



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting July 18, 2023  
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting July 25, 2023

**DATE:** July 18, 2023  
**TO:** Peter Zaroni, City Manager  
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**Acceptance and Appropriation of a grant for \$4,608.23 for the Corpus Christi Fire Department's HazMat Program**

**CAPTION:**

Ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$4,608.23 from Howard Energy Partners for Hazmat supplies and equipment for the Corpus Christi Fire Department; and appropriating \$4,608.23 into the Fire Grants Fund.

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of one grant totaling \$4,608.23 from Howard Energy Partners. The grant funds will support the Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD) HazMat program by purchasing much needed supplies and equipment to be used in the event of a HazMat emergency.

**BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

Howard Energy Partners donates funds to each County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) within the communities where they operate. Howard Energy Partners operates two facilities (Javelina and Maverick) within Corpus Christi. Both the Javelina and Maverick facilities have operated within Corpus Christi's Council District 1 for over 20 years. The City of Corpus Christi-Nueces County LEPC has a strong working relationship with Howard Energy Partners.

Hazardous Material (HazMat) response team was initiated in July of 1987 with the passing of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III. SARA requires local and state emergency planning around hazardous chemicals. CCFD's Hazmat team currently consists of 15 firefighters.

CCFD's HazMat team currently is located at Fire Station 5 in City Council District 1. The HazMat team is comprised of hazardous materials technicians who specialize in detecting, containing, and removing any release of potential hazardous substances in order to control or stabilize an incident. The Hazmat team members regularly participate in training activities that include HazMat situational drills such as simulated chlorine leaks from tank rail cars.

CCFD's HazMat response team is a FEMA Type I team which makes it a regional response asset.

To meet these expectations, CCFD requires safe, dependable, reliable, and current equipment and technology. The funds donated through this grant will be used to purchase items and materials such as hydrogen fluoride sensors, hydrogen fluoride nitrogen, and demand flow regulators. These items and materials are used daily by the Corpus Christi Fire Department's Hazmat team.

This is the first year that Howard Energy Partners has awarded donations to be utilized for the LEPC program.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative to accepting this grant is to reject it and instead find other funding sources to purchase the necessary supplies and equipment for CCFD's HazMat response program.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Acceptance of funds in the amount of \$4,608.23 and appropriating \$4,608.23 to the FY 2023 Fire Grants Fund.

**Funding Detail:**

Fund: 1062 Fire Grants  
Organization/Activity: 840030L Howard Energy Partners  
Department: 10 - Fire  
Project # (CIP Only): N/A  
Account: 520090 Minor Tools & Equipment  
Amount: \$4,608.23

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends City Council authorize the ordinance to accept and appropriate the grant funds in the amount of \$4,608.23, as presented.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance