



AGENDA MEMORANDUM
Action Item for the City Council Meeting June 11, 2024

DATE: June 11, 2024
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Submission of an Application to Nationwide Insurance for \$10,000 for training and rescue supplies for the Corpus Christi Fire Department

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company for funding in the amount of \$10,000 for one six-hour training session and one new grain rescue tube for grain bin rescues for the Corpus Christi Fire Department.

SUMMARY:

This resolution authorizes the Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD) to submit an application for training and funding from Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company for rescue equipment and training valued up to \$10,000. If the funding is approved, there will be no City cash match required. The funds will help to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters by providing essential tools and training.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company partners annually with the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety to award funding for emergency responders that respond to grain bin rescue situations. Since it began, Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company has awarded tubes and training to 332 fire departments across 32 states. Two of the previous awards went to Texas fire departments (Maxwell Community Volunteer Fire Department and Tri-County Fire Department).

If awarded, the funding will provide financial assistance for critically needed resources to train and equip CCFD emergency personnel to respond to grain bin incidents. Specifically, the funds will be used to provide a six-hour grain entrapment rescue training session and one new grain rescue tube.

The grain rescue tube is comprised of five-foot panels that are 18" wide and weighs 17 pounds. These grain rescue tubes allow for a 20" opening with pivotable panels for different rescue situations. The panels are pushed into the grain via steps on the side or from the slide handle. The tube can also be used to build a wall in front of the victim if the grain is stacked in front of

them. The six-hour training session consists of hands-on training for emergency responders to learn how to deploy and operate the grain rescue tube.

CCFD has responded to three grain bin incidents in the last 15 years. The most recent response to a grain bin incident by CCFD was in July 2023.

CCFD does not currently have grain rescue tubing, or the necessary training required for efficient safety and rescue. CCFD will use the training and equipment to provide aid in the event of someone being entrapped in a grain bin silo in Corpus Christi and surrounding communities.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to submit the application and instead find other funding sources for the grain bin rescue training and rescue equipment for the CCFD.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact for the application process. If awarded, the funding will be appropriated in the FY 2024 Fire Grants Fund. No City cash match will be required if the funding is awarded.

Funding Detail:

Fund:	N/A
Organization/Activity:	N/A
Mission Element:	N/A
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A
Account:	N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends authorizing the submission of an application to Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company for funding in the amount of \$10,000.00, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Agenda Memo
Resolution