



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting March 19, 2024

**DATE:** March 19, 2024  
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**Authorization to submit six grant applications to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office – Homeland Security Grant Division by the Corpus Christi Fire Department**

### **CAPTION:**

Resolution authorizing the submission of six grant applications to the Public Safety Office – Homeland Security Grants Division for the State Homeland Security Program for equipment to help prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events for public safety such as Hazmat Response Team equipment, bomb squad, Special Weapons and Tactics team equipment, and the Corpus Christi Fire Department in an amount of \$841,256.97.

### **SUMMARY:**

This resolution authorizes the submission of six grant applications to the Public Safety Office – Homeland Security Grants Division for the State Homeland Security Program in the amount of \$841,256.97. If awarded, the grant funds will support both Corpus Christi Fire Department and Corpus Christi Police (CCPD) Department's functions, including equipment for the AMBUS, Hazmat Response Team, bomb squad, and Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The State Homeland Security Program issues grants on an annual basis in order to improve state and local efforts in responding to potential acts of terrorism and catastrophic events. Qualifying uses of the grant funds include purchasing advanced equipment and training. Since 2002, the United States Department of Homeland Security has issued grants to the State of Texas, who in turn awards the grants to municipalities through its State Homeland Security Program.

For FY 2024, the Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD) is applying for six grants to fund the following projects: 1) SWAT Protective Equipment; 2) Bomb Squad X-ray Equipment; 3) CCPD Bomb Squad Detection Equipment; 4) Bomb Squad Response Vehicle; 5) CCFD Hazmat equipment, which will enhance chemical agent detection capabilities; 6) CCFD AMBUS Equipment, which will provide equipment to increase large scale response capabilities.

The SWAT protective equipment consists of night vision goggles for all SWAT Team members. The Bomb Squad X-ray equipment will consist of four replacement X-ray kits to replace the current equipment which has reached the end of its useful life. The CCPD bomb detection equipment will

consist of one replacement robot that serves as an alternative to personnel when approaching explosive devices. The Bomb Squad response vehicle is an additional response vehicle that will be used to transport Bomb Squad equipment that is used to screen, detect, and dispose of explosive devices. The CCFD HAZMAT equipment will consists of an additional chemical detector and an additional particulate meter that provides airborne particulate concentrations for lead, coal, dry chemicals, fumes, smoke, paint spray, and other matter. The CCFD AMBUS equipment will consist of one additional LifePak defibrillator.

Listed in the table below are the six projects and the funding amounts for each of the grant applications that CCFD is submitting for.

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
SWAT Protective Equipment	\$ 165,225.00
Bomb Squad X-ray Equipment	\$ 195,567.11
CCPD Bomb Detection Equipment	\$ 261,826.00
Bomb Squad Response Vehicle	\$ 109,507.75
CCFD Hazmat Equipment	\$ 58,831.23
CCFD AMBUS Equipment	\$ 50,299.88
<b>TOTAL REQUESTED</b>	<b>\$ 841,256.97</b>

The City has received funds from this grant for the past 22 years. Last year, the City received \$181,346.31.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative is not to submit the six grant applications and find other funding sources for the critical equipment for the various City departments. This funding is not included in the FY 2024 General Fund budget. If the funding is not awarded through this grant, the City will need to identify alternate funding in order to purchase the equipment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If awarded, grant monies will be appropriated in FY 2025 Fire Grants Fund.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends authorizing the Corpus Christi Fire Department to submit the six grant applications, as presented.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Resolution