



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of June 24, 2025

DATE: June 24, 2025
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Accepting and appropriating a grant for the FY 2025 Texas Coastal Corridor High Intensity Drug Trafficking Initiative for the Corpus Christi Police Department

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing acceptance of a grant from the Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy, for overtime for two sworn officers and lease payments on two vehicles for identification and disruption of narcotics trafficking as part of the FY 2025 Texas Coastal Corridor High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Initiative in an amount of \$41,800.00; and appropriating \$41,800.00 in the Police Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a grant and appropriation of funds from the Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy, to be used for overtime for two sworn officers and lease payments on two vehicles for the FY 2025 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Initiative.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Texas Coastal Corridor High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Initiative was created by the Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy. Its purpose is to focus on the identification and disruption of narcotics trafficking organizations throughout the United States.

The Texas Coastal Corridor applies to Aransas, San Patricio, Refugio, Nueces, Kleberg, Kennedy, Jim Wells, Brooks, and Victoria counties. This specific geographical area serves as a conduit for narcotics into Corpus Christi and other metropolitan cities in Texas and throughout the United States. Money launderers also conduct illegitimate business in the corridor, creating a consumer base that affects the local populations with residual crime. Other agencies participating in the program are the Nueces County Sheriff, Texas Department of Public Safety, Drug Enforcement Administration, Internal Revenue Service, U. S. Customs, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.

With the awarded grant funding, the Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) anticipates that shipments of narcotics through this area will be intercepted, and narcotics traffickers will be apprehended. The data gathered during this initiative will be uploaded and shared with other drug trafficking initiatives and programs across the country in order to further suppress criminal activity.

CCPD is in its twenty eighth year as a participant in the Texas Coastal Corridor High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Initiative. The FY 2025 grant provides funding for approximately a combined 300 hours of overtime for two Corpus Christi Police Officers and two lease vehicles as part of the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Initiative. As part of the initiative, CCPD police officers will be working within the counties that constitute the Texas Coastal Corridor (Aransas, San Patricio, Refugio, Nueces, Kleberg, Kennedy, Jim Wells, and Victoria Counties).

This City has received this grant for 28 years. Last year, the City received \$45,640.00 from this grant. The City is not required to provide a match for this grant funding. This grant award is for activities conducted during January 01, 2025 through December 31, 2026.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is to not accept the grant, which would result in less punitive measures for narcotics traffickers and money launderers. In order for there not to be less punitive measures, CCPD would need to identify additional funding through the General Fund in order to make up for the loss of \$41,800.00 from not accepting this grant award.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The financial impact in FY 2025 is the acceptance of grant funds in an amount of \$41,800.00 and appropriating \$41,800.00 to the FY 2025 Police Grants Fund. There is no required match funding for this grant.

Funding Detail:

Fund:	1061 Police Grants Fund
Department:	29 Police Dept
Org/Activity:	89 Grants & CIP/ TBD
Account:	510200 Overtime
	530160 Rentals
Amount:	\$41,800.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends acceptance of the grant from the Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy, for overtime for two sworn officers and lease payments on two vehicles for the FY 2025 Texas Coastal Corridor High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Initiative in an amount of \$41,800.00; and appropriating \$41,800.00 in the Police Grants Fund, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Grant Award