

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager on Behalf of the City of Lowell, to accept and expend a Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research (OGR) regarding the Municipal Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (MLCGP).

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That the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized in the name of the City of Lowell, to accept and expend a Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research (OGR) regarding the Municipal Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (MLCGP) in the amount of Seventy-Nine Thousand One Hundred and 00/100 (\$79,100.00) Dollars to allow the MIS Department to strengthen cybersecurity while reducing systematic cyber risk in the City of Lowell.

BE IT VOTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL:

The City of Lowell desires to accept and expend a Grant in the amount of Seventy-Nine Thousand One Hundred and 00/100 (\$79,100.00) Dollars through the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research (OGR) regarding the Municipal Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (MLCGP), wherein the goal of the grant is to strengthen cybersecurity while reducing systematic cyber risk in the City.

BE IT FURTHER VOTED:

That the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Lowell, be and hereby is, authorized to execute any and all documents necessary in connection with said grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research (OGR), including the expenditure thereof.



**Mirán Fernandez**  
*Chief Information Officer*  
*Cable TV Coordinator*

**John Meyers**  
*Deputy CIO*

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Thomas A. Golden, Jr., City Manager

FROM: Mirán Fernandez, Chief Information Officer

CC: Conor Baldwin, Chief Financial Officer

DATE: July 15, 2024

Re: Request to Accept/Expend Municipal Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (MLCGP) award

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I am writing to notify you that the City of Lowell has been awarded \$79,100 from the Municipal Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (MLCGP) offered by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research (OGR).

To keep pace with today's dynamic and increasingly sophisticated cyber threat environment, local governments and local public entities in Massachusetts must adopt key cybersecurity best practices, take decisive steps to modernize their approach to cybersecurity, and advance towards a Zero Trust Architecture. This competitive MLCGP award is designed to assist local communities in strengthening cybersecurity while reducing systemic cyber risk.

MIS respectfully requests that the City Council vote to accept and expend this grant in order to get started with several key cybersecurity initiatives. This is the first of what will likely be several rounds of cybersecurity-related funding opportunities that we hope to participate in.