



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of August 29, 2023
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of September 5, 2023

DATE: August 29, 2023
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Accepting and appropriating funds from the 2024 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant Funds from the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) for the Corpus Christi Police Department

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing acceptance of grant funds in an amount of \$167,000.00 from the Texas Department of Transportation for the 2024 Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Project for overtime for sworn officers to increase traffic enforcement in Corpus Christi, with a City match of \$42,669.75 in fringe benefits and fuel expenses, with funds available from the FY 2024 General Fund; and appropriating \$167,000.00 in the Police Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes acceptance of grant funds and the appropriation of the grant funds from the Texas Department of Transportation for overtime for Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) sworn officers to increase traffic enforcement in Corpus Christi.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) provides grant funding to cities in Texas for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Project (STEP). The STEP program reimburses cities for overtime activities carried out by local law enforcement organizations in an effort to reduce vehicle crashes. The STEP program helps to reduce vehicle crashes by having local law enforcement organizations focus on traffic enforcement efforts in high vehicle crash areas.

CCPD will use the funds received from this grant to provide approximately 2,700 hours of overtime funding to sworn officers for additional enforcement for DWIs, speed violations, and distracted driving across Corpus Christi. The efforts will take place on varying days of the week and hours of operation.

The STEP program reimburses cities via the grant based off the respective city's history of fatal accidents and speed related accidents. Additionally, each year the respective cities provide the STEP program with performance reports based on the impact on DWIs, speed violations, and distracted driving from the previous year to be considered by STEP when deciding the respective distribution award amounts.

The grant is for a one-year period beginning on October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. CCPD has received this grant for over 20 years. Last year the City received \$184,929.55 from this grant program.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to accept the grant and, therefore, not provide additional enforcement for DWI, speed violations, and distracted driving across Corpus Christi. However, this will lead to more vehicle crashes and a less likelihood that the City will be awarded the grant in future years.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact in FY 2024 is the acceptance and appropriation of grant funds in an amount of \$167,000.00 to the Police Grants Fund and a City match in an amount of \$42,669.75 in fringe benefits and fuel to be funded from the Police General Fund.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 1061 Police Grants Fund
Activity: 820731F
Department: 29
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 510200 Overtime
Amount: \$162,922.50

Fund: 1061 Police Grants Fund
Activity: 820731F
Department: 29
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 511000 Retirement
Amount: \$4,077.50

Fund: 1020 Police General Fund
Activity: 11740 Uniform
Department: 29
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 511000 Retirement
Amount: \$35,349.75

Fund: 1020 Police General Fund
Activity: 11740 Uniform
Department: 29
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 520050 Fuel and Lubricants
Amount: \$7,320.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting the grant and appropriating the funds, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Grant award contract