



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of January 14, 2025

**DATE:** January 14, 2025  
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**Accepting and appropriating funds from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division  
for funding available under the Body-Worn Camera Grant Program FY 2025 for the  
Corpus Christi Police Department**

### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance authorizing acceptance of grant funds from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, under the FY 2025 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program in the amount of \$106,017.00 for the purchase of 70 additional body-worn cameras and related equipment for the Corpus Christi Police Department; and appropriating \$106,017.00 in the Police Grants Fund with a cash match of \$35,339.00 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

### **SUMMARY:**

This ordinance will authorize acceptance of \$106,017.00 to the State of Texas under the Body-Worn Camera Grant Program, with a City cash match of \$35,339.00, for body-worn cameras for the Corpus Christi Police Department. Funding is available from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, under the Body-Worn Camera Grant Program FY 2025 for projects to equip peace officers with body-worn cameras.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

In 2019, Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) invested in the Panasonic body-worn camera and in-car camera system. In 2022, the City received \$75,000 with a \$25,000 cash match for the purchase of 280 body-worn cameras. The 280 body-worn cameras were issued to CCPD field officers. In 2023, CCPD again applied and received funding from this grant for the purchase of 100 additional Body Worn Cameras. This brought CCPD's body-worn camera inventory total to 380. All 380 body-worn cameras are issued to CCPD field officers. With this grant, CCPD will purchase 70 additional body-worn cameras, bringing the total inventory to 450 cameras.

CCPD currently needs additional body-worn cameras for the sworn officer positions that were added in the approved FY 2024 Budget, as well as to replace body-worn cameras that have failed in the field.

This grant provides funding for the purchase of 70 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 from this grant will be used to purchase the following items listed below.

Funding from the State will provide for the following:

1. Body Worn Cameras and licenses (70)
2. Magnetic mounts for cameras on officers (70)
3. Five-year warranty (70)
4. Eight bay charging dock, AC adapter to charge cameras (8)
5. Storage

The purchase of 70 body-worn cameras will be made through the current five-year agreement with TurnKey Mobile, Inc., who is the City's current supplier for body-worn cameras. The agreement with TurnKey Mobile, Inc. also provides warranty for the replacement of the body-worn cameras if damaged or defective.

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. This project will ensure that CCPD continues to update the cameras with the latest technology available from Panasonic through proactive purchasing and the replacement of body-worn cameras. The City's Information Technology (IT) department actively works with CCPD's Operations Division to maintain a working cache of body-worn cameras and will continue to do so with the new supply.

The grant period for this grant is October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. Last year, the City received \$153,027.00 from this grant, with a City cash match of \$51,009.00 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund. The funds were used to purchase 100 body-worn cameras for CCPD.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative is not to submit the grant and instead to find available funding within the General Fund to replace body-worn cameras as they fail or break. However, additional General Fund funding will be needed to purchase the additional body-worn cameras that will need to be issued to cadets after they graduate from the Police Training Academy and begin their field training.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The Body Worn Camera Grant in the amount of \$106,017.00 will increase the Police Grants Revenue for the Body Worn Camera Program, along with a cash transfer of \$35,339.00 from the FY 2025 Law Enforcement Trust Fund to the Police Grants Fund for the City cash match.

**Funding Detail**

Fund	1061
Organization/Activity	822914S
Department	Police
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A
Account	520090
Amount	\$106,017.00

Fund	1074
Organization/Activity:	826000S
Department	Police
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A
Account:	520090

Amount: \$35,339.00

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends accepting and appropriating of the grant award, as presented.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance  
Award Letter