



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

1st Reading for the City Council Meeting of October 17, 2023
2nd Reading for the City Council Meeting of October 24, 2023

DATE: October 17, 2023

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Acceptance and appropriation of a \$100,000 donation from the Cheniere Foundation and Authorizing an Agreement with the Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living to Provide Services to Persons with Disabilities Who are Homeless

CAPTION:

Ordinance accepting a \$100,000 donation from the Cheniere Foundation and amending the operating budget for FY2023-2024 to increase expenditures for Homeless Services; and authorizing an agreement with the Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living to provide services to persons with disabilities who are homeless.

SUMMARY:

The Cheniere Foundation has granted the City of Corpus Christi \$100,000 for an agreement between the City and the Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living (CBCIL) so that CBCIL can provide services to persons with disabilities who are homeless. Services will transition persons who are homeless to being housed.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Cheniere Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, wants to make a positive impact in the lives of persons who are homeless. The gap in case management and supportive services for persons with disabilities who are homeless was identified as the space where the Cheniere Foundation would make a measurable contribution. The Cheniere Foundation is making the second year donation to the City and the agreement is between the City and CBCIL. The City will monitor CBCIL's progress toward the donation's intended outcomes and disburse funds to CBCIL.

CBCIL will address persistent and chronic homelessness through the new Housing & Support for Homeless Individuals with Disabilities Program (HSHID). CBCIL will establish a housing 'bridge model' for individuals with mental, behavioral, and other disabilities who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. CBCIL's HSHID will fill gaps between the streets, shelters, and unstable housing to short-term affordable rental housing, connected to services and supports, with eventual access to permanent affordable supportive housing. A housing continuum will be established in the public-private pilot, with stakeholders committed to a multi-pronged coordinated initiative.

Year one Scope of Work with CBCIL called for CBCIL to hire and train one case manager and build program structure. This was completed in year one with one FTE added. CBCIL served 121 clients with these funds in year one, and secured housing for at least 8 individuals through outreach to relatives, etc. CBCIL also housed 12 clients in short term housing and 5 clients with 2 year-TBRA housing in year one.

In year two, HSHID will be fully implemented, with outreach to 40 - 50 individuals, and a goal of assisting 18 second year and new individuals with rental assistance. Client eligibility recertifications in the second year will provide a total of two years of housing assistance per consumer/client, with the goal of accessing permanent affordable housing. CBCIL, as the federally established Center for Independent Living serving the Coastal Bend since 2002, operates programs that assist individuals with disabilities of all types to reach their goals for living independently in communities throughout the region. CBCIL is one of two tenant based rental assistance administrators in the region that provide what is considered a “bridge” for up to two years to permanent supportive housing, typically through HUD Section 8/CHOICE vouchers or other subsidized affordable rental units.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to accept the donation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City will receive \$100,000 from the Cheniere Foundation and disburse the funds to the Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living.

Funding Detail

Fund	1071 Community Enrichment Grants
Organization:	89
Department:	17
Activity:	806103L
Account:	530000 Professional Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting the donation and authorizing the agreement.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Agreement
Presentation