



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 4/5/2022

New Business

Department: Information Technology **Presenter(s):** Eric Grau, IT Director, & John Hudson, Budget

Contact(s): Eric Grau, Information Technology Director

Subject: Cybersecurity Contract

Brief Summary:

Buncombe County IT is requesting \$225,197 to augment and strengthen the County's Cyber Security Program. These funds will be used to acquire services, applications, and tools to provide 24x7 network monitoring of malicious and suspicious activity, advanced threat detection, dark-web monitoring for compromised County data, and application vulnerability scanning. Local governments have increasingly become targets of cybercriminals and victims of ransomware attacks. These funds will help ensure critical County systems are operational, County data is secured, and residents of Buncombe County are able to receive services.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Approve budget amendment

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:

County Manager recommends as presented