



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting May 9, 2023
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting May 16, 2023

DATE: May 9, 2023
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Acceptance of 2023 TX HEAT Scholarship award of \$2,500 to attend the International Association of Fire Chiefs Hazardous Materials Response Team Conference

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing acceptance of the TX HEAT Scholarship from the Yvorra Leadership Development Foundation for the Corpus Christi Fire Department in an amount of \$2,500.00 for the registration and travel of two Hazmat personnel to the International Association of Fire Chiefs Hazardous Material Response Team Conference; and appropriating funds in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Fire Department Grants Fund; and amending the operating budget.

SUMMARY:

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of the TX HEAT scholarship from the Yvorra Leadership Development Foundation. The \$2,500 scholarship will pay for two personnel to travel and attend the International Association of Fire Chiefs Hazardous Material Response Team Conference in Baltimore, Maryland in June 2023.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Yvorra Leadership Development Foundation is based out of Maryland and was created in 1988 in memory of Deputy Fire Chief James Yvorra who was killed in the line of Duty. The Foundation provides scholarships to qualifying organizations in recognition of the importance of leadership and education within emergency services. The TX HEAT scholarship program was established in 2017 specifically for Hazardous Materials Technicians to pursue advanced leadership development in training and education.

The application for this scholarship is available to all Texas fire fighters on an annual basis; however, the Foundation only awards it to one Hazmat team per year. The Foundation's selection process for the scholarship award is based on the following criteria: 1) The applicant's previous training and experience; 2) The applicant's potential to have a positive impact upon the future of hazmat response and training in their organization and throughout the emergency response community; and 3) A review of written recommendations.

The scholarship funding will cover the registration fees and travel costs for two Corpus Christi Fire

Department (CCFD) Hazmat personnel to this year's International Association of Fire Chiefs Hazardous Material response Team Conference. This year's conference will be held on June 7 and June 8 in Baltimore, Maryland.

As part of the conference, the two CCFD personnel will complete hands-on training in both the classroom and on field trips over the two days. Conference courses cover all aspects of hazmat, including transportation, safety, weapons of mass destruction, gear, terrorism, mass decontamination, and bioterrorism. The training helps to ensure that personnel will be able to respond to and lead high-risk incidents more efficiently and effectively, which also increases the level of protection for the community.

This is the second year that the City has applied for this scholarship award; however, it is the first time that the City has received this scholarship award.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative to accepting this scholarship would be to decline it and instead seek alternative funding for registration and travel to the International Association of Fire Chiefs Hazardous Material Response Team Conference. However, this funding might not be available which would cause the two CCFD Hazmat personnel to miss the conference and not get the continued educational training.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Acceptance of funds in the amount of \$2,500 and appropriating \$2,500 to the FY 2023 Fire Grants Fund.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 1062 Fire Grants
Organization/Activity: 840032L
Department Number: 10 Fire Department
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 530350 Training
Amount: \$2,500

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance to accept and appropriate the scholarship totaling \$2,500 for registration and travel of two CCFD Hazmat personnel to the International Association of Fire Chiefs Hazardous Material Response Team Conference, as present.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance