



# CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting February 10, 2026

**DATE:** February 10, 2026

**TO:** Peter Zaroni, City Manager

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Information Technology Department grant applications for Office of the Governor's State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program

### **CAPTION:**

Resolution authorizing submission of three grant applications to the Office of the Governor for the FY 2027 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program, totaling \$419,456.92, with a cash match of up to \$179,767.25 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.

**Governance & Planning Grant Application:** The City of Corpus Christi is seeking funding through the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (under Objective 1: Governance & Planning) to continue implementation of 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 additional network resources to establish a backup system at the City's offsite redundancy location.

**Mitigation Grant Application:** The City of Corpus Christi is seeking funding through the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (under Objective 3: Mitigation) to continue and expand support for a cybersecurity response and detection platform, including hiring two IT Security Analysts for the grant period (one year). Enhanced support for this platform will strengthen 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:** The City of Corpus Christi seeks funding through the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (under Objective 4: Workforce Development) 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 \$419,456.92, with a required total cost share of \$179,767.25 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.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) initially launched this first-of-its-kind cybersecurity grant program specifically for state, local, and territorial (SLT) governments across the country in 2022. The grant program was established through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021. The SLCGP is jointly managed by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Local governments are required to apply for this funding through the Office of the Governor, who acts as the state administrative agency for the state of Texas as a sub-recipient of the federal funding.

In February 2025, the City of Corpus Christi applied for three grants under the FY26 SLCGP and, in December 2025, was subsequently awarded a total of \$406,345.24 in grant funds, with a cost share of \$81,269.05. The performance period of those initial awards is calendar year 2026.

In December 2025, the Office of the Governor also issued a subsequent Notice of Funding Opportunity allowing local governments to apply for another year of SLCGP funding.

The Information Technology Services Department plans to submit three grant applications to the FY27 SLCGP to expand its cybersecurity efforts and continue to strengthen its cybersecurity posture.

The FY27 SLCGP application is due February 12, 2026 to the Office of the Governor. An Authorizing Resolution is required for application. Award notifications will be made in July 2026 and the grant period will begin September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative is not to submit the applications, and the department will be unable to fund additional cybersecurity training, equipment, and employee salary and fringe benefits.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact to submitting the grant applications. Should grants be awarded, each grant has a 30% cash match, pending FY 2027 appropriations, as seen below.

Grant Application	Grant Funding Request	City Cash Match
Governance & Planning	\$202,500.00	\$86,785.71
Mitigation	\$126,956.92	\$54,410.11
Workforce Development	\$90,000	\$38,571.43
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$419,456.92</b>	<b>\$179,767.25</b>

**Funding Detail:****Governance & Planning Grant**

Fund: 5210 Information Technology  
Organization/Activity: 40420 (IT Infrastructure and Network Service)  
Department: 23 Information Technology  
Account: 530000 (Professional Services)  
Amount: \$86,785.71

**Mitigation Grant**

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Organization/Activity: 40420 (IT Infrastructure and Network Service)  
Department: 23 Information Technology  
Account: 530000 (Professional Services)  
Amount: \$54,410.11

**Workforce Development Grant**

Fund: 5210 Information Technology  
Organization/Activity: 40420 (IT Infrastructure and Network Service)  
Department: 23 Information Technology  
Account: 530000 (Professional Services)  
Amount: \$38,571.43

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommend authorizing the submission of three grant applications to the Office of the Governor's FY27 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program to enhance the City's cybersecurity prevention and mitigation efforts.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Resolution  
Presentation