



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

**#26-0420**

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

**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager

**DATE:** April 21, 2026

**TITLE:** Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement and to Accept In-kind Grant Services 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)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the City Commission approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the Florida Local Government Cybersecurity Grant Program agreement and to accept in-kind services 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 appropriating under Section 200 of the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 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 on March 31, 2026. This annual grant is contingent upon available state funding and application approval based on an annual application process.

City staff submitted a grant application to the Florida Digital Service and was awarded multiple cybersecurity capabilities, along with enhanced cybersecurity tools, training, technical assistance, and implementation support. This is the third consecutive year the city has successfully secured the in-kind grant. These services will strengthen and 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 \$530,000.

### **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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