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IT Security Requirements

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ML Request	FY16	FY17	15-17
FTE	2.0	2.0	2.0
GF-State	$121,000	$121,000	$242,000
Total	**$242,000**	**$242,000**	**$484,000**

DECISION PACKAGE SUMMARY

The Aging and Long Term Support Administration (ALTSA) requests funding for two Business Analyst/Security Experts to comply with the state's new, stricter information technology (IT) security requirements for state agencies. ALTSA's Management Services Division (MSD), which also provides IT support for the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA), will improve its security efforts to enhance the safety of client identities and diagnoses.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Recent state cybersecurity initiatives require increased server and application scanning, findings, gap analyses and mitigation plans to secure IT resources and client data. To effectively and proactively address security issues in applications and infrastructure, we are requesting two IT security staff to ensure data security for ALTSA and DDA. These two administrations contain extremely sensitive data and need adequate resources to ensure the security and privacy of this data.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

With two additional Business Analyst/Security Experts (IT Specialist 5), ALTSA will be able to meet the new standards by focusing on application and network database security in the following ways:

- Timely design reviews and modifications as needed
- Timely mitigation plans for server security problems
- Timely mitigation plans for application security problems
- Security application review during development to avoid security problems
- Ongoing server security review to avoid problems

The primary customers, or beneficiaries, of the increased security are individuals with developmental disabilities or long term care needs. These resources will help safeguard client identities and diagnoses.

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EXPECTED RESULTS

The budget request supports DSHS Goal 5: Public Trust – Strong management practices will be used to ensure quality and efficiency.

The decision package is essential to implementing the ALTSA Strategic Objective 4.1: Ensure seniors and individuals with a disability who are in need of long-term services and supports are supported in their community.

This request supports the Results Washington goal 5: Effective, efficient and accountable government. By ensuring the integrity of the state's data, much of which involves sensitive individual and provider personal and financial data, meeting the new security standards will benefit both DSHS and the clients served by the agency.

STAKEHOLDER IMPACT

Washington's Chief Information Officer, advocates for seniors, the disabled and mental health communities, including the senior lobby, ARC of Washington, and Disability Rights Washington will all support the protection of confidential client data.