



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of January 26, 2021  
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of February 9, 2021

**DATE:** January 26, 2021  
**TO:** Peter Zanoni, City Manager  
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### Acceptance of a Grant for the Operation Stonegarden Program

**CAPTION:** Ordinance accepting a grant in the amount of \$206,787.00 from the State of Texas Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division for Operation Stonegarden to assist in border patrol operations and appropriating \$206,787.00 in the Police Grants Fund.

### **SUMMARY**

Funding is available to enhance enforcement efforts along routes of ingress and coastal waterways under the Department of Homeland Security Grant Program.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The City of Corpus Christi was identified as an integral part of the U.S. Border Patrol's strategy to enhance cooperation and coordination among all agencies in a joint mission to secure the United States borders. Approved funding will be used to enhance enforcement efforts along routes of ingress and coastal waterways. The City's participation will achieve border control by establishing a substantial probability of apprehension through improved enforcement, improved rapid mobility and intelligence driven resource deployments. Additionally, the City will involve a number of collaborators to assist in the stated mission of OPSG and will promote a collaborative enforcement effort that extends our border outward while strengthening a defense in depth posture. The Corpus Christi Police Department will conduct interdiction operations individually and in conjunction with federal, state, and local partners along routes of ingress and egress both on state and local highways to include SH44, SH 77, SH 181 but also along routes of ingress and egress from the extensive coastal waterways surrounding the City of Corpus Christi including the Padre Island National Seashore. In addition, the Corpus Christi Police Department will participate in at least one major multiagency interdiction effort.

The Police Department will utilize the funding to conduct overtime operations designed to reduce border-security risk. Tactical operations will conduct approximately 3,298 hours of overtime. The grant will pay for overtime and fringe benefits. The grant period is from March 1, 2021 – February 28, 2022. This is Year 10 of the grant.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative is not to accept the grant thereby providing for less overtime towards border security and in turn combat drug and human trafficking.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The fiscal impact for FY 2021 is accepting funds and appropriating \$206,787.00 to the Police Grants Fund.

**Funding Detail:**

Fund: 1061 - Police Grants Fund  
Organization/Activity: 822719F  
Mission Element: 151  
Project # (CIP Only): N/A  
Account: 510200 Overtime  
511000 Retirement

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends accepting the grant and appropriating the funds.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Grant award document  
Ordinance