



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting March 18, 2025

**DATE:** March 18, 2025  
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**Authorization to submit three grant applications to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office – Homeland Security Grant Division by the Corpus Christi Fire Department**

### **CAPTION:**

Resolution authorizing the submission of three grant applications to the Public Safety Office – Homeland Security Grants Division for the State Homeland Security Program totaling \$218,952.00 for ten new rifle-rated armored shields for the Corpus Christi Police Department SWAT Team, fourteen replacement SCUBA equipment for the Corpus Christi Police Department Dive Team, and three additional stabilization kits for ladder trucks for the Corpus Christi Fire Department.

### **SUMMARY:**

This resolution authorizes the submission of three grant applications to the Public Safety Office – Homeland Security Grants Division for the State Homeland Security Program in the amount of \$218,952.00. If awarded, the grant funds will support both Corpus Christi Fire (CCFD) Department and Corpus Christi Police (CCPD) Department's functions, including equipment for the Rescue Team, Dive Team, and Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team.

### **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. Qualifying uses of the grant funds include purchasing advanced equipment and training. Since 2002, the United States Department of Homeland Security has issued grants to the State of Texas, who in turn awards the grants to municipalities through its State Homeland Security Program.

For FY 2025, the Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD) is applying for three grants with the State Homeland Security Program to fund the following projects: 1) SWAT Protective Equipment, which will enhance response capabilities in hostile situations; 2) Dive Team Equipment, which will improve the safety of the community; and 3) CCFD Rescue Equipment will increase the rescue efforts.

The SWAT protective equipment will consist of ten new rifle-rated Level III armored shields for SWAT Team members. The SWAT Team currently does not have Level III armored shields so this purchase will improve the capabilities and safety for the SWAT Team.

The Dive Team equipment will consist of fourteen replacement SCUBA equipment to replace the current equipment which has reached the end of its useful life. Specifically, the SCUBA equipment will consist of safety equipment such as helmets, gloves, specialized drysuits, diving regulators, and air supply. It will also include full-face masks with integrated communication systems and navigation tools such as dive computers and positioning systems.

The CCFD rescue equipment will consist of three additional stabilization kits for ladder trucks 2, 7, & 15 to provide more rescue capabilities for Fire rescue crews. Currently, CCFD has one stabilization kit on Rescue Truck 3, which is stationed at Fire Station #3 (1401 Morgan Avenue). Stabilization kits are essential tools for fire departments. They are designed to ensure safety and efficiency during rescue operations. Their primary purpose is to stabilize vehicles, structures, or other unstable environments, allowing first responders to work safely and effectively during fire and rescue situations.

Listed in the table below are the three projects and their respective funding amounts for each of the grant applications to the Public Safety Office – Homeland Security Grants Division for the State Homeland Security Program, as presented.

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
SWAT Protective Equipment	\$ 75,705.80
Dive Team Equipment	\$ 113,798.20
CCFD Rescue Equipment	\$ 29,448.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 218,952.00</b>

The City has received funds from this grant for the past 23 years. Last year, the City received \$215,009.32 from the to the Public Safety Office – Homeland Security Grants Division for the State Homeland Security Program. The funds were used to purchase one additional 2025 Ford F-450 Police response vehicle and one replacement Spartan Robot for the Corpus Christi Police Department’s Bomb Squad

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative is not to submit the three grant applications and find other funding sources for the critical equipment for the various City departments. This funding is not included in the FY 2025 General Fund budget. If the funding is not awarded through this grant, the City will need to identify alternate funding in order to purchase the equipment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If awarded, grant monies will be appropriated in FY 2026 Fire Grants Fund. No City cash match is required for this grant.

**FUNDING DETAIL:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends authorizing the Corpus Christi Fire Department to submit the three grant applications to the Public Safety Office – Homeland Security Grants Division for the State Homeland Security Program, as presented.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Resolution