Governments

Applications are now open for the CyberOhio Local Government Grant Program supporting .gov domain migration. This funding opportunity is designed to help Ohio local government entities strengthen cybersecurity, increase public trust, and align with national best practices by transitioning their official websites to the **.gov domain**. Domain registration through get.gov is free for eligible entities.

CyberOhio, in partnership with the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA), is launching Round 3 of the .gov Domain Migration Grant Program.

Grant Program Overview

- Total funding available: \$500,000 statewide
- Maximum award per project: \$9,500
- Required local cost share: 20%
- Eligible applicants: Ohio local government entities (counties, municipalities, townships, special districts, etc.)
- Application deadline: **March 13, 2026**, at 11:59 p.m.
- Grant funds may be used to support migration costs, technical setup, and DNS services.

Eligible local government entities must submit an application describing their planned .gov migration, cost estimate, and cost-share plan through the [Round 3 SLCGP .gov Migration Application Form](#).

The .gov domain is administered by the federal government and reserved exclusively for verified government entities. Migrating to .gov:

- Increases public trust in official websites
- Reduces the risk of fraudulent or spoofed government sites
- Strengthens overall cybersecurity posture
- Aligns with national digital government best practices

CyberOhio has released a new white paper titled [*“Challenges for Local Governments: Addressing Web and Email Migration Hurdles of Adopting a .gov Internet Domain.”*](#) The publication explores common technical, operational, and resource-related considerations local governments may encounter when transitioning websites and email services to a .gov domain.

The white paper provides practical insights to support planning, risk mitigation, and decision-making for LHD’s evaluating migration. Health Departments interested in strengthening cybersecurity posture and public trust in digital services may find this resource especially helpful if considering modernization efforts.

The CyberOhio team, cyberohio@governor.ohio.gov, is available to provide technical assistance.

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