



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting August 12, 2025

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Resolution confirming Civil Rights protections with acceptance of the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) grant.

CAPTION:

Resolution confirming compliance with federal rules and regulations including Civil Rights protections with acceptance of the Community Development Block Grant Regional Mitigation Program Projects (CDBG-MIT) administered by State of Texas General Land Office (GLO) and providing for designation of officers required for grant compliance.

SUMMARY:

On May 6, 2025, City Council approved an ordinance authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute all documents necessary to accept and appropriate a grant of \$15,092,700 in Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation Program (“CDBG-MIT”) funding from the Texas General Land Office to improve operational resiliency at the Greenwood and Oso Wastewater Treatment Plants.

The Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program funds pose a unique opportunity for eligible grantees to use this assistance in areas impacted by recent disasters to carry out strategic and high-impact activities to mitigate disaster risks and reduce future losses. CDBG-MIT defines mitigation as activities that increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship by lessening the impact of future disasters. No cash or in-kind match is required for the grant. This resolution assures the City’s compliance with federal regulations required to receive CDBG-DR funds and identifies the associated City policies.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The City of Corpus Christi owns and operates six (6) wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs) throughout the City. Most of the City's WWTP infrastructure has been in service for 50 to 70 years. Various treatment units and equipment have exceeded their designed service life, which impacts the WWTP's ability to meet the City's Texas Pollution Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) permit requirements. Outdated infrastructure is less efficient and has a higher risk of failure, resulting in excessively higher operational and maintenance costs for taxpayers.

While implementing a variety of capital improvement planning (CIP) projects to rehabilitate and upgrade the aged and deteriorated wastewater infrastructure, the City has been proactively seeking federal and state funds to support these projects.

In October 2020, the CCW staff submitted two project proposals to compete in two grant competitions of the CDBG-MIT program through the Texas General Land Office: one for the 2015 Floods State Mitigation Competition and the other for the Hurricane Harvey State Mitigation Competition.

In March 2025, the City received the award notification and contract for the CDBG - Regional Mitigation Grant with an amount of \$15,092,700.00 for the City's wastewater infrastructure improvement projects. This project consists of three components: Greenwood WWTP Flooding Mitigation, Greenwood WWTP Emergency Generator, and Oso WWTP Emergency Generator. The implementation of this project with the CDBG - Regional Mitigation Grant will improve operational resiliency at the Greenwood and Oso Wastewater Treatment Plants.

Subrecipients of CDBG-MIT funds are required to comply with the Civil Rights requirements for Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act and other cross-cutting federal regulations and executive orders. Subrecipients must ensure all CDBG-MIT funded activities are conducted in a manner that provides equal opportunities and access to all persons in accordance with civil rights, equal opportunity, and affirmative action laws, regulations, and requirements. A designated Civil Rights Officer will ensure compliance and facilitate any grievances during the grant period. The federal government requires the governing body to approve and submit a resolution acknowledging the above. The Director of Water System Infrastructure or designee will act in this capacity.

ALTERNATIVES:

If not approved, the grant funds will not be released to the City.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The resolution is required to receive \$15,092,700 in CDBG-MIT funds.

Funding Detail:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the resolution as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution