



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of November 18, 2025

DATE: November 18, 2025

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Accepting and appropriating funds from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division for funding available under the FY 2026 Criminal Justice Grant Program for in-car video systems for the Corpus Christi Police Department

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing acceptance of grant funds from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, under the FY 2026 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of \$31,030.00 for the purchase of five additional Panasonic in-car video systems for the Corpus Christi Police Department; and appropriating \$31,030.00 into the Police Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

Federal funding is available through the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for projects that promote public safety, reduce crime, and improve the criminal justice system.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Federal funds are available under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) for projects that promote public safety, reduce crime, and improve the criminal justice system.

In-car camera systems have proven to be effective in capturing video that is relevant to successful prosecutions, clearing or substantiating complaints, and documenting events that could create a liable action for or against a municipality or county agency.

With these grant funds, the Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) will purchase five additional in-car camera systems. The five additional in-car camera systems will expand CCPD's inventory of in-car camera systems needed for marked patrol vehicles. The five additional in-car camera systems will eventually be installed by a licensed Panasonic installer as part of the vehicle upfitting process for five additional patrol vehicles that are expected to be received and begin upfitting in Spring 2025. The five additional patrol vehicles are part of the 76 police vehicles that were approved as part of the FY 2025 Budget.

Currently, 51 of the 76 police vehicles that were approved as part of the FY 2025 Budget have already been received from the manufacturer and are currently being upfitted, which includes in-

car camera systems. All 51 are expected to be delivered to CCPD and placed into service by the end of calendar year 2025. The remaining 25 police vehicles that were approved as part of the FY 2025 Budget are expected to be delivered by the manufacturer for upfitting by the Spring of 2025. CCPD is currently identifying funding for the full upfitting of these 25 police vehicles. This grant award provides funding for five in-car camera systems for five of these 25 police vehicles.

CCPD currently has 185 police vehicles with in-car camera systems installed. Once the 51 patrol vehicles are delivered from the upfitter and placed into service by the end of calendar year 2025, CCPD will have a total of 236 patrol vehicles with in-car camera systems installed. Once the five additional in-car camera systems that are funded by this grant are installed, CCPD will have a total of 241 patrol vehicles with in-car camera systems installed. Finally, once the remainder of the 76 police vehicles that were approved as part of the FY 2025 Budget have been upfitted and placed into service, CCPD will have a total of 261 patrol vehicles with in-car camera systems installed.

The project period is from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. The City has received this grant since 1996 when this grant program began. Last year, the City received \$39,993.25 from this grant. CCPD used the grant funds to purchase six additional Panasonic in-car camera systems.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to accept the funds and have fewer in-car camera systems to equip police vehicles. However, in-car camera systems have proven to be effective in capturing video that is relevant to successful prosecutions, clearing or substantiating complaints, and documenting events that could create a liable action for or against a municipality or county agency.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The FY 2026 fiscal impact is the acceptance of funding in the amount of \$31,030.00 and appropriating \$31,030.00 into the Police Grants fund.

Funding Detail

Fund	1061 Police Grant Fund
Organization/Activity:	822915F In Car Video Systems
Department:	29
Project #	N/A
Account:	520090 – Minor Tools & Equipment
Amount:	\$31,030.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends acceptance and appropriation of the grant funds in the amount of \$31,030.00 for the purchase of five additional Panasonic in-car video systems for the Corpus Christi Police Department, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Grant award