



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting April 11, 2023

DATE: April 11, 2023
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Authorization to submit five grant applications to the Public Safety Office – Homeland Security Grant Division by the Corpus Christi Fire Department

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the submission of five grant applications to the Public Safety Office – Homeland Security Grants Division for the State Homeland Security Program for equipment and training to help prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events for various functions of public safety for Fire, Police, and Airport functions such as hazmat response enhancements, bomb squad equipment, Special Weapons and Tactics team improvements, and airport response in an amount of \$912,404.29.

SUMMARY:

This resolution authorizes the Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD) to submit five grant applications for funding under the State Homeland Security Program in the amount of \$912,404.29 to the Public Safety Office, Homeland Security Grant Division. The grant funds will support Fire, Police, and Airport functions such as hazmat response enhancements, bomb squad equipment, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team improvements, and airport response.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The State Homeland Security Program issues grants on an annual basis in order to improve state and local efforts in responding to potential acts of terrorism and catastrophic events, purchasing advanced equipment, and providing enhanced training. Since 2002, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has issued grants to the State of Texas, who in turn awards the grants to municipalities through the State Homeland Security Program.

For FY 2023, CCFD is applying for five grants to fund the following projects: 1) Airport Response Equipment, which will enhance response capabilities in a large-scale event at the Corpus Christi International Airport (CCIA). 2) The Bomb Squad Disposal Equipment, which will increase the safety of the community. 3) SWAT Protective Equipment, which will increase the team's protection. 4) CCPD Ballistic Protection, which will enhance officer safety. 5) The Hazmat Team Enhancement, which will provide equipment and training that will improve the team's capabilities

for hazmat response.

Listed in the table below are the five projects and the funding amounts for each of the grant applications that CCFD is submitting for.

Project Title	Amount Requested
Airport Response Equipment	\$ 2,388.00
Bomb Squad Disposal Equipment	\$ 40,300.00
SWAT Protective Equipment	\$ 160,346.31
CCPD Ballistic Protection	\$ 426,707.82
Hazmat Team Enhancement	\$ 282,662.16
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$ 912,404.29

The City has received funds from this grant for the past 21 years. Last year, the City received \$97,753.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to submit the five grant applications and find other funding sources for the critical equipment for the various City departments. However, this would put the City and its residents at an increased risk to terrorism and other catastrophic events.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact for the application process. However, if awarded, grant monies will be appropriated in the FY 2024 Fire Grants Fund.

Funding Detail:

Fund: N/A
Organization/Activity: N/A
Department Number: N/A
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends authorizing the Corpus Christi Fire Department to submit the five grant applications, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution