



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting April 11, 2023

**DATE:** April 11, 2023  
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**Acceptance of funds from the State of Texas Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education account**

**CAPTION:**

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of funding in the amount of \$733.36 from the State of Texas – Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education Account for the Corpus Christi Fire Department for training and equipment for four arson investigators; appropriating funds in the amount of \$733.36 to the Fire Grants Fund; and amending the operating budget.

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of an allocation of \$733.36 from the Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education account. The State of Texas provides an annual allocation for training and equipment for law enforcement officers. The City of Corpus Christi's Fire Department's arson investigators fall under the category of law enforcement officers because they are licensed peace officers.

**BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD) has received funding in the amount of \$733.36 from the State of Texas Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (LEOSE) account. The funds are received from the State as directed by the Texas Occupations Code, Section 1701.157.

The purpose of the program is to make an annual allocation from the LEOSE account to qualified law enforcement agencies. The funds allotted for CCFD are used for training and equipping arson investigators. CCFD's arson investigators are licensed peace officers, which qualifies them for this funding.

The grant funds will be used for training and equipment for the arson investigators. Arson investigators are required to maintaining certifications and qualifications on an annual basis, such as firearms qualifications. The equipment purchased are items such as ammunition for firearms trainings and other accessories related to the security and storage of firearms.

CCFD has been receiving the funds since 2002. Last year, CCFD received \$725.49 from this grant.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative is not to accept the grant and instead seek funding from other programs that support fire investigator functions, or to utilize the General Fund for funding. However, CCFD has received this funding since 2002 and it is financially helpful for continuing to train and equipment CCFD's arson investigators.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Acceptance of funds in the amount of \$733.36 and appropriating \$733.36 to the Fire Grants Fund.

**Funding Detail:**

Fund:	1062	Fire Grants
Organization/Activity:	826401L	LEOSE- Fire Grants
Department Number:	10	Fire Department
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	340000	Contributions & Donations
Amount:	\$733.36	

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends City Council authorize the ordinance to accept and appropriate the funds in the amount of \$733.36, as presented.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance  
Award Letter