



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of January 31, 2023

DATE: January 31, 2023
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**Acceptance and appropriation of the FY 2023 Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program for the
Corpus Christi Police Department**

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$154,059.50 from the State of Texas under the FY 2023 Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant for the purchase of 49 additional bullet-resistant shield for the Corpus Christi Police Department and appropriating \$154,059.50 in the Police Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

State funding has been awarded through the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division, for the purchase of 49 additional bullet-resistant shields to equip Corpus Christi Police Department sworn officers.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) has received \$154,059.50 for the purchase of 49 additional bullet-resistant shields through the State of Texas' FY 2023 Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant. The bullet-resistant shields will be placed in CCPD patrol units in different districts across the city. Currently, CCPD only has SWAT shields, which are much heavier and less transportable than the bullet-resistant shields being applied for in this grant application. The new, mobile bullet-resistant shields will allow CCPD officers to carry them in their vehicle units and in the field. This is the first time that the City has been awarded this grant. It also was the first time that the City had applied for this grant.

The grant funds were provided to agencies that may respond to school safety emergencies. The grant funds must be used to equip peace officers directly employed by a law enforcement agency. The grant applications will be prioritized by the Governor's Office in the following order:

- 1) Peace officers directly employed by school districts
- 2) Peace officers contracted by school districts
- 3) Other peace officers that may respond to school safety emergencies

There are five school districts, twenty-five private schools, a community college, and a state university within CCPD's jurisdiction. 124 CCPD officers work off-duty security in these schools

and on-duty officers respond to calls for service at these schools.

CCPD will bring an item to City Council for consideration for the purchase of the 49 additional bullet-resistant shield grants with the funds received from this grant.

This is the first time that the Corpus Christi Police Department has received this grant.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to submit the grant. However, this will result in having to find funds, if available, in the General Fund in order to purchase the bullet-resistant shields. Since CCPD currently only has SWAT shields, this would cause CCPD to lose out on much needed bullet-resistant shields for its non-SWAT officers in the field.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The financial impact is the addition of \$154,059.50 in the Police Grants Fund.

FUNDING DETAIL

Fund	1061
Organization/Activity:	Police Grant Fund –
Mission Element:	151
Project #	822911S
Account:	520090 – Minor Tools & Equipment
Amount:	\$154,059.50

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting the grant award and appropriating the funds, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance