



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting February 11, 2025

DATE: January 10, 2025
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Resolution authorizing submission of three grant applications to the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Division under the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program for funding in the amount of \$1,049,074.72 with a required total City cash match of \$262,268.69.

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing submission of three grant applications to the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Division, for the FY 2025 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program, for funds totaling \$1,049,074.72, with a City cash match of \$262,268.69, to purchase training and equipment for the Information Technology Department.

SUMMARY:

This resolution authorizes the Information Technology Services Department to submit three grant applications for funding from the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Division.

Governance & Planning Grant Application: Funding Request: \$674,842.12 City cash match: \$168,701.54 The City of Corpus Christi is seeking funding through the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program to design and implement a comprehensive IT continuity plan. This project aims to provide the necessary network resources to ensure the efficient restoration of normal network operations following any recovery event. The plan is designed to minimize downtime and improve the restoration of network services. This will enable the city to continue delivering critical services to its residents without interruption. If approved, the funding will be used to purchase network resources to establish a backup system at the City's offsite redundancy location.

Mitigation Grant Application: Funding Request: \$227,736.00 City cash match: \$56,934.00 The City of Corpus Christi is seeking funding through the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program to purchase and implement a cybersecurity response and detection platform. Implementing this solution will increase the City's capability to detect and respond to cyber threats and gain visibility across our network environment in real-time. This implementation will increase our Cybersecurity team's effectiveness with improved incident response and enhance our overall security posture.

Workforce Development Grant Application: Funding Request: \$146,496.60 City cash match: \$36,624.15 The City of Corpus Christi seeks funding through the State & Local Cybersecurity Grant Program to address the skills gap and enhance the effectiveness of our Information Technology teams, including cybersecurity, systems administrators, and network teams. Proposed activities encompass comprehensive professional training and cybersecurity operations. This training will ensure The IT Department acquires the latest knowledge and skills necessary to respond to security threats, implement advanced cybersecurity measures, and improve the protection and resilience of our computer and network infrastructure.

The total grant budget is \$1,049,074.72, with a required total cost share of \$262,268.69 to be funded by the Information Technology Services Department.

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.

The State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program application is due February 13, 2025, to the Office of the Governor. If selected for the award, the City will be notified by June 2025.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to submit the applications, and the department will be unable to fund the cybersecurity training and equipment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Each grant application has a required 20% City cash match, as seen below, for FY 2025.

Grant Application	Grant Funding Request	City Cash Match
Governance and Planning	\$674,842.12	\$168,710.54
Mitigation	\$227,736.00	\$56,934.00
Workforce Development	\$146,496.60	\$36,624.15

Total	\$1,049,074.72	\$262,268.69
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Funding Detail:

Governance & Planning Grant

Fund: 5210 Information Technology
 Organization/Activity: 40420 IT Infrastructure and Network Service
 Department: 23 Information Technology
 Account: 520100 Minor Computer Equipment

Mitigation Grant

Fund: 5210 Information Technology
 Organization/Activity: 40390 IT Security & Compliance
 Department: 23 Information Technology
 Account: 530000 Professional Services

Workforce Development Grant

Fund: 5210 Information Technology
 Organization/Activity: 40420 IT Infrastructure and Network Service
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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends authorizing the submission of three grant applications to the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Division for funding in the amount of \$1,049,074.72 with a required total cost share of \$262,268.69 as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution
 Presentation