

## **STAFF REPORT**

### **Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Budget Request**

### **Information Technology Infrastructure and Security Projects**

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**Subject:** Request for Inclusion of Information Technology Projects in FY 2026–2027 Budget

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to request funding approval for two important Information Technology (IT) projects for Fiscal Year 2026–2027. These projects are necessary to improve cybersecurity, support police department compliance requirements, improve reliability of Town technology systems, and allow staff to work more effectively both in the office and remotely.

The requested projects are:

1. Microsoft 365 Government Community Cloud (GCC) Migration
2. Network Address Realignment

## **PROJECT 1**

### **Microsoft 365 GCC Migration**

#### **Requested Funding**

- Total Project Cost: **\$18,580.00**
- VC3 Credit Applied: **(\$12,000.00)**
- Total Town Cost: **Not to Exceed \$6,580.00**

## **Background**

The Town of Nolensville currently uses Microsoft 365 Enterprise for email, file storage, Microsoft Teams, and other daily operations. While this system works well for general

business use, it does not fully meet the stricter security standards required for law enforcement and criminal justice information.

Microsoft offers a government-specific version of its cloud services called Government Community Cloud (GCC). This version is specifically designed for local, state, and federal government agencies and includes additional security protections and compliance standards.

## **Why This Project is Necessary**

### **Supports CJIS Compliance**

The Police Department handles sensitive law enforcement information that must meet Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) security requirements. Moving to Microsoft GCC helps ensure the Town is using systems designed to meet those standards.

### **Improves Cybersecurity**

Local governments are increasingly targeted by cyberattacks and ransomware. GCC provides stronger protections to help secure Town emails, files, and systems from unauthorized access and cyber threats.

### **Protects Sensitive Information**

The Town stores important information related to employees, residents, finances, and public safety. GCC includes enhanced safeguards to better protect that information.

### **Designed Specifically for Government Use**

Microsoft GCC is built specifically for government organizations. It includes additional security controls and monitoring that are not available in standard commercial versions of Microsoft 365.

### **Reduces Future Risk**

Completing this migration now helps reduce the risk of future compliance issues, cybersecurity incidents, or emergency technology expenses that could result from remaining in a non-government environment.

### **Financial Impact**

The total cost of the Microsoft 365 GCC migration project is \$18,580.00. However, VC3 has issued a credit to the Town of Nolensville in the amount of \$12,000.00. As a result, the Town's total cost for this project will not exceed \$6,580.00.

## **PROJECT 2**

### **Network Address Realignment Project**

#### **Requested Funding**

- Total Town Cost: **\$16,645.10**

#### **Background**

The Town's internal computer network currently uses an IP address structure that is commonly found in residential home networks rather than in commercial or government environments.

As the Town's technology systems and staffing have grown, the current network structure has created operational limitations and connectivity issues that affect reliability and remote access.

This project would redesign and reorganize the Town's internal network addressing to meet commercial and enterprise standards commonly used by businesses and government organizations.

#### **Why This Project is Necessary**

##### **Improves Work-From-Home Access**

Many home internet networks use the same type of address structure currently used by the Town. Because of this overlap, employees often experience connection problems when attempting to work remotely or access Town systems from home.

This project will eliminate those conflicts and significantly improve remote access reliability for Town staff.

##### **Improves Network Reliability**

The current network structure increases the likelihood of communication conflicts between devices and systems. A properly designed network structure will improve overall performance and stability.

##### **Supports Future Growth**

As the Town continues to grow, additional devices, systems, and departments will place greater demand on the network. This project creates a scalable foundation that can support future expansion.

### **Improves Cybersecurity**

A properly organized commercial-grade network allows Town systems to be better separated and monitored, improving security and helping to identify issues and respond more effectively.

### **Aligns with Industry Standards**

Commercial and government organizations use structured enterprise network designs to improve reliability, security, and efficiency. This project brings the Town's infrastructure in line with accepted industry best practices.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of the following projects for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget:

1. Microsoft 365 GCC Migration
  - Town Cost Not to Exceed: \$6,580.00
2. Network Address Realignment Project
  - Town Cost: \$16,645.10

These projects are necessary to improve cybersecurity, support CJIS compliance efforts, improve operational reliability, and modernize the Town's technology infrastructure to better support Town staff and services.