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## CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION ITEM

### CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

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**AGENDA TOPIC:** Approval of 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

**DATE:** March 21, 2024

**DEPARTMENT:** Information Technology

**PRESENTED BY:** Brian LeJeune, IT Manager

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#### **INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:**

On January 15, 2024, the Office of the Governor (OOG) opened acceptance of grant submissions under the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP). The City was made aware of this grant February 27, 2024 and was able to complete the submission by the deadline of March 14, 2024. The City committed to a 20% match (\$21,900) with funds appropriated in the FY 2023-24 Adopted Budget while the OOG would provide the remaining 80% (\$87,600) of costs associated with the Project totaling \$109,500.

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 29, 2024.
- 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 30, 2023.
- 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 security assessments already planned until the beginning of FY 2024-25 as SLCGP funds could not be utilized until September 1, 2024.

**POLICY ANALYSIS/BENEFIT(S) TO CITIZENS:**

This grant award will supplement the department's current budget by allowing the purchase of needed cybersecurity services and not cause additional expenditures from the general fund. These services will allow City IT to identify and mitigate potential gaps towards further protecting City data and resources for our residents. The security assessments are comprised of several services including:

- Vulnerability Assessment
- Penetration Test
- Dark web scan
- Table top exercise

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

**LONGTERM FINANCIAL & BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

There is no budgetary impact as the funds allocated for the cybersecurity assessments were already budgeted.

**LEGAL ANALYSIS:**

Approved as to form.

**RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED MOTION:**

I move to approve the 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.