CITY OF
CORPUS CHRISTI

AGENDA MEMORANDUM
Action Item for the City Council Meeting of July 14, 2026

DATE: July 14, 2026

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Interlocal Agreement with Nueces County for Reimbursement of Grant Funding for the Corpus Christi Police Department's Participation in the Red Cord Initiative Program

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Nueces County for the Corpus Christi Police Department's supplemental participation in the Red Cord Initiative Program for reimbursement to the City for $75,418.86 for police officer overtime and undercover surveillance camera equipment; and appropriating $75,418.86 into the Police Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

Nueces County has received a grant award from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, in partnership with the Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation to continue the Red Cord Initiative program.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Since 2012, Nueces County and the City of Corpus Christi have partnered with the Coast Bend Wellness Foundation on the Red Cord Initiative, which is a community-based, pre-arrest and pre-trial prostitution diversion program dedicated to providing practical, emotional, and social support for individuals who have experienced commercial exploitation.

The Red Cord Initiative works through mobilization and engagement of community partnerships. The program includes case management, law enforcement, prosecution, and behavioral health services including substance abuse treatment in Nueces County for eligible individuals. The Red Cord Initiative is a community-based, comprehensive, and holistic approach with the goals of reducing the harm an individual has caused to themselves, as well as the harm that the individual is causing the surrounding community. The Red Cord Initiative focus is to improve public safety and public order in the Corpus Christi and Nueces County neighborhoods and reduce justice system involvement of people who successfully complete the program.

This is second time that the City has entered an interlocal agreement with Nueces County for participation in the Red Cord Initiative Program (the first was in 2022). The Nueces County Commissioners Court approved the submission of the grant application in February 2025. The grant was subsequently awarded to Nueces County in November 2025. The reimbursement funding provided to the City by Nueces County through this interlocal agreement is for the Corpus Christi Police Department's (CCPD) participation in this program (Red Cord). CCPD's participation includes conducting targeted law enforcement operations utilizing police officers on an overtime basis for $68,463.86 and the purchase of undercover/surveillance cameras for $6,955.00, with reimbursement provided by Nueces County's grant funds through the interlocal agreement.

The interlocal agreement with Nueces County serves to augment CCPD's funding and operations carried out under the Red Cord Initiative, as the City also applies for and receives grant funding from the State each year for the Red Cord Initiative. For calendar year 2026, the City received $15,000 from this grant program. The funding the City directly receives through this grant program is used by CCPD to provide overtime enforcement to conduct law enforcement activities to prevent, control, or reduce prostitution crimes.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to enter into the interlocal agreement with Nueces County and not participate in the program, which will cause the program not to be implemented or funded unless other funding sources are identified.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY 2026 impact is appropriating the $75,418.86 into the Police Grants Fund. There is no match required by the City.

Funding Detail:

Fund:	1061 Police Grants Fund
Organization/Activity:	89 Grants & CIP
Account:	Various
Amount:	$75,418.86

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approving Interlocal Agreement with Nueces County for Corpus Christi Police Department's participation in the Red Cord Initiative Program, reimbursing $75,418.86 for police officer overtime and undercover surveillance camera equipment; and appropriating $75,418.86 into the Police Grants Fund, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Nueces County Commissioners Court Certified Resolution
Interlocal Agreement with Nueces County
Grant budget
Statement of Grant Award