



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of March 28, 2023

DATE: March 28, 2023
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Acceptance of funds from the State of Texas Law Enforcement Standards and Education account

CAPTION:

Ordinance accepting \$20,169.56 from the State of Texas - Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education Account for training courses and training-related travel for approximately 25 full-time sworn and civilian Corpus Christi Police Department personnel; and appropriating \$20,169.56 in the FY 2023 in the Police Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

The State of Texas provides an annual allocation for training for law enforcement agencies' sworn and civilian personnel in order for them to retain their required accreditation hours. The annual allocation also can be used to help fund training equipment that law enforcement agencies need. The funds must be appropriated annually when the funding is received from the Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education account.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Each year, the Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education account issues an annual allocation of funds to law enforcement agencies, per the Texas Occupations Code, Section 1701.157. The amount of funds received depends on the number of sworn personnel that a law enforcement agency has as of January 1 of each year. The funds must be appropriated annually when the funding is received from the Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education account. The funds are to be used by qualified law enforcement agencies for expenses related to the continuing education of full-time law enforcement officers and support personnel (civilians) as well as training equipment.

For this year's annual allocation, the Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) will use the funds received from the Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education account for continued educational training for sworn and civilian personnel and the travel-related costs for the trainings. Police officers are required to have 40 hours of continuing education training on a biannual basis. As part of this requirement, CCPD investigators are sent to specialized schools such as homicide investigation, interrogation techniques, and others. CCPD civilian personnel are required to have a variety of continuing education training hours each year, depending upon the respective job assignments. CCPD civilian personnel attend trainings for forensics, dispatchers, and crime prevention.

CCPD has been receiving funds from the Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education account since 2002. Last year, CCPD received funds in the amount of \$20,031.30.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to accept the funds and, therefore, offer less training and equipment to officers and civilian personnel until other funding sources are identified. However, this would result in sworn and civilian personnel becoming delinquent in their continuing education credits, which would affect CCPD's operations and credentials.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact for FY 2023 is the acceptance of funds in the amount of \$20,169.56 and appropriating the \$20,169.56 to the Police Grants Fund.

Funding Detail:

Fund:	1074 Police Grants Fund
Organization/Activity:	826200L
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A
Account:	547012
Amount:	\$20,169.56

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approving the ordinance and appropriating the funds, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Award Letter