



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Information Technology

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: February 19, 2024

Re: Authorization of grant money awarded to the City for IT Cybersecurity projects and additional funds for a required grant match and for the unawarded portion of the grant.

Executive Summary

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign for 1) the award of grant funding totaling \$123,158.80 through the FY23 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program, 2) matching funds of \$30,789.70 required to satisfy the grant and 3) additional funds of \$44,058.00 planned for but not awarded in the grant.

Discussion

The purpose of the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program is to assist local governments with managing and reducing systemic cyber risk. On February 1, 2024, the City was awarded a partial grant of \$123,158.80 by the Missouri Department of Public Safety Office of Homeland Security. A cost match in the amount of \$30,789.70, or 20% of the total approved project cost of \$153,948.50, is required from City funds. These funds alone cover the following three projects:

- 1) Web Application Firewall implementation – Provides advanced cloud-based Intrusion Prevention Services which blocks threats and malware before coming into the City network;
- 2) Privileged Access Management – This service automates password and privilege management for individual users and enterprise server level accounts by controlling password complexity, password rotation and Multi-Factor Authentication;
- 3) Video Recording Licensing – Over the past two years, the City has been integrating all video recording into a single managed system. In the past, the City had more than 20 isolated video recording systems, each with its own access and recording format. This grant provides funds to further expand the licensing and software for integration of this system.

The initial grant application requested just under \$200,000 with a component for video recorders for physical security. However, in a later clarification released by the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program, funding was strictly limited to software-oriented projects, removing \$44,058 for the equipment.

Having the recording software and licensing but not the equipment leaves the City with a partially funded solution. Therefore, it is recommended that this resolution contain the additional \$44,058 for recording equipment to be appropriated from the IT Fund Balance. This would provide the complete three tier solution for cybersecurity, access management and physical security for which the grant funding was intended.

This grant provides funding starting February 1, 2024 and can be used through January 31, 2027.



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Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: \$74,847.70 (\$30,789.70 for grant match, \$44,058 for complete project funding.)

Long-Term Impact: The grant is funded through January 31, 2027 then \$3,140 per year after.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Organizational Excellence, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
	There is no legislative history associated with this grant.

Suggested Council Action

Staff recommends approval of the grant award and the budget appropriation.