



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of September 22, 2020
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of September 29, 2020

DATE: August 24, 2020
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Accepting and Appropriating the FY2020 HIDTA Grant Award for the Police Department

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing acceptance of a grant from the Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy, in an amount of \$89,480.00 for the FY2020 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Initiative to fund overtime for four sworn officers; and appropriating \$89,480.00 in the Police Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a grant and appropriation of funds from the Office of National Drug Control Policy to be used for overtime for four sworn officers and lease payments on four unmarked vehicles.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) is in the 24th year as a participant in the Texas Coastal Corridor High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Initiative created by the Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy. The grant funds provide for overtime for four Corpus Christi Police Officers and four lease payments on unmarked vehicles.

The initiative focuses on this specific geographic area because it serves as a conduit for narcotics into Corpus Christi and other metropolitan cities. This area is also a known location for money launderers to conduct illegitimate businesses with a consumer base that affects the local population 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. The initiative focuses on the identification and disruption of narcotics trafficking organizations operating in Aransas, San Patricio, Refugio, Nueces, Kleberg, Kenedy, Jim Wells, Brooks, and Victoria counties. With the available funding, CCPD anticipates shipments of narcotics through this area will be

intercepted and long entrenched families of narcotics traffickers will be apprehended. The potential profits from the sales of narcotics are identified and the product seized. The intelligence gathered will be uploaded to a criminal database and shared with other Drug Trafficking Initiatives across the country.

For FY 2018, CCPD received an amount of \$122,535.00 for the 22nd year of the HIDTA Grant. For FY 2019, there is an overlap in grant award with FY 2020 and therefore we were awarded more money in an amount of \$144,621.00. In FY 2020, the grant award was reduced to \$89,480.00 because the City is no longer responsible for salary and benefits of the civilian position. The civilian position was contracted to work for HIDTA and is no longer a City employee.

This grant award is for activities conducted during January 01, 2020 – December 31, 2021. The City is not required to match funding.

ALTERNATIVES:

None

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact in FY20 and FY21 is the acceptance of grant funds in an amount of \$89,480.00 and appropriating \$89,480.00 to the Police Grants Fund. There is no required match funding.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 1061 Police Grants Fund
Organization/Activity:
Project:
Account: 510200 Overtime
530160 Rentals

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting the grant and appropriating the funds.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Grant award