



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting April 20, 2021

DATE: April 20, 2021
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Authorization to submit six grant applications to the Public Safety Office – Homeland Security Grant Division by the Fire Department

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the submission of six grant applications to the Public Safety Office – Homeland Security Grants Division for the Homeland Security Grant Program to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events for various functions of public safety, such as bomb squad detection, SWAT team improvement, firefighter protection, and hazmat response enhancements, in an amount of \$698,797.42.

SUMMARY:

This resolution authorizes the Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD) to submit six grant applications for funding under the Homeland Security Grant Program in the amount of \$698,797.42 to the Public Safety Office, Homeland Security Grant Division. The grant funds will support Fire and Police Department functions such as bomb squad detection, SWAT team improvement, firefighter protection, and hazmat response enhancements.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Homeland Security Grant Program issues grants on an annual basis in order to improve state and local efforts in responding to potential acts of terrorism and catastrophic events, purchasing advanced equipment, and providing enhanced training. Since 2002, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has issued grants to the State of Texas, who in turn awards the grants to municipalities through the Homeland Security Grant Program. The City of Corpus Christi previously has received funds through this grant program. The City applied for and received funds from this grant for the past 19 years. For FY 2021, the City received \$332,809.19 from this grant.

CCFD is apply for six grants to fund the following six projects: 1) The Bomb Squad Portable Detection project will fund a portable X-ray unit and disruption devices to provide enhanced protection for the Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) bomb squad. 2) The Hazmat Response Enhancement grant will provide equipment that will improve the team's capabilities. 3) The CCFD Safety Enhancement grant will provide personal protective equipment for firefighters to respond to high-risk incidents. 4) The CCPD SWAT Enhancement grant will provide search/detection equipment to increase the team's safety and enhance capabilities. 5) Funding

for the CCPD Detection System will provide early detection and screening equipment for the bomb squad. 6) The Bomb Squad Safety Enhancement will provide the CCPD bomb squad with remote firing systems to enhance the safety of the members.

Listed below are the projects that CCFD is submitting grant applications for and the funding amounts requested for each.

Project Title	Amount Requested
Bomb Squad Portable Detection	\$70,940.40
Hazmat Response Enhancement	\$34,950.22
CCFD Safety Enhancement	\$272,238.00
CCPD SWAT Enhancement	\$191,664.00
CCPD Detection System	\$100,300.00
Bomb Squad Safety Enhancement	\$28,704.80
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$698,797.42

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is to not submit the six grant applications and use the limited emergency response and security capabilities to fund the six projects.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact in FY 2021 with the submission of the grant applications. However, if awarded, grant monies will be appropriated in FY 2022.

Funding Detail:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends authorizing the Fire Department to submit the six grant applications.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Agenda Memo
Resolution