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CORPUS CHRISTI

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting July 14, 2026

DATE: July 14, 2026

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U.S. Department of Defense, Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation –
Defense Community Infrastructure Program Grant Application

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Defense, Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, for the FY 2026 Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) for funding in the amount of \$17,721,365.53 for the Leopard Street & Up River Road Water Line Replacement Project with a cash match of \$7,594,870.94 from the Water Capital Fund.

SUMMARY:

This resolution authorizes the Corpus Christi Water Department to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Defense, Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, for funding under the FY 2026 Defense Community Infrastructure Program. The project involves the Leopard Street & Up River Road Water Line Replacement, with funding not to exceed \$17,721,365.53 and a City contribution of \$7,594,870.94.

Leopard Street & Up River Road Water Line Replacement Project

The Leopard Street & Up River Road Water Line Replacement Project involves upgrading aging cast-iron transmission mains installed in 1930 that have reached the end of their service life. Additionally, this line, a remnant from the former Cunningham Water Treatment Plant, remains operational and presents an opportunity to enhance system redundancy through these improvements.

As a critical component of the City's water distribution infrastructure, it serves residential, commercial, and industrial customers along the IH-37 corridor. Replacing the aging infrastructure with modern PVC pipe will enhance system reliability, decrease water main

breaks and service disruptions, and strengthen the long-term resilience of Corpus Christi's water distribution network.

The scope of work includes the following improvements:

- Replace approximately 15,418 LF of aging 30-inch cast-iron water main with a new 24-inch PVC transmission main.
- Install approximately 2,376 LF of new 24-inch PVC water main along McKinzie Road.
- Complete associated tie-ins, appurtenances, testing, and commissioning to improve system reliability and resiliency.

DCIP Grant Submission (70%)	\$ 17,721,365.53
Local Cash Match (30%)	\$ 7,594,870.94
Total Project Cost	\$ 25,316,236.47

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) is a competitive grant program administered by the U.S. Department of Defense, Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC). The program provides funding for community infrastructure projects that support military installations, improve military value, and enhance the quality of life for service members, civilian personnel, and their families. DCIP is designed to strengthen the relationship between defense communities and military installations by investing in critical infrastructure that directly supports military missions and installation resilience.

Under the Fiscal Year 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity, the OLDCC has made \$230 million available for eligible infrastructure projects that address deficiencies in transportation, utilities, communications, healthcare, public safety, and other community support systems critical to military readiness. Projects must demonstrate a clear and direct benefit to a military installation and align with the Department of Defense's priorities for mission assurance, resilience, and military value.

The City of Corpus Christi is eligible to apply for DCIP funding as a defense community supporting multiple military installations, including the Naval Air Station Corpus Christi (NASCC), the Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD), and the United States Coast Guard. The proposed project will enhance critical water infrastructure serving these installations and the surrounding community, ensuring the continued reliability of essential services that support military training, operations, maintenance activities, and mission readiness.

The City of Corpus Christi is eligible to apply to the DCIP program and qualifies for up to \$20,000,000 in federal funding, with a 30% match requirement.

The anticipated award announcement for the FY 2026 DCIP cycle is expected in early 2027, after application review and Department of Defense approval. Upon award, projects must proceed in accordance with the approved scope, schedule, and federal grant requirements, and completion timelines established in the grant agreement.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to apply for the grant and utilize Revenue Bonds to fund the repairs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact for the application process. However, if awarded, a \$7,594,870.94 cash match will be required from the Water Capital Fund in FY 2027. Buy America (Build America, Buy America Act) rules apply to this federal grant.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 4492 – Water 2025 CIP
Organization: 89 – Capital & Grants
Department: 45 – Water
Activity: 210384492EXP - Leopard St & Up River Road Water Line Replacement Project
Account: 550910 - Construction Contract
Amount: \$ 7,594,870.94

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend authorizing the submission of the grant application, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution
Presentation