



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of January 30, 2024

DATE: January 30, 2024
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Approval to submit a grant application to the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division for funding available under the FY 2025 Criminal Justice Grant Program for in-car video systems for the Corpus Christi Police Department

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing submission of a grant application for \$80,000.00 to the State of Texas under the FY 2025 Criminal Justice Grant Program for the purchase of 10 additional Panasonic in-car video systems for the Corpus Christi Police Department.

SUMMARY:

Federal funding is available through the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the Criminal Justice 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.

The Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) requests the purchase of ten additional in-car camera systems to expand its current inventory in the effort to ensure that an in-car camera is in every enforcement unit. The 10 additional Panasonic in-car camera systems will be placed in CCPD police vehicles that CCPD ordered in FY 2023. The 10 vehicles are expected to be received by CCPD in the summer of 2024.

The additional 10 Panasonic in-car camera systems will be installed by Dana Safety Supply. They are a licensed Panasonic installer. After the addition of the 10 Panasonic in-car camera systems, CCPD will have a total of 185 in-car camera systems installed in police vehicles.

The project period is from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

In FY 2023, CCPD received \$45,761 for six in-car video systems.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is to not submit the grant which would result in CCPD not having the funding to put an in-car camera in every police vehicle in its inventory.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact at this time.

Funding Detail

Fund	1061
Organization/Activity:	Police Grant Fund –
Mission Element:	151
Project #	N/A
Account:	520090 – Minor Tools & Equipment

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends submission of the grant application, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution