

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	April 9, 2024	Consent [X]	Regular []
		Public Hearing []	
Department:	Water Utilities Department		

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to:

- A.) **authorize** the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department (PBCWUD) to pursue funding from the State of Florida Department of Management Services (FDMS) through Florida Digital Service (FDS) for the Local Government Cybersecurity Grant Program for a grant amount estimated up to \$1,500,000;
- B.) **delegate authority** to the County Administrator, or her designee which in this case shall be the Director of PBCWUD, to sign all grant application forms and supporting documents and complete all registration requirements; and
- C.) **delegate authority** to the County Administrator, or her designee which in this case shall be the Director of PBCWUD, to execute the forthcoming agreement and all future time extensions, task assignments, certifications, and other forms associated with the forthcoming agreement and any necessary minor amendments that do not substantially change the scope of work, terms, or conditions of the forthcoming agreement.

Summary: The FDS has \$40 million available for fiscal year 2024-2025 cybersecurity technical assistance and capabilities to Florida’s local governments to improve their cybersecurity posture and resiliency. The awarded capabilities of Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department (PBCWUD) include Endpoint-Based Asset Discovery (Agent); Network-Based Asset Discovery (Agentless); Content Delivery Network; Endpoint Detection & Response (EDR); Security Operations Platform; Email Security Solution. FDS will expend funds for the provision of services, licenses, or commodities awarded to the PBCWUD to be utilized for cybersecurity technical assistance purposes. PBCWUD is being granted assistance in the form of services, licenses, or commodities to enhance its cybersecurity framework, to identify and mitigate risks, and to protect its infrastructure from threats. **No local match is required for this grant.** Countywide (MWJ)

Background and Justification: The Florida Local Government Cybersecurity Grant is a competitive grant program to provide funding for cybersecurity technical assistance to local Florida governments to enhance their cybersecurity capabilities. PBCWUD has conducted a capabilities assessment to identify Department needs and projects that would improve vulnerabilities to cybersecurity threats. The work completed under this grant will provide technical assistance of PBCWUD’s operational technology systems to improve against cybersecurity and resiliency.

Attachments:

- 1. Florida Digital Service Request for Applications

Recommended By:	<u>Ali Bayat</u>	04/01/2024
	Department Director	Date
Approved By:	<u>[Signature]</u>	4/3/24
	Assistant County Administrator	Date

ATTACHMENT NO. 1

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Local partners,

We truly appreciate your patience as we've worked to continue the Local Government Cybersecurity Grant Program for a second year. And we have good news: the program is back this summer, pending the enactment of Florida's FY 2024-25 budget.

We're asking you to join us on an accelerated timeline to reduce the risk of your current services lapsing. Here's what you can expect over the next couple of weeks:

- You will receive a report of your current usage that you can use for your new application.
- We're holding a webinar for current grant recipients on Friday, March 29 at 11:00 AM ET to provide a program overview and answer your questions. [Click here to register \[us02web.zoom.us\]](#).
- By Tuesday, April 2, you will receive an email with the timeline and application to continue your cybersecurity solutions for another year.

In the meantime, head to cybergrants.fl.gov [cybergrants.fl.gov] for more information, and bookmark that link for when the application window opens. Feel free to email us at cybersecuritygrants@digital.fl.gov and be on the lookout for a formal announcement from that address.

For partners that choose to keep their existing capabilities and providers, our goal is to purchase them before your current licenses expire. To meet that timeline, **the application window for current recipients will close on Friday, April 26.**

If you're happy with your current providers, you can confirm the details, make needed quantity changes, sign a new grant agreement, and avoid added implementation steps.

You will of course have the option to add capabilities or change providers, but you'll see in the announcement that it does extend the timeline until later in the year.

Sincerely,

Florida's Local Government Cybersecurity Grant Team

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