



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of February 11, 2025

DATE: February 11, 2025
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**Approval to submit a grant application to the State of Texas, Criminal Justice
Division for funding available under the Body-Worn Camera Grant Program**

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the State of Texas under the Body-Worn Camera Grant Program in the amount of \$104,300.00 for funding for the purchase of 50 additional body-worn cameras and related equipment for the Corpus Christi Police Department, with a City cash match of \$34,767.00 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

SUMMARY:

This resolution will authorize the submission of an application for \$104,300.00 to the State of Texas under the Body-Worn Camera Grant Program with a City cash match of \$34,767.00 for funding for the purchase of 50 additional body-worn cameras and related equipment for the Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD).

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

In 2019, Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) invested in the Panasonic body-worn camera and in-car camera system. In 2022, the City received \$75,000 with a \$25,000 cash match for the purchase of 280 body-worn cameras. The 280 body-worn cameras were issued to CCPD field officers. In 2023, the City received \$145,017.00 with a \$48,339.00 cash match from this grant for the purchase of 100 additional Body Worn Cameras. This brought CCPD's total body-worn camera inventory to 380. Currently, all 380 body-worn cameras are issued to CCPD field officers.

In January 2025, the City received \$106,017.00 with a \$35,339.00 cash match from this grant. CCPD will use the grant funding to purchase 70 additional body-worn cameras and related equipment over the next couple of months. Once the 70 additional body-worn cameras are received, they will bring CCPD's total body-worn camera inventory to 450.

CCPD will still need additional body-worn cameras for the sworn officer positions that were added in the approved FY 2024 Budget, as well as to replace body-worn cameras that have failed in the field. This grant provides funding for the purchase of 50 additional body-worn cameras and related equipment for sworn officers. The sworn officers that will be assigned the body-worn cameras are those who engage in field work. This means sworn officers that are assigned to traffic or highway

patrol or otherwise regularly detain or stop motor vehicles, or primary responders who respond directly to calls for assistance from the public. The funding from this grant will be used to purchase the following items listed below.

Funding from the State will provide for the following:

1. Body Worn Cameras and licenses (50)
2. Magnetic mounts for cameras on officers (50)
3. Five-year warranty (50)
4. Single charging station, AC adapter to charge camera (5)

The City's Information Technology (IT) department actively works with CCPD's Operations Division to maintain a working cache of body-worn cameras and will continue to do so with the new supply.

The grant period for this grant is September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026. In January 2025, the City received \$106,017.00 with a \$35,339.00 cash match from this grant. CCPD will use the grant funding to purchase 70 additional body-worn cameras and related equipment over the next couple of months.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to submit the grant and instead to find available funding within the General Fund to replace body-worn cameras as they fail or break. These funds were not budgeted as part of the annual budget process.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact from applying for the Body Worn Camera Grant in the amount of \$104,300.00. If the grant is awarded, there will be a cash transfer of \$34,767.00 from the FY 25 Law Enforcement Trust Fund to the Police Grants Fund for the City cash match.

Funding Detail

Fund	1074
Organization/Activity:	826000S
Department #	88
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A
Account:	520090 - Minor Tools and Equipment
Amount:	\$34,767.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends submission of the grant application to the State of Texas under the Body-Worn Camera Grant Program in the amount of \$104,300.00 for funding for the purchase of 50 additional body-worn cameras and related equipment for the Corpus Christi Police Department, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution