



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting October 10, 2023

DATE: October 10, 2023
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**Resolution Authorizing submission of a grant application to the Firehouse Subs
Public Safety Foundation for the Corpus Christi Fire Department**

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application for the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant for funding in the amount of \$22,745.74 for five replacement and one additional emergency medical services patrol bikes and one replacement rescue boat to support the Corpus Christi Fire Department.

SUMMARY:

This resolution authorizes the Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD) to submit an application to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant for funding in the amount of \$22,745.74. The funds will help to enhance the safety of the public with emergency medical services (EMS) patrol bikes and an additional rescue boat for water rescue calls.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation was established in 2005. The Foundation's purpose is to provide fire departments and their communities with funding to be used for lifesaving equipment, prevention education, scholarships and continued education, and disaster relief. The Foundation's grants are eligible for public safety and non-profit organizations. If approved, the funds from this grant will be used to equip CCFD with five replacement and one additional emergency medical patrol bikes (\$7,200) and a replacement rescue boat (\$15,545.74).

CCFD has had an emergency medical bike patrol team since the year 2000. The team currently consists of five bikes that are housed at Hazmat Central on Leopard Street (Council District 1). The bikes are only used for special events such as the Buc Days Parade, the Blue Angels Air Show, and the Jazz Festival. As for the members of the CCFD bike team, tryouts are held. Prerequisites for consideration include being an FF-II EMS Paramedic with a minimum of one year in grade (from date of promotion), passing a written exam with a grade of 80 or better, and passing a physical ability test (obstacle course) which includes a three-mile bike ride. The written exam is a mixture of questions that cover bike traffic laws, bike mechanics, and medical/trauma

subject matter.

Currently, the bike team is not fully staffed. Tryouts are being planned for the end of October but have not yet been scheduled. CCFD's goal is to have 30 bike team members so that a pool of 10 bike team members would be available per shift (three shifts per day).

Each of the bikes is specifically equipped to help render aid in places and situations where a medic unit is unable to respond quickly or at all. Accordingly, each bike has two saddle bags which contain medical and trauma equipment as well as other supplies such as pens, writing pads, and flashlights. In the case of large-scale events, the bikes allow paramedics to patrol through crowds and get to incidents quicker, which helps increase the likelihood that a patient will remain stable until a medic unit arrives.

CCFD will use the remainder of the grant funds to purchase one replacement rescue boat with motor. The replacement rescue boat will be a Zodiac 380 which will replace one of CCFD's current rescue boats. The current rescue boat is an Inmar 380 that was purchased in 2017. The current rescue boat has met the end of its useful life and has become unreliable due to the many repairs and patches needed to keep it in service. CCFD currently has a total of five boats, which include a hard-shell rescue boat at Fire Station 13 (Council District 4), and four inflatable rescue boats at Fire Stations 1 (Council District 1), 4 (Council District 4), and 5 (Council District 1).

After being awarded grant funding from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant, the Foundation requires a two year wait before applying for another Foundation grant. CCFD previously applied for this grant two years ago in 2021 and was awarded \$32,965.90. CCFD used those awarded grant funds to purchase one additional 12-Lead Zoll cardiac monitor for the AMBUS.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to submit the application and find other funding sources for bikes and rescue boats. However, this will result in a delay in purchasing the bikes and rescue boats since not funding is identified in the FY 2024 Budget for these purchases.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact for the application process. If awarded, grant funds will be appropriated in the FY 2024 Fire Grants Fund. No cash match from the City will be required if awarded.

Funding Detail:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends authorizing the submission of an application for the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant for funding in the amount of \$22,745.74, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

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