

WELCOME TO OUR
**MONTHLY NON-PROFITS
NEWSLETTER**

TECHNOLOGY

**SAFEGUARDING YOUR MISSION: NAVIGATING CYBERSECURITY
CHALLENGES FOR NONPROFITS**

Securing digital systems is critical. The 2020 Nonprofit Cybersecurity Incident Report revealed that 71% of nonprofits experienced at least one cyber-attack within a year. But, effective cybersecurity starts with fostering a culture of awareness throughout our organization. Educating staff, volunteers, and board members about potential risks empowers everyone to play a role in safeguarding sensitive information.

Regularly updating software, saving your work effectively, and implementing strong authentication measures, like multi-factor authentication, can significantly reduce the risk of unauthorized access. Identifying and protecting the most sensitive data ensures that security measures are tailored to what matters most.

Vigilance is key. It is important to remain alert to common threats such as phishing emails and unusual network activity.

Encouraging a culture where everyone feels comfortable reporting potential issues allows us to respond swiftly and minimize any impact from potential breaches. But it is cybersecurity training that ensures everyone can protect the organization.

Despite best efforts, incidents may still occur. That's why having a comprehensive incident response plan is essential. This plan should outline clear steps for containing breaches, notifying stakeholders, and recovering compromised data effectively.

Seeking external support can also be invaluable. Collaborating with cybersecurity experts or tapping into resources from organizations like TechSoup provides specialized knowledge and tools tailored to our specific needs.

Staying informed is crucial. Keeping up-to-date with cybersecurity trends and best practices through trusted sources such as the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) ensures that we are prepared to defend against evolving threats.

Cybersecurity isn't a one-time task; it's an ongoing commitment to protecting our missions, our stakeholders, and our integrity in the digital world. By prioritizing these measures, we can continue to drive positive change and fulfill our missions with confidence and resilience.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES DUE IN JULY

Housing

HOUSING PRESERVATION
GRANTS
DEADLINE: JULY 29, 2024

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR
THE ELDERLY
DEADLINE: JULY 18, 2024

RURAL COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE
GRANTS
DEADLINE: JULY 10, 2024

Food

2024 WIC MIS
MODERNIZATION STRATEGY
DEADLINE: JULY 25, 2024

Children/Youth

MEBANE CHARITABLE
FOUNDATION GRANT
DEADLINE: JULY 1, 2024
(YEAR ROUND)

Community Development

CITIZENSHIP AND
INTEGRATION TRAINING
DEADLINE: JULY 12, 2024

CENTERPOINT ENERGY
FOUNDATION GRANT
DEADLINE: JULY 26, 2024

COMMUNITY FACILITIES
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
AND TRAINING GRANT
DEADLINE: JULY 8, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS IN JULY 2024

REGISTER FOR ALL OF OUR EVENTS THROUGH EVENTBRITE!

More information on our events will come as we prepare for our new
fiscal year.

**July 25: Consultant Training: CLIFTON STRENGTHS BASICS –
SELF AWARENESS 101 at 3–4 PM**

July 30: Bridge Builders 12PM–1:30PM

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