

# CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER

## AGENDA ITEM DATA SHEET

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**Agenda Item:** Contract with SWWRPC for GIS Study

**Requested by:** Ashley Oliphant

**Meeting Date:** Finance Committee and Common Council on 8/5/2025

**Background:** The City of Richland Center was awarded \$34,559.73 through an Innovation Planning Grant for the purpose of evaluating the feasibility of sharing Geographic Information System (GIS) services between the City of Richland Center and Richland County, with the overarching goal of enhancing GIS capabilities and functionality to improve public safety, infrastructure management, and transparency.

Facing challenges such as limited funding, staffing shortages, and the need to integrate with Next Generation 9-1-1 systems, the study will assess opportunities to consolidate resources, identify sustainable funding streams, and develop an effective governance model. By exploring economies of scale, shared software, and specialized expertise, the initiative aims to support data-driven decision-making, modernize land records, and enhance community engagement.

Requesting to contract with Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SWWRPC) to perform the outlined scope of work, as detailed in the provided contract and scope documents, to evaluate these opportunities and strengthen GIS capabilities.

**Financial Impact:** \$34,559.73

**Funding Source(s):** Fully funded by the Innovation Planning Grant

**Requested Action:**

**Finance Committee:** Motion to recommend to the Common Council to approve the execution of a contract with Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission for a GIS study fully funded by an Innovation Planning Grant.

**Council:** Motion to authorize the execution of a contract with Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission for a GIS study fully funded by an Innovation Planning Grant.

**Attachments:**

- Proposed Contract
- Innovation Planning Grant Submission
- Notice of Award