

Agenda Report

May 19, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Information Technology

SUBJECT: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A FUNDING AWARD THROUGH THE STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SLCGP) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$225,000 FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY THE STATE TO UTILIZE THE SLCGP FUNDS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the recommended action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3), the "common sense" provision that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;
2. Adopt a Resolution of the City of Pasadena City Council to accept a \$225,000 competitive award from the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Service's (Cal OES) State and Local Cybersecurity Grant program to provide initial funding for enhancements to the City's cybersecurity initiatives; and
3. Authorize the City Manager and/or his designee to execute a Governing Body Resolution and any and all related program documents with Cal OES in connection with the City's \$225,000 SLCGP award.

BACKGROUND:

The State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Service's (Cal OES) issued a notice of Competitive Funding Opportunity (CFO) for the State & Local Cybersecurity Grants (SLCGP) for Local & Tribal Governments (SL) Program on July 31, 2024, announcing the availability of over \$19 million in funds to enhance cybersecurity capabilities, mitigate risks, and build more resilient systems. The overall goal is to help state, local, tribal, and territorial governments reduce vulnerabilities, respond to incidents more effectively, and build the necessary capacity to protect critical infrastructure and public services. These funds can be used for a variety of

cybersecurity initiatives including managed IT services, data backup and disaster recovery, managed security services, and cybersecurity awareness training. Proposals were due no later than Friday, September 27, 2024, and applicants could apply for up to \$250,000 to be used over a 25-month grant performance period beginning December 1, 2024.

On September 23, 2024, Department of Information Technology (DoIT) staff submitted a grant proposal in the amount of \$225,000 for a project aligned with the goals of the California SLCGP Cybersecurity Plan, which would enhance the City's capabilities to identify, defend against, and remediate cybersecurity risks and threats, thereby improving the security and resiliency of critical information technology infrastructure. An award letter was received via email on December 24, 2024. Pasadena was one of 13 cities, among a total of 113 entities, to receive a SLCGP grant award from a pool of over four-hundred grant applicants.

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute all agreements is required to receive SLCGP funding for the cybersecurity managed detection and response project outlined above. Upon receipt, staff will work with Cal OES to ensure all grant documents, and any reporting is completed.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The proposed action supports the City Council strategic objectives to maintain fiscal responsibility, reducing the cybersecurity risks to the City's infrastructure and helping to ensure the resiliency of critical City IT services, including those used within public safety functions.


ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The action proposed herein is exempt from the CEQA per section 15061 (b) (3), the "common sense" provision of CEQA (formerly the general rule), which applies to projects which may have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Adopting a resolution to accept and utilize SLCGP funding will not result in any new development or physical changes.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The recommended actions will have no direct fiscal impact. After all the required documents between the City and Cal OES have been fully executed, staff will utilize the funds for the purposes outlined above before the grant performance period ends on December 31, 2026. Staff will return to Council at a future meeting with a recommendation to amend the Department's operating budget to reflect the grant revenue accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,


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Attachment A – Resolution