



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

#25-0590

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: June 3, 2025

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement and Accept “in kind” Grant Funds from the Florida Local Government Cybersecurity Grant Program from Florida Digital Services, State of Florida Department of Management Services - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the "Florida Local Government Cybersecurity Grant Program" agreement 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 Florida Department of Management Services, through its agency, Florida Digital Services, is authorized under Section 200 of the Fiscal Year 2024–2025 General Appropriations Act (GAA) to provide nonrecurring assistance to local governments. These funds support the development and enhancement of cybersecurity and risk management programs by providing software, services, and solutions aimed at strengthening local governments’ cybersecurity posture and protecting critical infrastructure and resident data.

The State announced the availability of funds for its Local Government Cybersecurity Grant Program in May 2025 and provided a deadline of June 12, 2025, 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 Endpoint Protection and Response capabilities being offered by Florida Digital Services which will also provide enhanced cybersecurity tools, training, technical assistance, and support for the capabilities granted. This is the second year the city has successfully applied for the “In Kind” grant. These services will augment the City’s existing cybersecurity capabilities.

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:

- Goat 1: Be a safe community that is proactive and responsive to risks
- Objective: Provide a reliable and progressive technology infrastructure.

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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