City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 26-2983, **Agenda Item #:** 17. 11/5/2026

Posting Language
Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Austin Technology Services Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20260812-007) to accept and appropriate $60,000 in grant funds from the Office of the Governor Public Safety Office for the Role-based Cybersecurity Training program. Funding: $60,000 is available from Office of the Governor Public Safety Office. A City funding match of $15,000 is required and available in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating Budget of Austin Technology Services.

Lead Department
Austin Government Relations.

Client Department
Austin Technology Services.

Fiscal Note
Funding in the amount of $60,000 is available from Office of the Governor Public Safety Office. A City funding match of $15,000 is required and available in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating Budget of Austin Technology Services. A fiscal note is attached.

Prior Council Action:
August 12, 2026 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20260812-007 adopting the City of Austin Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, beginning on October 1, 2026, and ending on September 30, 2027.

July 23, 2026 - Council approved Resolution No. 20260723-061 to apply for and accept funding for Role-based Cybersecurity Training.

For More Information:
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Additional Backup Information:
Purpose and Background
The purpose of this grant is to strengthen the City's cybersecurity posture and resilience by providing advanced security training to City employees responsible for managing and securing computer and information systems.

The grant was submitted to the Budget Office in accordance with established procedures and timelines for inclusion in the FY2026 budget but was inadvertently omitted from the final adopted budget. The omission may have been related to the transition of the Information Security Office to the newly established Austin Technology Services (ATS) department. To date, this item and Item 26-2984 are the only such omissions identified.

Use of Funds
Grant funds will be used exclusively to provide online cybersecurity training coursework for City employees

whose responsibilities include securing, managing, and maintaining the City's information systems.

Source of Funds
Austin Technology Services will provide the required $15,000 match from its departmental budget. Upon expiration of the grant funding, ATS will evaluate the need for continued training and identify potential funding options, as appropriate.

Budget Impact
Approval of this item will increase the City's FY2027 budget by $60,000 to account for the grant funding and associated matching funds.

Impact if Not Approved
Failure to approve this item would result in the loss of grant funding and limit the City's ability to provide timely, essential cybersecurity training to employees responsible for securing and operating critical information systems. This could hinder ongoing efforts to strengthen the City's cybersecurity readiness and resilience.

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