



CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION ITEM

CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

AGENDA TOPIC: Consideration and possible action approving a resolution of the City Council of the City of Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas authorizing and approving the submission of a grant application for the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents in connection therewith

DATE: June 19, 2025

DEPARTMENT: Information Technology

PRESENTED BY: Brian LeJeune, IT Manager

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:

On December 16, 2024, the Office of the Governor (OOG) began accepting applications for the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP). The City submitted its application by the February 13, 2025, deadline. If awarded, the grant will fund 80% of the total project cost (\$79,547), with the City responsible for a 20% match (\$19,887), contingent on Council approval and inclusion in the proposed FY 2025-26 Budget. The total project cost is \$99,434.

According to the SLCGP web site, the FY23 total was \$20,901,732 available to be spent on cybersecurity projects. A minimum of 80% of allocations must be passed through to local governments. In addition, at least 25% of the total funds made available under the grant must be passed through to rural communities.

Eligibility requirements of the SLCGP include:

- Completion of the Nationwide Cybersecurity Review (NCSR); completed on February 28, 2025.
- Participation in the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) free services, such as the Web Application Scanning and Vulnerability Scanning (external only); subscribed March 1, 2024.
- Confirmation of fulfilling cybersecurity training and state submission according to HB-3834; submitted to State on August 29, 2024.
- Joining the Texas Information Sharing and Analysis Organization (TX-ISA0); member since April 2021.

Certain conditions of funding were established by the Office of the Governor which requires the governing body of the requesting agency to pass a resolution that must contain the following:

- Authorization by the governing body for the submission of the application to the OOG that clearly identifies the name of the project for which funding is requested.
- A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds.
- A designation of the name and/or title of an authorized official who is given the authority

to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant; and

- A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to the OOG.

If selected by the OOG, the City of Fair Oaks Ranch would delay planned network upgrades until the beginning of FY 2025-26 as SLCGP funds may not be utilized until November 1, 2025.

POLICY ANALYSIS/BENEFIT(S) TO CITIZENS:

This grant award will supplement the department's current budget by allowing the purchase of needed network infrastructure and not cause additional expenditures from the general fund. This equipment will allow City IT to replace end of life devices and increase bandwidth in our City Hall server room for future growth.

The City will purchase the networking equipment using the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) Purchasing Cooperative. Utilizing DIR fulfills our competitive requirements.

LONGTERM FINANCIAL & BUDGETARY IMPACT:

The long-term budgetary impact will be an increase in our network vendor support costs as we complete the last phase of our network upgrades, which have been included in the proposed FY 2025-26 budget.

LEGAL ANALYSIS:

Resolution approved by legal.

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED MOTION:

I move to approve a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application for the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents in connection therewith.