

AGENDA ACTION FORM

<u>Consideration of a Resolution to Accept Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Department of</u> Homeland Security State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) Funds

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

From: Chris McCartt, City Manager

Action Form No.: AF-266-2025 Final Adoption: September 16, 2025

Work Session: September 15, 2025 Staff Work By: Cody Musser First Reading: N/A Presentation By: Cody Musser

Strategic Focus Area: 1. Efficient & Responsive Government

Recommendation:

Approve the Resolution

Executive Summary:

If approved, the City of Kingsport will apply for and receive a Fiscal Year 2023 Department of Homeland Security State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) which includes acceptance of 600 free CrowdStrike security software licenses and \$69,000 in federal grant funds.

The City of Kingsport has identified critical needs in its technology infrastructure. To protect and improve our defenses, the IT Department pursued funding opportunities through the SLCGP.

SLCGP is a grant program established by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security to address cybersecurity risks and threats. Particularly those faced by state and local governments.

The city has been notified of its eligibility to receive \$69,000 in SLCGP funding to replace outdated servers and to renew and enhance CrowdStrike 24/7 security monitoring services. In addition, the city will receive 600 no charge (free) CrowdStrike Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR) licenses free of charge. These licenses will be deployed across City servers and computers to provide real-time monitoring for malicious activity such as viruses, ransomware, and unauthorized access attempts.

Implementation of the software and installation of modern servers will significantly enhance the city's cybersecurity defenses, protect government services, public safety, utilities, and citizen information.

Attachments:

- 1. Resolution
- Award Letter
- 3. Local Consent Agreement

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