



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
City Commission Agenda Memo  
REGULAR MEETING**

**#24-0626**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

**DATE:** June 18, 2024

**TITLE:** Resolution Ratifying the Application for and Authorizing the Acceptance of  
“In kind” Grant Funds and Execution of Florida Local Government  
Cybersecurity Grant Program from Florida Digital Services, State of Florida  
Department of Management Services - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and  
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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the grant agreement entitled "Florida Local Government Cybersecurity Grant Program", to execute or delegate the authority to execute all modifications to agreement and documents required to accept “In Kind” funds between the State of Florida Department of Management Services and the City of Fort Lauderdale and ratifying the execution of any, and all documents necessary or incidental to the grant application.

**Background**

The Department of Management Services, through the Florida Digital Services, has the authority, pursuant to Chapter 2022-156, Laws of Florida, Specific Appropriation 2944A, to award \$40 million in grant funds for fiscal year 2023-24 for equipping local governments with software, services, and solutions that enhance local governments’ cybersecurity posture to protect their infrastructure and Floridians’ data. The State announced the availability of the funds for its Local Government Cybersecurity Grant Program in April 2024 and provided a deadline of April 30, 2024, for submission of grant applications. This annual grant is contingent upon available state funding and application approval based on an annual application process. City staff submitted a grant application resulting in the following capabilities being offered by Florida Digital Services: Security Operations Platform. The Florida Digital Service will provide the following: incident response assistance when requested and training, technical assistance, and support for the capabilities granted. This is the second year the city has successfully applied for the “In Kind” grant.

**Resource Impact**

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with this action as no funds will be received by or spent by the City of Fort Lauderdale. However, the estimated value of the in-kind services purchased on behalf of the City of Fort Lauderdale and provided by Florida Digital Service through this grant award is estimated at \$250,000.

**Strategic Connections**

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area: Goal 1: Be a safe community that is proactive and responsive to risks

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Ready.

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 - Grant Agreement

Exhibit 2 - Resolution

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