



# Blount County Information Technology

## Memorandum

**To:** Blount County Budget Committee and Commission

**From:** Justin McClure, IT Director

**Subject:** Request to Apply for SLCGP Grant

I am requesting the authorization to apply for the second round of State and Local Cybersecurity Grant from the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration. This grant will cover our costs for our current Cyber Security Endpoint Detection and Response solution, and we are also asking for two new firewalls to keep us in compliance. Our current firewalls are four years old.

This grant is broken up into three projects, we will be using Project 1 and Project 3:

### Project 1: Managed Endpoint Detection

In the first year we asked for 900 licenses, this year we will be asking for 2500 licenses. The increase is to include Blount County School's servers and devices.

### Project 3: Direct Reimbursement for Security Equipment

During the first year we did not utilize this project. This year we are requesting the reimbursement of funds to purchase two new firewalls. This will replace our current firewalls that are four years old. The cost for these firewalls will be \$14,232.20. This money is available in our current budget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. McClure", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Justin McClure