



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting April 11, 2023  
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting April 18, 2023

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**DATE:** April 11, 2023  
**TO:** Peter Zaroni, City Manager  
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**Acceptance of two grants totaling \$97,753 from the Texas Office of the Governor-  
Homeland Security Grants Division**

**CAPTION:**

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of two grants totaling \$97,753.00 from the Texas Office of the Governor—Homeland Security Grant Division's Homeland Security Grant Program for terrorism prevention equipment for the Corpus Christi Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics for \$19,355.00, and Bomb Squad for \$78,398.00; and appropriating \$97,753.00 in the FY 2023 Fire Grants Fund.

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of two grants totaling \$97,753.00 from the Homeland Security Grant Division's Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). The terrorism prevention equipment that will be purchased with the funds from these two grants will help support local and state efforts to prevent terroristic and catastrophic events that pose a high risk to public safety.

**BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The HSGP is a federal grant program that is managed by the State, through the Office of the Governor, and is administered through the Coastal Bend Council of Governments. The grant funding will provide increased protection for the bomb technicians and the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team through the purchase of vital terrorism prevention equipment to first responders. The terrorism prevention equipment will enhance both the SWAT and Bomb Squad teams' capabilities, allowing them to respond to high-risk incidents more quickly and effectively. In turn, this will increase the level of protection for the public from terrorism and catastrophic events.

The Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD) submits grant applications to the HSGP on behalf of the CCFD and other City departments. The City has been awarded these grants since 2002. In FY 2022, the City was awarded four grants totaling \$189,547.47 from the Homeland Security Grant Program.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative is not to accept these two grants and instead seek alternative funding for the terrorism prevention equipment for the Corpus Christi Police Department's Bomb Squad and SWAT Team. However, this would place the public at a higher risk of terrorism and catastrophic events.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Acceptance of funds in the amount of \$97,753.00 and appropriating \$97,753.00 to the FY 2023 Fire Grants fund.

**Funding Detail:**

Fund: 1062 Fire Grants  
Organization/Activity: 821271F, 821272F  
Department Number: 10 Fire Department  
Project # (CIP Only): N/A  
Account: 520090 Minor Tools & Equipment  
Amount: \$97,753.00

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance to accept and appropriate two grants totaling \$97,753.00 for the purchase of terrorism prevention equipment, as presented.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance