City Perspective on Cybersecurity

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Background

- The League of Oregon Cities represents all 241 incorporated cities in Oregon.
- Approximately 70% of cities have a population of 10,000 or less
- Not all cities have websites, adequate access to broadband, or robust IT infrastructure.
- Many cities run critical infrastructure and have access to sensitive information.
 - Municipally owned water, electric and broadband systems
 - Police and fire departments
 - Municipal courts
 - Traffic sensors and data



Cybersecurity Drivers

 Ransomware attacks, data breaches and other cybersecurity are on the rise.

 Hybrid setups from the COVID-19 pandemic have created new challenges.

 Technology is constantly changing and advancing requiring updating and maintenance.



Cybersecurity Needs

Funding

- System Upgrades and Modernization (both hardware and software)
- Vulnerability assessments

Technical Assistance

- Cybersecurity response plans
- Grant writing

IT Workforce

- Not enough IT professionals for the amount of need
- Adequate Insurance
- Education and Training





Questions

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