

# GRANT-FUNDED SECURITY ISN'T GUARANTEED

Planning now to avoid  
protection gaps later



The State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) was created to help state and local schools and agencies strengthen their cybersecurity posture and resilience. The program provided \$1 billion over four years to support end-to-end cybersecurity planning, tools, services, and operational support. However, the SLCGP was set to expire on September 30, 2025. With funding already reduced, schools and local agencies face growing uncertainty about how to sustain cybersecurity investments and ongoing subscriptions once grant funding ends.

## Why It Matters to Schools and Local Governments

Often operating with small IT teams, limited budget flexibility, and aging infrastructure, these organizations are asked to do a lot with a little. Without grant funding, these organizations risk:

- Protection gaps as renewals lapse and coverage expires
- Unsustainable security spend tied to enterprise-priced contracts
- Greater impact on small and rural districts with limited budget flexibility
- Higher likelihood of downtime, breaches, and service disruption

### Plan Ahead: Protect Your Budget and Your Network

With continued uncertainty around federal funding, schools and local agencies should take proactive steps now to avoid security and budget gaps:

- Review cybersecurity contracts and upcoming renewal dates
- Assess total cost of ownership for tools that may shift fully to local budgets
- Evaluate cost-effective alternatives with predictable pricing, flexible licensing, and MDR services to extend protection without adding staff

# The Right Cybersecurity for Your Budget

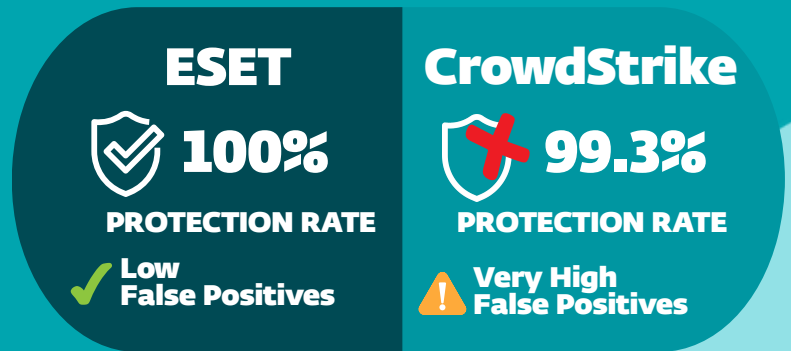
The most expensive cybersecurity solution isn't always the most effective. Many enterprise-priced tools include features you may never use, while an affordable solution with continuous monitoring through MDR delivers real protection and better value.

## Snapshot: ESET vs CrowdStrike

SLCGP funding made enterprise tools like CrowdStrike available, but sustaining them without federal support proves difficult.

ESET offers a smarter alternative: advanced security and MDR support without the enterprise price tag.

See how ESET stacks up :



## ESET MDR: Affordable 24/7 Protection

Managed Detection and Response (MDR) combines technology with expert monitoring, threat hunting, and response support. ESET MDR protects with:

-  Continuous security monitoring, even after hours, holidays and weekends.
-  An affordable force multiplier for small IT teams with limited resources.
-  Global threat expertise with localized impact.

ESET MDR is the fastest service for detecting and blocking threats.

Detect and contain threats within an average of 6 minutes.



## Award-Winning Security. Trusted by Teams Like Yours.

“ESET allows us to have greater uptime and reliability of our workstations, in addition to protecting the district’s computer network from threats.”

**Michael DiLalla**  
SENIOR NETWORK TECHNICIAN  
PENFIELD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



CONTACT SALES