



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of February 14, 2023

DATE: February 14, 2023
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Approval to submit a grant application to the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division for funding available under the Body-Worn Camera Grant Program FY 2024

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing submission of a grant application for \$153,027.00 to the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, under the Body-Worn Camera Grant Program with a City cash match of \$51,009.00 to equip Corpus Christi Police Department sworn officers with 100 additional body-worn cameras and related equipment.

SUMMARY:

This item is a resolution to authorize the Corpus Christi Police Department to submit a grant application for \$153,027.00 to the State of Texas under the Body-Worn Camera Grant Program with a City cash match of \$51,009.00. If the City is awarded the grant, it will provide funding for the purchase of 100 body-worn cameras and related equipment for Corpus Christi Police Department sworn officers.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

In 2019, the Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) invested in the Panasonic body-worn camera to go along with the in-car camera system used by CCPD. In June 2022, the City Council approved the purchase of 280 body-worn cameras by CCPD. The purchase of the 280 body-worn replaced all body-worn cameras in CCPD's inventory as well as provided additional cameras for the additional sworn officers that CCPD had hired since its previous purchase of body-worn cameras in 2019. To date, CCPD has 280 body-worn cameras issued to field officers.

Currently, the 280 body-worn cameras are enough to provide each sworn officer per shift a body-worn camera; however, there are not enough cameras to issue each sworn officer their own individual body-worn camera. Additionally, additional body-worn cameras are needed for the 25 additional sworn officer positions added in the adopted FY 2023 Budget as well as for future additional sworn officer positions. Body-worn cameras are issued to the Police Training Academy's cadets, where they receive training on how to use the equipment for eventual use during field training.

CCPD's goal is to continue purchasing body-worn cameras until there are enough cameras to issue each sworn officer with their own individual body-worn camera. If awarded this grant, CCPD

will be able to purchase an additional 100 body-worn cameras, which will result in CCPD being closer to meeting this goal. The purchase of an additional 100 body-worn cameras will be made through the current five-year agreement with TurnKey Mobile, Inc., who is the City's current supplier for body-worn cameras. The agreement with TurnKey Mobile, Inc. also provides warranty for the replacement of the body-worn cameras if damaged or defective.

This grant provides funding for the purchase of body-worn cameras and supplies for sworn officers who engage in traffic or highway patrol or otherwise regularly detain or stop motor vehicles, or primary responders who respond directly to calls for assistance from the public. Funding from the State will provide specifically for the following items for CCPD:

1. Body-worn cameras and licenses (100)
2. Magnetic mounts for cameras on sworn officers (100)
3. Five-year warranty on body-worn cameras (100)
4. Eight bay charging dock, AC adapter to charge cameras (13)
5. Data Storage

A 25% cash match of \$51,009.00 is available from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund. The grant period for this grant is September 1, 2023 through August 30, 2024.

In FY 2022, the City received from this grant \$75,000 with a \$25,000 City cash match for the purchase of the 280 body-worn cameras currently used by CCPD.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to submit the grant and find available funding within the General Fund; however, funding for the purchase of replacement and additional body-worn cameras was not built into the FY 2023 General Fund budget. This will result in additional body-worn cameras not being purchased towards the goal of issuing every sworn officer with their own individual body-worn camera as well as keeping up with the stock needed for future Police Training Academy cadets.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Body Worn Camera Grant in the amount of \$153,027.00 will increase the Police Grants Revenue for the Body Worn Camera Program, along with a cash transfer of \$51,009.00 from the FY 2023 Law Enforcement Trust Fund to the Police Grants Fund for the City cash match.

Funding Detail

Fund	1074
Organization/Activity:	826100F
Mission Element:	151
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A
Account:	520090 - Minor Tools and Equipment
Amount:	\$51,009.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends submission of the grant application, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution