

Agenda Report



MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 14, 2025

TO: City Council

FROM: INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR GILL

SUBJECT: ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE THE GRANT AWARDED TO THE CITY FROM CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR CYBER SECURITY IN THE SPECIAL GRANTS FUND (0260)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution accepting a \$250,000 grant from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services for Cyber Security and authorize the City Manager to execute and negotiate all agreements and necessary amendments. We are also requesting that the grant be appropriated in the Grants Fund (0260) so it can be spent as intended in the current fiscal year.

BACKGROUND:

In October of 2024, staff submitted a grant application to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services for the State & Local Cybersecurity Grants.

On December 24, 2024, staff was informed of the award of \$250,000 to support the ongoing Cyber Security needs for Watsonville.

DISCUSSION:

Cybersecurity is an ongoing and often costly program. These funds will strengthen the city's security posture by funding several cybersecurity projects over the upcoming year.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The project is consistent with the following Strategic Plan goal

- 2-Infrastructure & Environment
- 5-Public Safety
- 6-Community Engagement & Well-being
- 7-Efficient and Well-performing Government

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

We are requesting that the grant be appropriated in the Special Grants Fund (0260) so it can be spent

as intended in the current fiscal year. The funds from this grant will go towards cybersecurity-specific projects.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

Council may choose not to accept the award.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):

1. Grant letter from California Governor's Office of Emergency Services