

14. Consideration of submitting a grant application with the Florida Digital Service, a part of the Florida Department of Management Services, for funding to maintain previously awarded cybersecurity capabilities.



LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

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| TO: | Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council |
| FROM: | Suzanne Sherman, City Manager |
| THRU: | Brian Robinson, Information Technology Director |
| DATE: | April 18, 2024 |
| RE: | Consideration of submitting a grant application with the Florida Digital Service, a part of the Florida Department of Management Services for funding to maintain previously awarded cybersecurity capabilities. |

SUMMARY:

On April 20, 2023, City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a grant agreement with Florida Digital Service, a part of the Florida Department of Management Services (FLDS) related to the Cybersecurity Grant Program. The competitive grant program provided \$30 million from the State's Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to equip local governments with cybersecurity capabilities and technical assistance. Recently, the State appropriated \$40 million to fund year 2 of the program. Staff is requesting Council's consideration to apply for year 2 funding to maintain the current cybersecurity capabilities. There are no match requirements.

Information related to the City's security network infrastructure is exempt pursuant to Florida Statutes section 119.0713(5)(a)(1), 119.071(d)(1)(f), and 282.318.

REQUESTING DEPARTMENTS:

Information Technology
City Manager's Office

FISCAL IMPACT:

The grant would result in revenue for the purpose of renewing the previously awarded security solutions. There are no match requirements.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to 1) authorize the City to submit a grant application for year 2 funding and 2) authorize the City Manager to execute the grant agreement with the Florida Digital Service, a part of the Florida

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Department of Management Services (FLDS) related to the Local Government Cybersecurity Grant Program.