



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of February 28, 2023

DATE: February 28, 2023
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Acceptance of a grant to support activities for the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the Office of the Attorney General - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force program, in the amount of \$10,000.00 to purchase forensic computer equipment and software licenses for the Corpus Christi Police Department; and appropriating the \$10,000.00 in the Police Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

Funding is available from the Office of the Attorney General - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to purchase forensic computer equipment and supplies to assist the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force with investigations of internet crimes against children.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention - Internet Crimes against Children Task Force program has awarded a grant to the Corpus Christi Police Department to support activities of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) program. The ICAC task force is continuously engaged in proactive and reactive investigations and prosecutions of persons involved in child abuse and exploitation involving the Internet.

The Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) has been a member of ICAC since 2003. The funds from this grant are made available to the City by virtue of CCPD being a member of the ICAC Task Force. Equipment and supplies to be purchased with the funds from this grant include licenses for four forensic software packages, hard drives, and flash drives.

There is no match required by the City for this grant. Funds are available from February 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023. For 2021, the City received \$10,000. In 2022, the grant was not offered to the City; therefore, no one amount was awarded.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to accept the grant which means that less funding will be available for the investigation of internet crimes against children. CCPD relies on this grant to help fund its operations related to internet crimes against children.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The financial impact is the addition of \$10,000.00 in the Police Grants Fund.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 1061 Police Grants
Project #: 821120F
Department #: 29
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 520090 Minor Tools and Equipment

RECOMMENDATION:

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

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Grant award document