



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of September 13, 2022
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of September 20, 2022

DATE: September 13, 2022
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**Accepting and appropriating funds the 2023 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant
Funds from the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT)**

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing acceptance of grant funds in an amount of \$184,929.55 from the Texas Department of Transportation for the 2023 Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Project for overtime for police officers to increase traffic enforcement in the City, with a City match of \$46,247.50 in fringe benefits and fuel expenses, with funds available from the FY 2023 General Fund; and appropriating \$184,929.55 in the Police Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes acceptance of a grant and appropriation of funds from the Texas Department of Transportation for overtime for police officers to increase traffic enforcement in the City with a City match of \$46,247.50 in fringe benefits and fuel expenses with funds available from the FY 2023 General Fund; and appropriating \$184,929.55 in the Police Grants Fund.

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 agencies that reduce crashes by focusing enforcement efforts on high crash areas.

TxDOT is providing the City of Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) with a grant in an amount of \$184,929.55 to continue the STEP program in FY 2023. The City is matching the grant with \$46,247.50 in fringe benefits and fuel from the Police General Fund. Between the grant award and the City case match, the total amount for the STEP program in FY 2023 is \$231,177.05.

The grant will be used to provide overtime funding to police officers to enforce DWIs, speed violations, and distracted driving across the City within varied days of the week and hours of operation. The grant is for a one-year period beginning on October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023. CCPD has received funding through the STEP program for over 20 years. The award for FY 2022 was in the amount of \$182,000.00.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to accept the grant and, therefore, not provide additional enforcement for DWI, speed violations, and distracted driving across the city.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact in FY 2023 is the acceptance and appropriation of grant funds in an amount of \$184,929.55 to the Police Grants Fund and a City match in an amount of \$46,247.50 in fringe benefits and fuel to be funded from the Police General Fund. Finance Grants will assign the Organization/Activity for Fund 1061 once the grant funds are appropriated.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 1061 Police Grants Fund
Organization/Activity: N/A
Mission Element: 155 Enforce Traffic Laws
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 510200 Overtime
511000 Fringe Benefits
Amount: 510200 = \$167,163.75
511000 = \$17,765.80

Fund: 1020 Police General Fund
Organization/Activity: 11740 Uniform
Mission Element: 155 Enforce Traffic Laws
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 511000 Retirement
520050 Fuel and Lubricants
Amount: 511000 = \$23,473.50
520050 = \$22,774.00

RECOMMENDATION:

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

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Grant award contract