



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of January 27, 2026

DATE: January 27, 2026

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Approval to submit a grant application to the Texas Department of Transportation for funding available for DWI and Speed enforcement for the Corpus Christi Police Department

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing submission of a grant application for \$107,728.00 to the Texas Department of Transportation with a cash match of \$30,105.23 under the FY 2027 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program for overtime and fringe benefits for DWI and speed enforcement for the Corpus Christi Police Department.

SUMMARY:

Funding is available from the Texas Department of Transportation for overtime for Corpus Christi Police Department 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.

The Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) will use the funds received from this grant to provide approximately 1,650 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 City match in the amount of \$30,105.23 will be used for overtime hours and fringe benefits for sworn officers.

The STEP program reimburses Texas cities through this grant based from the respective City's history of fatal accidents and speed related accidents. Each year, Texas cities provide the STEP program with performance reports based on the impact on DWIs, speed violations, and distracted driving from the previous year. The data submitted is reviewed by STEP for them to decide on the respective distribution award amounts to various Texas cities.

This grant is for a one-year period beginning on October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027. CCPD has received this grant for over 20 years. Last year, the City received \$106,064.00 from this grant program. The City is required to have a 21% match as part of this grant program's funding requirements.

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:

There is no fiscal impact in FY 2026. If awarded, there will be a required cash match of \$30,105.23 to be taken from FY 2027 Police General Fund.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 1020 Police General Fund
Org: 11740 Uniform
Department: 29
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 510100 Salaries and Wages
Amount: \$3,535.50

Fund: 1020 Police General Fund
Org: 11740 Uniform
Department: 29
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 511000 Retirement
Amount: \$26,569.73

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the submission of a grant application for \$107,728.00 to the Texas Department of Transportation with a cash match of \$30,105.23 under the FY 2027 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program for overtime and fringe benefits for DWI and speed enforcement for the Police Department, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution
Presentation