



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of November 28, 2023  
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of December 5, 2023

**DATE:** November 28, 2023  
**TO:** Peter Zanoni, City Manager  
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**Acceptance and Appropriation of Grant Funds from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division for the Body-Worn Camera Grant Program FY 2024**

**CAPTION:**

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division for the Body-Worn Camera Grant Program FY 2024, in the amount of \$153,027.00 for the purchase of 100 additional body-worn cameras and related equipment for the Corpus Christi Police Department; and appropriating \$153,027.00 in the Police Grants Fund with a cash match of \$51,009.00 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

**SUMMARY:**

This Ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a grant and appropriation of funds from the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The awarded grant funds will be used for the purchase of 100 additional body-worn cameras and related equipment.

**BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

In 2019, the Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) began purchasing Panasonic body-worn cameras for its sworn officers to go along with the Panasonic in-car camera systems used in CCPD patrol vehicles. In June 2022, the City Council approved the purchase of 280 body-worn cameras by CCPD. The purchase of the 280 body-worn replaced all body-worn cameras in CCPD's inventory. It also provided additional body-worn cameras for each of the additional sworn officers that CCPD had hired since its original purchase of body-worn cameras in 2019.

This grant provides funding for the purchase of 100 additional body-worn cameras and related equipment for sworn officers. The sworn officers that will be assigned the body-worn cameras are those who engage in field work. This means sworn officers that are assigned to traffic or highway patrol or otherwise regularly detain or stop motor vehicles, or primary responders who respond directly to calls for assistance from the public. The funding received from this grant will be used to purchase the following items listed below.

1. Body-worn cameras and licenses (100)
2. Magnetic mounts for cameras on sworn officers (100)
3. Five-year warranty on body-worn cameras (100)

4. Eight bay charging dock, AC adapter to charge cameras (13)
5. Storage for the body-worn cameras and related equipment

To date, CCPD has 280 body-worn cameras issued to sworn officers (each sworn officer has his or her own body-worn camera). With the purchase of the additional 100 body-worn cameras, CCPD's total inventory of body-worn cameras will be 380. CCPD's long-term goal is to issue every sworn officer their own body-worn camera, not just the sworn officers that engage in field work.

As is required by this grant, a 25% cash match of \$51,009.00 is available from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

The grant period is September 1, 2023 through August 30, 2024. In FY 2022, the City received \$750,000 from this grant with a required \$25,000 City cash match.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative is not to submit the grant and try finding available funding within the General Fund; however, funding for the purchase of additional body-worn cameras was not built into the FY 2024 General Fund Budget.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The body worn camera grant in the amount of \$153,027.00 will increase the Police Grants Revenue for the Body Worn Camera Program, along with a cash transfer of \$51,009.00 from the FY 2024 Law Enforcement Trust Fund to the Police Grants Fund for the City cash match.

**Funding Detail:**

Fund: 1061  
Organization/Activity: 822912S  
Department: Police  
Project # (CIP Only): N/A  
Account: 520090  
Amount: \$153,027.00

Fund: 1074  
Organization/Activity: 826000S  
Department: Police  
Project # (CIP Only): N/A  
Account: 520090  
Amount: \$51,009.00

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Statement of Grant Award