



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of March 29, 2022
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of April 12, 2022

DATE: February 25, 2022

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Acceptance and appropriation of a \$100,000 donation from NextEra Energy and authorizing the City of Corpus Christi Gas Department to provide gas pipe plumbing services to eligible low-income city residents through the Plumbers to People program

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing acceptance and appropriation of a donation in the amount of \$100,000 from NextEra Energy and authorizing the City of Corpus Christi Gas Department to provide gas pipe plumbing services free to eligible low-income city residents.

SUMMARY:

NextEra has granted the City of Corpus \$100,000 for fiscal year 2022 so that the City can provide gas pipe plumbing services through the Plumbers to People program for free to eligible low-income residential customers needing repairs to gas lines. This program is designed to address an emergency situation involving an unsafe condition for customers who own and live in their homes.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

In recognition of NextEra and the City's shared long-standing commitment to community safety, NextEra has offered to make a \$500,000 total contribution through 5 annual \$100,000 donations to the City of Corpus Christi Gas Department's Plumbers to People program in order to support the City's efforts to provide gas pipe plumbing services to eligible low-income city residents. NextEra will make the annual donation on or before August 15th of each fiscal year within the current 5 year contract.

There are seven criteria used to qualify residents for program assistance:

- 1.) The resident must be a City of Corpus Christi Gas Department account holder
- 2.) Meet household income requirements

Family Size	Annual Household Income
1	<\$32,000
2	\$44,000
3	\$56,000
4	\$68,000
5	\$80,000
6	\$92,000
7 or more	\$104,000

- 3.) Value of the home must not exceed \$300,000 based on the Nueces County tax appraisal
- 4.) Single-Family home residences only
- 5.) Renters are eligible with permission and waiver of damage signed by property owner
- 6.) Must use a licensed plumber through a contract, who has experience repairing and/or replacing gas lines.
- 7.) Must complete an application and be approved prior to services rendered.

The Gas Department estimates that the funds will assist 20-25 homes per year.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to accept the donation. This would remove funds that could be used for assistance to residents.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City will receive \$100,000 from NextEra Energy and disburse the funds to those residents who qualify for assistance through the Plumbers to People program.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 1053 Gas Grants Fund
Organization/Activity: 800022L
Mission Element: 022 Gas Distribution System
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 208200 Unearned Revenue

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting the donation and authorizing the release of funding to assist qualifying residents.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance, Contribution letter