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Recently, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced a first-of-its-kind cybersecurity grant program specifically for state, local, and territorial (SLT) governments across the country. This State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program, made possible by President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, provides $1 billion in funding to SLT partners over four years, with $185 million available for FY22.

In light of the recent ransomware attack on LAUSD, the second largest school district in the nation, the City must be certain that its legacy cybersecurity platforms are securing its 40,000 employees and four million residents from cyber-attacks. The City should seek out the most advanced technology in cybersecurity, including the Artificial Intelligence (AI) standards set by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) and the guidance from the National Security Commission on AI (NSCAI).

As the nation's second largest city, Los Angeles must lead on expertly addressing unique cybersecurity risks, strengthen the cybersecurity of our critical infrastructure, and ensure resilience against persistent cyber threats to our communities. The State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program will play a critical role in helping the City build our capability and capacity to predict and protect our critical infrastructure and communities from malicious cyber activity.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the City's Administrative Officer (CAO), the Chief Legislative Analyst's Office (CLA), the Information Technology Agency (ITA) and any other relevant department to report back on the Department of Homeland Security's State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program, specifically what the grant can be used for and the application process and timing.

I FURTHER MOVE that the aforementioned departments be directed to take into consideration Council File 22-0779 that directs the appropriate departments to report back on security measures and protocols in place to detect "novel attacks" in real-time, and any other form of advanced cyber-attack that could place critical infrastructure in jeopardy, including information on the current and future deployment of AI within the Department's cybersecurity program and whether they classify as possessing "Third Wave AI" under DARPA's definition and NSCAI's guidance, and a comprehensive review of the City's current IT asset management capabilities, as well as potential recommendations to improve or develop the City's IT asset management systems in order to effectively identify security coverage gaps, as well as effectively managing all the City's IT assets.

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