



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting November 16, 2021
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting December 7, 2021

DATE: November 16, 2021
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**Accepting and Appropriating Grant Funds from State Farm Insurance for the Police
Department Crime Reduction Unit**

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing acceptance of a grant from State Farm Insurance in an amount of \$10,000.00 for the Police Department Crime Reduction Unit to purchase supplies used to promote and support Neighborhood on Watch groups throughout Corpus Christi; and appropriating \$10,000.00 in the Police Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a grant and appropriation of funds from State Farm Insurance to be used by the Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) for the Crime Reduction Unit.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The CCPD has been awarded funding from State Farm Insurance for the Crime Reduction Unit to encourage citizen participation and assist residential groups with organizing and maintaining active Neighborhood on Watch NOW programs. The grant will help purchase supplies such as brochures promoting the NOW program and crime prevention tips, signage designating streets as NOW locations, and promotional items used to promote and support NOW groups throughout Corpus Christi. NOW enhances communication within our neighborhoods and allows us to enhance our community. The groups will be challenged to remain active and conduct a minimum of three neighborhood meetings per year. The NOW program will encourage citizens to be the "first boots on the ground" in their neighborhood and assist in crime reduction in their neighborhood. This is the first time that the City has received this grant.

The award period is for November 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative of not accepting the funds will result in a less visible crime reduction program in Neighborhoods on Watch.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact for FY 2022 is the acceptance and appropriation of the State Farm Insurance grant in an amount of \$10,000.00 to the Police Grants Fund. The City is not required to provide a cash match.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 1061
Organization/Activity: Police Grants fund
Mission Element: 152
Project # **(CIP Only)**: N/A
Account: 520090 – Minor Tools and Equipment
Amount: \$10,000.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting the award and appropriating the item.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Grant award letter