



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting April 8, 2025

**DATE:** April 8, 2025  
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**Acceptance of a grant totaling \$195,567.11 from the Texas Office of the Governor-Homeland Security Grants Division for the Corpus Christi Police Department**

**CAPTION:**

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a grant totaling \$195,567.11 from the Texas Office of the Governor—Homeland Security Grant Division for the State Homeland Security Program for two replacement X-ray equipment systems for the Corpus Christi Police Department’s Bomb Squad in the amount of \$195,567.11; and appropriating \$195,567.11 in the FY 2025 Fire Grants Fund.

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes accepting and appropriation of a grant totaling \$195,567.11 from the Homeland Security Grant Program’s (HSGP) State Homeland Security Program (SHSP). SHSP is one of three grant programs that comprise the HSGP.

**BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The HSGP is a federal grant program that is managed by the State. The equipment purchased using these grants funds will support local and state efforts to prevent terroristic and catastrophic events and prepare for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of Texas citizens. Since 2002, the United States Department of Homeland Security has issued grants to the State of Texas.

The funding received from this grant will be used to purchase two replacement X-Ray equipment systems for the Corpus Christi Police Department’s (CCPD) Bomb Squad. The X-Ray equipment systems will provide CCPD’s bomb technicians with the ability to look inside suspicious containers remotely without having to open them. This will provide CCPD’s bomb technicians and the public with additional safety as well as more efficient operations when responding to emergencies.

The Corpus Christi Fire Department applies for this grant of behalf of the City. The City has received this grant since 2002. In FY 2024, the City received \$181,346.31 from this grant. The grant funding was used to purchase equipment for CCPD’s Special Weapons and Tactics Team

and Hostage Negotiation Team.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative is to not accept the grant and seek alternative funding. However, this would place the public and police officers at a higher risk of terrorism and catastrophic events as these funds are not part of the City's FY 2025 General Fund Budget.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The FY 2025 fiscal impact is the acceptance of funding in the amount of \$195,567.11 and appropriating \$195,567.11 into the FY 2025 Fire Grants fund. The Corpus Christi Fire Department applies for this grant of behalf of the City.

**Funding Detail:**

Fund: 1062 Fire Grants  
Organization/Activity: 89 Grants & CIP / TBD  
Department Number: 10 Fire Department  
Project # (CIP Only): N/A  
Account: 520090 Minor Tools & Equipment  
Amount: \$195,567.11

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance to accept and appropriate the grant totaling \$195,567.11 for the purchase of two replacement X-Ray equipment systems for CCPD's Bomb Squad, as presented.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance