



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for City Council Meeting August 12, 2025

DATE: August 12, 2025

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<p>Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to OxyChem for the 2025 First Responder Donation Program for the Corpus Christi Fire Department</p>
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CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to OxyChem for the 2025 First Responder Donation Program in the amount of \$156,089.71 for funding for the purchase of a new high water rescue vehicle, one additional highway rescue equipment kit, and one additional LUCAS Chest Compression Device for cardiac arrest patients for the Corpus Christi Fire Department.

SUMMARY:

This resolution authorizes the submission of a grant application to OxyChem for the 2025 First Responder Donation Program in the amount of \$156,089.71. If awarded, the funding will help enhance the safety of the public and firefighters by providing a new high-water rescue vehicle, one additional highway rescue equipment kit, and one additional LUCAS Chest Compression Device for cardiac arrest patients for the Corpus Christi Fire Department.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

OxyChem First Responder Donation Program is dedicated to supporting First Responders in the communities where they are developing future operations. The OxyChem First Responder Donations Program supports community fire departments, emergency medical services, and law enforcement agencies. Donation funding is for needs such as the purchase, repair or replacement of line-of-duty emergency response equipment, rescue, and safety gear, and first responder safety training.

OxyChem is a leading producer of life-enhancing chemistry with facilities in the United States, Canada and Latin America. Headquartered in Dallas, and a plant located in Ingleside, Texas, OxyChem is a subsidiary of Oxy, an international energy company. OxyChem has a top-tier position both domestically and globally for the principal products that it manufactures and markets. OxyChem is a top-tier global producer in every product it produces for applications including water treatment, pharmaceutical, medical and construction that are essential to life for billions of people around the world. OxyChem is a four- time winner of the American Chemistry Council's (ACC's) top safety performance award and has previously been recognized as the Responsible Care Company of the Year, in recognition of

OxyChem's outstanding achievements in environmental, health, safety and security performance. In 2023, OxyChem received 47 awards from the ACC for safety and environmental performance, and in 2022 the U.S. Department of Energy selected OxyChem as a Better Practice Award winner for innovations in energy efficiency.

The Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD) is requesting funding through this grant to be used for the purchase of a high-water rescue vehicle to be used primarily for removing people from flooded and hard-to-reach areas. CCFD currently does not have a high-water rescue vehicle in its fleet. Currently, CCFD only has three Type 5 brush trucks and three Type 7 ATV brush vehicles. The Type 5 and 7 units are smaller units that are not as useful in high water due to their lower profile and because they cannot carry many people. The high-water rescue vehicle is ideal for flooded and hard-to-reach areas, and it would have a sked stretcher which could be added or removed as needed to convert it into a Type 3 brush truck when not used as a high-water rescue vehicle. The high-water rescue vehicle would include a 14-foot modified cargo area containing removable personnel benches, an auxiliary water pump, a water tank, and additional hose. The high-water rescue vehicle would be stationed at Fire Station 18, which is centralized in the city and near an area which has been prone to flooding in the past. This new high-water rescue vehicle would be the only one in the CCFD.

CCFD is also requesting funding from this grant to purchase one additional highway rescue equipment kit. The highway rescue equipment kit has a maximum load of up to 80,000 pounds and is designed for highway rescue scenarios that involve multiple vehicles and/or heavier loads such as a fully-loaded tractor-trailer. The highway rescue equipment kit comes with four main struts, three-foot extensions for each strut, four ratchet straps, four anchor rings, and four J-hooks. Once assembled, the highway rescue equipment kit creates two A-Frame stabilization triangles to limit load shift during rescues on nearly any sized vehicle. Overall, the highway rescue kit is highly versatile for rescue teams as it is able to handle multi-vehicle rescue scenarios as well as larger commercial vehicles. Furthermore, the highway rescue equipment kit can be used by CCFD's Rescue Team to more safely and efficiently access individuals trapped not only by vehicles but also by debris or other structures. Currently, CCFD has two highway rescue equipment kits. CCFD's is looking into purchasing another three additional kits to be placed on aerial units which have rescue equipment.

The final item that CCFD is requesting funding from this grant for is an additional LUCAS Chest Compression Device. The device can deliver consistent, high-quality chest compressions during cardiac arrest, even during patient transport, significantly improving CPR effectiveness and patient outcomes, and will greatly reduce caregiver fatigue and allow CCFD responders to focus on other critical interventions. Currently, the department has seventeen LUCAS Chest Compression Devices. Fifteen of them are assigned to medic units and two are used as spares. The unit that would be purchased with these grant funds would be an additional unit for placement on a reserve medic unit that is used for peak times, special events, and on deployments.

Last year was the first year that the Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD) applied for this grant. In January, 2025, CCFD was awarded \$25,000 through this grant program, and the funding was used for an Aerial Ladder Fire Truck Refurbishment.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to submit the grant application and find other funding sources from the General Fund for the purchase of a new high-water rescue vehicle highway, one additional vehicle stabilization equipment, and one additional LUCAS Chest Compression Device. However, these funds were not budgeted as part of the FY 2025 General Fund Budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The application process has no fiscal impact. If awarded, the grant funds will be appropriated in the FY 2026 Fire Grants Fund. No City cash match will be required if the grant funds are awarded.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund: N/A
Organization/Activity: N/A
Department: N/A
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: N/A
Amount: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends authorizing the submission of an application for the 2025 First Responder Donation Program in the amount of \$156,089.71 from OxyChem, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution
Presentation