



CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of January 27, 2026
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of February 10, 2026

DATE: January 27, 2026

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One-reading emergency ordinance to accept and appropriate three grants totaling \$406,345.24 from the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Division, under the State & Local Cybersecurity Grant Program, with a cost share of \$81,269.05, to purchase training and equipment for the Information Technology Department.

CAPTION:

One-reading emergency ordinance authorizing acceptance of three grants from the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Division, under the FY 2025 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program in the amount of \$406,345.24 to purchase training and equipment for the Information Technology Department; and appropriating \$406,345.24 in the IT Grants Fund with a cash match of \$81,269.05 from FY26 Operating Budget.

SUMMARY:

The City of Corpus Christi applied for and was awarded grant funds through the State & Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) to strengthen the resilience, security, and capabilities of its technology infrastructure under three project applications.

SLCGP Program	Grant Award	Cost Share
Governance and Planning	\$202,452.64	\$40,490.53
Mitigation	\$113,868.00	\$22,773.60
Workforce Development	\$90,024.60	\$18,004.92
Total	\$406,345.24	\$81,269.05

Governance & Planning: This grant will fund the additional development and implementation of an IT Business Continuity Plan that ensures rapid and efficient restoration of normal network operations following any event.

Mitigation: This grant will fund the purchase of cybersecurity software designed to support the City's ability to detect, investigate, and respond to cyber threats and prevent unauthorized access, attacks, and other malicious activities.

Workforce Development: This grant will fund the purchase of specialized training for the Information Technology department to ensure staff is equipped with the latest knowledge needed to protect and maintain critical systems.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) is funded through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency. This grant opportunity provides funding to eligible state, local, and territorial (SLT) governments to manage and reduce systemic cyber risk, thus improving the security of critical infrastructure and improving the resilience of the services SLT governments provide their communities.

On September 16, 2022, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced a first-of-its-kind cybersecurity grant program specifically for state, local, and territorial (SLT) governments across the country. Through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, Congress established the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program and appropriated \$1 billion for this program.

On September 23, 2024, DHS issued the Notice of Funding Opportunity with funding requirements for States and Local governments to apply. Texas is a pass-through entity, so local governments are required to apply for the funding through the Office of the Governor as a sub-recipient.

On December 16, 2024, the Office of the Governor issued a Funding Opportunity for the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program for local governments to apply. The Information Technology Services Department began working on three projects for submission to this grant opportunity in November 2024 and submitted the applications in February 2025.

On December 12, 2025, the City was notified of the award for all three grant projects totaling \$406,345.24 and the IT Department began the process for working on City Council Agenda documents for approval to accept the grants.

On December 31, 2025, the Federal Emergency Management Agency sent out a notice that the new deadline to accept FY25 Non-Disaster Grant Awards is January 31, 2026. On January 6th, 2026, the State & Local Cybersecurity Grant Program grant manager contacted the City to verify that the City would be moving with the proposed projects and accepting the grants. These new circumstances required the Department to request a one-reading emergency ordinance so that the grant funding from the Office of the Governor can be accepted promptly.

Once grants have been approved and accepted, the IT Department will work with the Finance & Procurement Department to purchase the software, equipment, and training to complete the approved grant projects. The grant period for all of the awarded grants is January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to accept the grant funding and pay for the workforce development, cybersecurity infrastructure out of the general fund in future appropriations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is a 20% cost share for each grant, totaling \$81,269.05 which will be funding through FY26 Operating Budget.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 1085 IT Grant Fund
Organization/Activity: 89 Grants & CIP/ **SLCP Governance**
Department: 23 IT Department
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: various
Total: \$202,452.64

Fund: 1085 IT Grant Fund
Organization/Activity: 89 Grants & CIP/ **SLCP Mitigation**
Department: 23 IT Department
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: various
Total: \$113,868.00

Fund: 1085 IT Grant Fund
Organization/Activity: 89 Grants & CIP/ **SLCP Workforce**
Department: 23 IT Department
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: various
Total: \$90,024.60

Fund: 5210 IT Fund
Organization/Activity: 40420 IT Infrastructure and Network Service
Department: 23 IT Department
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 520105 Computer Software
Total: \$40,490.53

Fund: 5210 IT Fund
Organization/Activity: 40390 IT Security & Compliance
Department: 23 IT Department
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 520105 Computer Software
Total: \$40,778.52

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends acceptance and appropriation of this grant.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Presentation