



Council Agenda Item

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Agenda Item: State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program

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BACKGROUND

To strengthen the City's cybersecurity posture and align with Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) requirements, the implementation of Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) across City systems has been identified as a priority project. MFA adds an additional layer of security beyond traditional username and password credentials, requiring users to verify their identity through a secondary method thereby significantly reducing the risk of unauthorized access resulting from compromised or stolen credentials.

This MFA project has been identified as one that can be initially funded through the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP), a federal grant program established under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The SLCGP was created to help state, local, and territorial governments address cybersecurity risks and threats. The City's MFA project aligns with goals of this grant. If our application is approved, funds from the grant will cover any hardware and software costs for the first 18 months of the project based on the grant's budgetary period.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT

If approved, the grant will reimburse up to \$100,000 in project costs through its budgetary period of 3/1/27 through 8/31/28. There is no local cost share requirement. For years that follow, the City will be responsible for all costs associated with any software or hardware. Ongoing software costs are expected to be approximately \$11,000 in all years following the grant. Hardware costs each year should be minimal to non, following the grant. Initial project costs, which if the grant is approved are reimbursable, are estimated to be between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that the Council approve moving forward with the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program application process. Applications are due October 30, 2026, with an anticipated notice of award on February 15, 2027.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1. SLCGP Grant Outline