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Introduction

Background

In 2024 and 2025, the National Cybersecurity Coordination and Development Centre (NCC-IE) offered support to Irish small and medium companies (SMEs) to implement changes in their IT systems and practices to increase their cybersecurity and therefore help protect their businesses from cyberattacks.

The NCC-IE Cyber Security Improvement Grant was open to SMEs that are Irish registered, Irish/EU owned and controlled and that have received a Cyber Security Report as a result of carrying out the Enterprise Ireland Cyber Security Review. The funding secured by the NCSC for the NCC-IE project, under the EU Digital Europe Programme (DIGITAL), included the provision of up to €2M in grants funding for SMEs and provided the basis for the grant scheme.

An important aspect of the NCC-IE Cyber Security Improvement Grant was awareness raising of cybersecurity as a fundamental business risk and of economic factors integral to developing the State's resilience, such as interdepartmental collaboration and cross-sectoral learning. These forms of awareness are important for the implementation of the NIS2 Directive in Ireland.

Grant Scheme

Grant Scheme

The NCSC partnered with Enterprise Ireland to develop a 2-phased Cyber Security Review and Improvement Grant Scheme for SMEs. Phase 1, Cyber Security Review Grant, was led by Enterprise Ireland, offering SMEs access to cyber security experts who conducted an independent review of the company's cyber security status, identifying vulnerabilities, and developing a clear roadmap to enhance security measures. Eligible companies could then avail of 80% funding for a €3,000 security review.

Phase 2, Cyber Security Improvement Grant, was led by the NCSC, offering 80% of the cost of implementing recommended actions from the remediation plan for a maximum grant of up to €60,000 per project. Phase two of the grant scheme was broken down as follows:

1. Stage 1: eligible for assessment
2. Stage 2: assessment of criteria
3. Stage 3: evaluation committee review
4. Stage 4: company verification
5. Stage 5: award



The grant scheme hosted three rounds; in October 2024, January 2025, and June 2025 respectively. Over all three rounds the NCC-IE received 116 applications for funding awarding a total of 50 grants, for a total amount of approximately €1.7M.

The Grant covered a broad range of mitigation and improvement actions, aimed directly at alleviating specific risks and common threats for Irish SMEs, regardless of their specific sector. SMEs applied and were successful in gaining support from a wide and diverse range of sectors, which included manufacturing, construction, education, wholesale and retail trade, and professional, scientific and technical services. The NCC-IE Cyber Security Improvement Grant looked to cater for as many activities as possible, delivering value for the rich business ecosystems found on the island of Ireland.

Some examples of the types of remediation works conducted are listed below:

- Asset Management,
- Audit Log Management,
- Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery (BCDR),
- Compliance and Policy Framework,
- Cybersecurity Governance,
- Cybersecurity Training and Awareness,
- Data Backup,
- Data Management,
- Email Security,
- Endpoint Security,
- Identity and Access Management,
- Incident Detection and Response,
- Mobile Device Management,
- Network Security,
- Penetration Testing,
- VM Security,
- Vulnerability Scanning.

*The NCC-IE used the NACE First-Level Sections for the following categorisation. The applicants did not identify their sectors to us. Information was taken from their industry label from their LinkedIn profiles and then mapped these NAICS industry labels to the NACE First-Level Sections.



Round 1

The first round of the NCC-IE Cyber Security Improvement Grant opened to applicants in October 2024. The first round received a total of 23 applications, of which 2 were successfully awarded grants for a total of **€61,644.80**.

The following table summarises the successful Round 1 grantees:

Company Name	Total Funding (GA)	NACE 1st Level (Sections)	County	Province
John Loughnane & Sons Joinery Works Limited	€37,984.80	Manufacturing	Galway	Connacht
Annertech Ltd	€23,660.00	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	Dublin	Leinster

Round 2

The second round of the NCC-IE Cyber Security Improvement Grant opened to applicants in January 2025. The second round received a total of 52 applications, of which 31 were successfully awarded grants for a total of **€1,085,228.82**.

The following table summarises the successful Round 2 grantees:

Company Name	Total Funding (GA)	NACE 1st Level (Sections)	County	Province
MCSupport Tech	€33,651.07	Human health and social work activities	Cork	Munster
TTM Healthcare Limited	€36,952.80	Administrative and support service activities	Clare	Munster
Tonedale Limited t/a The Natural Sleep Company	€28,480.00	Wholesale and retail trade	Limerick	Munster
Meadowfresh Foods (Tallow) Limited, t/a Meadowfresh Foods	€28,160.00	Manufacturing	Waterford	Munster
Alpha Tanks Limited	€25,440.00	Manufacturing	Monaghan	Ulster
Versatile Packaging Unlimited Company	€38,560.00	Manufacturing	Monaghan	Ulster
FORTE Healthcare Limited	€34,400.00	Professional, scientific and technical activities	Meath	Leinster



Mark Lohan Fitted Furniture Ltd, Trading as Mark Lohan Kitchens	€39,874.40	Manufacturing	Roscommon	Connacht
Universal Graphics Limited	€35,280.00	Manufacturing	Monaghan	Ulster
Traditional Cheese Company Limited	€37,840.00	Manufacturing	Dublin	Leinster
Sofa Source Limited	€39,960.80	Manufacturing	Roscommon	Connacht
Aspen Ventures Limited	€39,061.76	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	Kerry	Munster
GOVED ONLINE LIMITED T/A THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE INSTITUTE	€33,425.00	Education	Dublin	Leinster
The National Chemical Company Ltd.	€21,158.99	Manufacturing	Dublin	Leinster
CustomerMinds Limited	€36,520.00	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	Dublin	Leinster
Quality Irish food Limited t/a Mr. Crumb	€35,200.00	Accommodation and food service activities	Westmeath	Leinster
HaloSOS Limited	€39,862.40	Administrative and support service activities	Dublin	Leinster
Safety Storage Systems Ltd.	€39,365.60	Manufacturing	Limerick	Munster
Bluebeam Ltd T/A Emerald Cultural Institute	€37,200.00	Education	Dublin	Leinster
Arthur Mallon Foods Unlimited Company	€36,480.00	Manufacturing	Monaghan	Ulster
Ventac and Company Ltd	€39,480.00	Construction	Wicklow	Leinster
Fabricated Products (Shannon) Limited	€39,876.00	Manufacturing	Clare	Munster
Rosie & Jim Ltd	€31,680.00	Manufacturing	Dublin	Leinster



Oneview Healthcare PLC	€36,800.00	Human health and social work activities	Dublin	Leinster
SoftCo	€36,000.00	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	Dublin	Leinster
Abbey Machinery Ltd	€33,600.00	Manufacturing	Tipperary	Munster
G&S Stainless Services Ltd	€24,600.00	Manufacturing	Louth	Leinster
ApexFire Ltd	€39,640.00	Administrative and support service activities	Cavan	Ulster
Optimum Results Ltd	€27,600.00	Education	Louth	Leinster
HR:Duo Ltd	€39,480.00	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	Meath	Leinster
Creme Software Ltd	€39,600.00	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing infrastructure and other information service activities	Dublin	Leinster

Round 3

The third round of the NCC-IE Cyber Security Improvement Grant opened to applicants in June 2025. The third round received a total of 41 applications, of which 17 were successfully awarded grants for a total of **€596,639.60**.

The following table summarises the successful Round 3 grantees:

Company Name	Total Funding (GA)	NACE 1st Level (Sections)	County	Province
JustTip Technologies	€38,400.00	Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing	Dublin	Leinster





		infrastructure and other information service activities		
Oakpark Foods	€39,850.00	Manufacturing	Tipperary	Munster
Agrihealth Ltd	€38,400.00	Wholesale and retail trade	Monaghan	Ulster
Topform	€39,816.00	Manufacturing	Galway	Connacht
		Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing		
Origina	€37,880.00	infrastructure and other information service activities	Dublin	Leinster
		Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing		
M&M Qualtech Ltd	€27,600.00	Manufacturing	Galway	Connacht
McAree Engineering Ltd	€20,280.00	Manufacturing	Monaghan	Ulster
		Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing		
Tixserve Ltd	€39,600.00	infrastructure and other information service activities	Kildare	Leinster
		Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing		
IGWT Poultry Services Ltd	€28,080.00	Manufacturing	Ulster	Ulster
		Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply		
Energywise Ireland Ltd	€39,560.00	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	Cork	Munster
Garland Consultancy Ltd	€39,920.00	Construction	Dublin	Leinster



Green Rebel Marine Ltd	€32,640.00	Professional, scientific and technical activities	Cork	Munster
		Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing		
FlowForma Ltd	€39,500.00	infrastructure and other information service activities	Dublin	Leinster
eAltra Ltd	€26,259.20	Human health and social work activities	Carlow	Leinster
		Telecommunication, computer programming, consulting, computing		
OpenSky Data Systems Ltd	€28,860.00	infrastructure and other information service activities	Kildare	Leinster
Strata Ltd	€37,603.00	Professional, scientific and technical activities	Dublin	Leinster
MyComplianceOffice Ltd	€39,948.00	Professional, scientific and technical activities	Dublin	Leinster



Conclusion

Round	Awarded	Failed	Total	% awarded	% failed	Grant Agreements (GA) Funding Total
1	2	21	23	8.70%	91.30%	€61,644.80
2	31	21	52	59.60%	40.40%	€1,085,228.82
3	17	24	41	41.50%	58.50%	€596,639.60
Total	50	66	116	43.10%	56.90%	€1,743,513.22

In conclusion NCC-IE awarded grants to the total value of **€1,743,513.22**. As a result, the NCC-IE Cyber Security Improvement Grant positively improved the Cyber Security posture of **50 SMEs**. The NCSC ensured that funding was effectively distributed to these SMEs and that the goals of materially enhancing cybersecurity functions and of providing a stimulus to the cybersecurity sector were achieved; ultimately making a significant contribution to developing the State's cyber resilience.

