



Levy County Board of County Commissioners Agenda Item Summary Form

1. **Name and Title:** Kari Bastow, Grants & Finance Manager
2. **Department:** Grants Department
3. **Meeting Date:** Thursday, April 30, 2026
4. **Requested Action:**

Approval of the Grant Agreement between the Florida Department of Management Services and the Levy County Board of County Commissioners for participation in the Local Government Cybersecurity Grant Program (Contract No. DMS-25/26-221), and authorization for the Chair to execute all associated documents.

5. **Cost & Funding Source:**

There is no direct fiscal impact to the County. Funding is provided through the State of Florida under the Local Government Cybersecurity Grant Program (Catalog of State Financial Assistance No. 72.016). Assistance will be provided in the form of services, licenses, and commodities, including cybersecurity tools and platforms.

6. **Justification of Request:**

Approval of this agreement will allow Levy County to participate in a State-funded cybersecurity initiative designed to strengthen local government cybersecurity infrastructure and risk management capabilities. Through this program, the County will receive access to advanced cybersecurity tools, including endpoint detection and response, asset discovery, email security, and a security operations platform.

Participation in this program enhances the County's ability to protect sensitive data, maintain continuity of operations, and reduce vulnerability to cyber threats. Approval ensures compliance with State requirements and supports the County's ongoing efforts to modernize and safeguard its information technology systems.