



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting September 20, 2022
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting October 11, 2022

DATE: September 20, 2022
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Acceptance of Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) \$2,450,000 award to Corpus Christi Public Libraries

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing execution of all documents necessary to accept, amend and appropriate an Emergency Connectivity Fund Grant from the Federal Communications Commission for FY2022-2023; appropriating \$2,450,000 into the Library Grant Fund to provide Wi-Fi hotspot devices for qualifying persons in the City of Corpus Christi, and authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute a contract with T-Mobile USA, Inc. to provide the wireless service plans and Wi-Fi hotspot devices.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of funding from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in the amount of \$2,450,000 to be used by Corpus Christi Public Libraries (CCPL) for the purchase of 5,000 Wi-Fi hotspots that will include 12 months of high-speed internet service.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF), run by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), provides funding to public libraries for the purchase of internet connectivity devices for individuals and families who would otherwise be without internet service.

Corpus Christi Public Libraries has been awarded funding from the FCC in the amount of \$2,450,000 for the ECF program. This will allow CCPL to purchase 5,000 Wi-Fi hotspots that will include 12-months of high-speed internet service.

The Wi-Fi hotspots will be available for checkout at each of its six library locations. In addition to these, the Library Department will be partnering with Prospera Housing Community Services and the Corpus Christi Housing Authority to distribute the hotspots to individuals and families who reside within their housing communities.

The Library is working with the IT department to ensure the necessary protocols are being followed.

ALTERNATIVES:

Not accept the award.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The \$2,450,000 award will be expended using the USAC Service Provider Invoicing (SPI) method. Finance has created a separate Activity Number to track and keep this award separate from other grants.

Funding Detail:

Fund: Library Grant

Organization/Activity: 807723F

Mission Element:

Project # (**CIP Only**):

Account: 520100

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting the award.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance

ECF Funding Commitment Decision Letter

T-Mobile for Education Higher Education/Libraries Agreement No 1515118