



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting November 14, 2023
Action Item for the City Council Meeting November 28, 2023

DATE: November 14, 2023
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Acceptance of two grants totaling \$181,346.31 from the Texas Office of the Governor—Homeland Security Grants Division for the Corpus Christi Police Department

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of two grants totaling \$181,346.31 from the Texas Office of the Governor—Homeland Security Grant Division for the State Homeland Security Program for 57 replacement sets of body armor and a replacement burn trailer for the Corpus Christi Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics and Hostage Negotiation Teams for \$181,346.31; and appropriating \$181,346.31 in the FY 2024 Fire Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of two grants totaling \$181,346.31 from the Homeland Security Grant Program's (HSGP) State Homeland Security Program (SHSP). SHSP is one of three grant programs that comprise the HSGP.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The HSGP is a federal grant program that is managed by the State, through the office of the Governor, and is administered through the Coastal Bend Council of Governments (CBCOG). The equipment purchased using these grants funds will support local and state efforts to prevent terroristic and catastrophic events and prepare for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of Texas citizens.

The grant funding through Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities will provide increased protection for the Corpus Christi Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) and Hostage Negotiation (HNT) teams. The SWAT and HNT teams are comprised of 57 members, and they assist local, state, and federal partners to safely de-escalate high-risk situations.

The first SHSP grant is for \$160,346.31 and will be used to purchase 57 replacement sets of body armor that will be expiring due to reaching the end of the manufacturer's recommended useful lives. The second SHSP grant is in the amount of \$21,000.00 and will be used to purchase a replacement burn trailer. The trailer is a vital piece of equipment that will enhance chemical agent disposal capabilities and replace the current, outdated trailer. Teams will be able to respond to high-risk incidents more quickly and effectively, which also increases the level of protection for

the community.

Since 2002, the Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD) has submitted grant applications to the HSGP on behalf of the CCPD and other City departments. In FY 2022, the City of Corpus Christi was awarded four grants totaling \$189,547.47. The FY 2022 grant funding was also used to purchase anti-terrorism and SWAT equipment. In FY 2023, the City received two grants totaling \$97,753.00 from the Homeland Security Grant Program. The FY 2023 grant funding was also to purchase anti-terrorism and SWAT equipment.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is to not accept the two grants and seek alternative funding. However, this would place the public and police officers at a higher risk of terrorism and catastrophic events as these funds are not part of the City's FY 2024 General Fund Budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Acceptance of the funding in the amount of \$181,346.31 and appropriating \$181,346.31 to the FY 2024 Fire Grants fund.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 1062 Fire Grants
Organization/Activity: 821273F, 821274F
Department Number: 10 Fire Department
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 520090 Minor Tools & Equipment
540045 Uniforms & Protective Clothing
Amount: \$181,346.31

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance to accept and appropriate two grants totaling \$181,346.31 for the purchase of 57 replacement sets of body armor and a burn trailer, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance