



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting January 12,2020
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting January 26,2020

DATE: November 25, 2020
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Acceptance of five grants totaling \$332,809.19 from the Texas Office of the Governor –
Homeland Security Grant Division

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of five grants totaling \$332,809.19 from the Texas Office of the Governor — Homeland Security Grant Division, Homeland Security Grant Program for Bomb Squad Detection for \$116,151.38, Dive Trailer for \$44,063.76, Incident Command Training Program for \$88,134.05, Airport Medical Response Equipment for \$4,585.00, and Regional Hazmat Response Enhancement for \$79,875.00; and appropriating \$332,809.19 in the FY 2021 Fire Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of five grants totaling \$332,809.19 from the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). The equipment and training provided through these grants 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.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Since 2002, the Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD) has submitted grant applications to the HSGP on behalf of the Fire Department and other City departments. In FY 2020, the City of Corpus Christi was awarded two grants totaling \$333,666.41 from the Homeland Security Grant Program.

The HSGP is a federal grant program that is managed by the State and administered through the Coastal Bend Council of Governments, which is a volunteer association of local governments, cities and counties, and other public and private entities.

Project Description:

The five grants awarded under the 2020 HSGP are titled Bomb Squad Detection, Dive Trailer, Incident Command Training Program, Airport Medical Response Equipment, and Regional Hazmat Response Enhancement.

The Bomb Squad Detection grant will provide the CCPD bomb squad with detection tools to provide enhanced protection for the members and more efficient response times. The Dive Trailer grant will provide the CCPD Search & Recovery Dive Team with a trailer to rapidly deploy supplies, gear, and equipment to incidents. The Incident Command Training Program will allow the CCFD to create an incident command training center. The Airport Medical Response Equipment will improve the Corpus Christi International Airport's response and preparedness capabilities by providing medical equipment. The Regional Hazmat Response Enhancement grant will provide a chemical identification system and training on the device for the CCFD Hazmat Team.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative to accepting these grants would be to decline grant awards and seek alternative funding.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Acceptance of five grants totaling \$332,809.19 for Bomb Squad Detection for \$116,151.38, Dive Trailer for \$44,063.76, Incident Command Training Program for \$88,134.05, Airport Medical Response Equipment for \$4,585.00, and Regional Hazmat Response Enhancement for \$79,875.00 and appropriating into the FY 2021 1062 Fire Grants Fund. Neither a cash match nor an in-kind match is required for this grant.

Funding Detail:

Fire Grants Fund: 1062
Organization/Activity: 821261F, 821262F, 821263F, 821264F and 821265F
Mission Element: 093
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 520090 – Minor Tools and Equipment

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance to accept and appropriate five grants totaling \$332,809.19 for the purchase of terrorism prevention equipment and training.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance