



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting June 28, 2022

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Purchase of Dive Trailer for Police Department

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the purchase of a replacement dive trailer to be used by the Corpus Christ Police Department's Search and Recovery Dive Team, from Trailer Wheel & Frame Co., of Houston, Texas, for \$87,337.50, with FY 2022 funding of \$44,063.76 from the Fire Grants Fund and \$43,273.74 from the Law Enforcement Trust fund.

SUMMARY:

This resolution will authorize the purchase of a replacement dive trailer for the Corpus Christi Police Department's (CCPD) Search and Recovery Dive Team. The replacement dive trailer will provide critical transportation during dive operations, including responses to terroristic threats. The team will use the replacement trailer to safely respond and rapidly deploy supplies, gear, and equipment to threats within the Coastal Bend region.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

CCPD's Search and Recovery Dive Team has an operational need for the replacement of its dive trailer. CCPD's current dive trailer is 14 years old and will soon be unusable and irreparable due to significant corrosion damage, decaying joints, and a rotted floor. Replacement of the current trailer will provide a reliable means of transportation for the team's necessary equipment, supplies, and gear which will sustain operational readiness during the instance of an emergency. Without the replacement trailer, response time to incidents will be severely hindered. Capability gaps such as the ability to screen, search, and detect conveyances and cargo also will grow larger with limited use of an old trailer or no use at all if the trailer becomes inoperable.

The current trailer is used to respond regionally, when requested, and the replacement trailer will also be used regionally, when requested. The replacement trailer is 26 feet in length. The vendor is working with CCPD in order to build the trailer to CCPD's required overall specification. Trailer Wheel & Frame Co. is an authorized Texas premier trailer manufacturer and is the only dealer in Texas that is capable of both building and customizing a dive trailer as specified for the needs of the Corpus Christi Police Department.

The funds needed to purchase the replacement trailer were awarded by the State of Texas, Department of Homeland Security in response to a City request for grants in 2020. Although this purchase is for the CCPD, the Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD) coordinates the grant application process that funds the proposed purchase of the dive trailer.

PROCUREMENT DETAIL:

This procurement is a direct purchase from Trailer Wheel & Frame Co. of Houston, Texas, under the Local Government Code, Section 252.022(a) (2), as this purchase is necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the City's residents. Trailer Wheel & Frame Co. is an authorized Texas premier trailer manufacturer and is the only dealer in Texas that is capable of both building and customizing a dive trailer as specified for the needs of the Corpus Christi Police Department.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is to continue using current 14-year old trailer that will soon be unusable and irreparable, which will leave the Search & Recovery Dive Team without viable means to carry necessary gear, equipment, and supplies in the instance of an emergency.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact in FY 2022 is in the amount of \$44,063.76 from the Fire Grants Fund and \$43,273.74 from the Law Enforcement Trust fund. Although this purchase is for CCPD, CCFD coordinates and manages the grant application process that will fund the proposed trailer.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund:	1062	Fire Grants
Organization/Activity:	821263F	HSGP – Dive Trailer
Mission Element:	093	Respond to Emergency Call
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	520090	Minor Tools & Equipment
Amount:	\$44,063.76	
Fund:	1074	Law Enforcement Trust Fund
Organization/Activity:	826100F	Law Enforcement Trust-Fed
Mission Element:	151	Respond to Law Enforcement
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	520090	Minor Tools & Equipment
Amount:	\$43,273.74	

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this resolution authorizing purchase of dive trailer for CCPD from Trailer Wheel & Frame Co. of Houston, Texas, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution

Price Sheet