



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting December 17, 2019

DATE: October 9, 2019

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Renewal of Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Interlocal Agreement for a Term of Five Years

CAPTION:

Resolution renewing an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Nueces County and the Port of Corpus Christi Authority with the City of Corpus Christi in-kind contribution providing office space, utilities and related services for a term of five years for the Local Emergency Response Planning Committee to enhance emergency response preparedness for hazardous materials.

SUMMARY:

The agreement continues the terms of prior agreements made between the City of Corpus Christi, Nueces County and the Port of Corpus Christi Authority to implement the Federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (Act), 42 U.S.C. 11001, et. seq. The participants agree to support activities of the LEPC for emergency response preparedness to hazardous materials releases.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The LEPC's goal is to educate the citizens of Nueces County regarding potentially hazardous chemicals in the community. The LEPC instructs citizens on what actions to take during a chemical emergency to protect themselves and their families by utilizing concepts such as Shelter-in-Place and/or evacuation. These initiatives also include knowing where to find and how to receive information during a chemical emergency. The parties involved wish to continue operating under the terms of the Interlocal Agreement first authorized in 1992. These efforts include outreach and education to citizens, coordination and communication with industrial facilities and first responders; and knowledge of usage, storage, utilization and transportation of hazardous chemicals.

Nueces County and the Port of Corpus Christi Authority agree to support the LEPC by contributing \$10,000.00 each per year with a total value of \$20,000. The City's contribution will be in-kind that includes office space, utilities and other related resources, that enable the LEPC Administrator to fulfill the obligations under State and Federal Laws.

ALTERNATIVES:

If we don't renew the agreement, funding and support for the LEPC as it currently operates will be withdrawn.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Appropriating \$20,000 contribution per year to the LEPC Fund for a five-year term. The City does not provide a cash match. The City's contribution will be in-kind and includes office space, utilities, and other resources for operation.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 6060 LEPC Fund
Organization/Activity: 21700 Local Emergency Planning Committee
Mission Element: 091 Fire Prevention Education
Project # **(CIP Only)**:
Account:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this resolution to execute all documents necessary to accept this Interlocal Agreement.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Interlocal Cooperative Agreement
Resolution