



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of August 29, 2023
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting September 05, 2023

DATE: August 29, 2023
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**Accepting and Appropriating the FY 2023 HIDTA Grant Award 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 the FY 2023 Texas Coastal Corridor High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Initiative in an amount of \$45,640.00; and appropriating \$45,640.00 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 2023 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Initiative.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Texas Coastal Corridor High Intensity Drug Trafficking 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 seventh year as a participant in the Texas Coastal Corridor High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Initiative. The FY 2023 grant funds provide for approximately 150 hours of

overtime for two Corpus Christi Police Officers and two lease vehicles to be used solely as part of the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Initiative.

This grant award is to be used for activities conducted during January 01, 2023 through December 31, 2024. The City is not required to match funding. Last year's award was in the amount of \$45,380.60.

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 \$45,640.00 from not accepting this grant award.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The financial impact in FY 2023 is the acceptance of grant funds in an amount of \$45,640.00 and appropriating \$45,640.00 to the Police Grants Fund. There is no required match funding.

Funding Detail:

Fund:	1061 Police Grants Fund
Department:	29
Project/ Activity:	820528F
Account:	510200 Overtime 530160 Rentals
Amount:	\$45,640.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting the grant and appropriating the funds, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Grant Award