

Ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Corpus Christi and the Corpus Christi B Corporation - Type B in the amount of \$2,380,000.00 for funding of arterial and collector streets within the City; approving a 380 Agreement in the amount of \$2,380,000.00 with LiftFund Inc to grant a total of \$2,000,000.00 to small businesses for revenue losses up to \$50,000.00 due to stage 3 water restrictions; and amending the FY 2025 Operating Budget to transfer \$2,380,000.00 from Street Fund to General Fund and appropriating for said 380 Agreement

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code § 380.002, a home-rule municipality with a population of more than 100,000 may create programs for the grant of public money to any organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of that code for the public purposes of development and diversification of the economy of the state, elimination of unemployment or underemployment in the state, and development or expansion of commerce in the state;

WHEREAS, LiftFund is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization whose principal mission is to provide capital to small business owners lacking access to commercial credit;

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2024, the City Manager announced that Stage 3 water restrictions are in effect;

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2025, the Governor of Texas renewed a disaster proclamation for Nueces County based on the existence of serious drought conditions that pose an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property, and pursuant to § 418.017 of the Texas Government Code, Governor Abbott authorized the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster;

WHEREAS, LiftFund anticipates administering grants on behalf of the City to aid small business owners located within the city limits of Corpus Christi and affected by the declared disaster, with the anticipation of generating or retaining jobs;

WHEREAS, the City has concluded and hereby finds that this Agreement promotes economic development in the City of Corpus Christi and, as such, meets the requirements under Chapter 380 and the City's established economic development program, and, further, is in the best interests of the City;

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the positive economic impact that the Project will bring to the City through the elimination of unemployment or underemployment in the state; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that the benefits the City provides under this Agreement are utilized in a manner consistent with Article III, Section 52-a of the Texas

Constitution, Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code and other law, the Nonprofit has agreed to comply with specific conditions to the payment of those benefits.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Council specifically finds that the foregoing statements included in the preamble of this ordinance are true and correct and adopts such findings for all intents and purposes related to the authorization of this project.

SECTION 2. The FY 2025 Operating Budget adopted by Ordinance No. 033451 is amended to transfer \$2,380,000.00 from the Street Maintenance Fund 1041 to the General Fund 1020 and appropriating the same for a 380 Agreement with LiftFund Inc for job retention grant program for small businesses with revenue losses due to Stage 3 Water Restrictions.

SECTION 3. The City Manager or designee is authorized to execute an agreement with the Corpus Christi B Corporation in the amount of \$2,380,000.00 for Street Preventative Maintenance Program repairs to specified arterial and collector streets within the City.

SECTION 4. The City Manager or designee is authorized to execute a 380 Agreement with LiftFund Inc in the amount of \$2,380,000.00 to grant a total of \$2,000,000.00 to small businesses for revenue losses due to Stage 3 Water Restrictions to retain employees with payments to small businesses up to \$50,000.00.

Introduced and voted on the _____ day of _____, 2025.

PASSED and APPROVED on the _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Paulette Guajardo, Mayor

Rebecca Huerta, City Secretary