



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of November 9, 2021
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of November 16, 2021

DATE: November 9, 2021
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Accepting and Appropriating the FY2021 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Award for the Police Department

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, in an amount of \$192,413.00 for the FY 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program for the Corpus Christi Police Department to purchase equipment such as tasers, a forensic laser, and riot shields; and appropriating \$192,413.00 in the Police Grants Fund with \$96,206.00 to be distributed to Nueces County based on an interlocal agreement with the City acting as the fiscal agent, at no charge to Nueces County, and the remaining \$96,207.00 to be used by the City.

SUMMARY:

This Ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a grant and appropriation of funds from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the purchase of equipment to enhance law enforcement efforts.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Under the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), Corpus Christi has been declared a disparate jurisdiction by the Department of Justice and therefore the City has agreed to split the funds 50/50 with Nueces County. The JAG funds are based on Part 1 violent crimes reported by the City and County. The City reports a greater amount of Part 1 crimes than the County, yet the County is responsible for providing criminal justice services such as incarceration and prosecution for the City. This 50/50 agreement has been in place since 2008.

Jurisdictions certified as disparate must submit a joint application for the aggregate of funds allocated to them, specifying the amount of the funds that are to be distributed to each of the units of local government and the purposes for which the funds will be used. When beginning the JAG application process, a Memorandum of Understanding must be completed, signed, and faxed to Office of Justice Programs, indicating who will serve as the applicant/fiscal agent for the joint funds. The Memorandum of Understanding is good for the term of three years and states the City and County will split the funds 50/50 and that the City will serve as the fiscal agent. Both the City and the County have agreed that the City will serve as the lead agency. The Nueces County Commissioners Court approved the current interlocal agreement on July 7, 2021 and the City

Council approved it on July 20, 2021. JAG funds can be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice.

With this award, the program has provided a total of \$5,685,938 in grant funds to the City since the program began in 1996. Throughout that time, the funds received have been used to purchase vehicles and other law enforcement equipment. The FY 2020 JAG grant amount was \$78,801.00 and was used to purchase tasers, video interrogation equipment, and furniture for the Corpus Christi Police Department Operations Center (the Corpus Christi Police Department Operations Centers serves as the Emergency Operations Center for the Corpus Christi Police Department). The funds received this year will be used to purchase equipment such as tasers, forensic laser, and riot shields with carry bags for the Corpus Christi Police Department.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to accept the grant and not receive the funds.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact in FY 2022 is the acceptance of grant funds in an amount of \$192,413.00 and appropriating \$192,413.00 to the Police Grants Fund. There is no required match funding. Due to an interlocal agreement \$96,206.00 will be distributed to Nueces County and the remaining \$96,207.00 to be used by the City for the purchase of equipment.

Funding Detail:

Fund:	1061 Police Grants Fund
Organization/Activity:	N/A
Project:	N/A
Account:	520090 Minor Tools 530000 Professional Services
Amount:	\$192,413.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting the grant and appropriating the funds.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Grant award
Interlocal agreement with Nueces County