



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting September 23, 2025

DATE: September 23, 2025

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| <p>Purchase of one Chevy Tahoe for Activities Related to the Operation Stonegarden Program for the Corpus Christi Police Department</p> |
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CAPTION:

Motion authorizing the purchase of one replacement Chevy Tahoe from Lake Country Chevrolet of Jasper, Texas, through the TIPS Cooperative, for a total amount of \$76,269.79 (\$53,335.50 for the vehicle cost and \$22,934.29 for the upfitting cost) to be used by the Corpus Christi Police Department for the Operation Stonegarden Program (drug and human trafficking), with FY 2025 funding of \$75,000.00 from the Police Grants Fund and \$1,269.79 from the General Fund.

SUMMARY:

This motion authorizes the purchase of one replacement Chevy Tahoe from Lake Country Chevrolet through the TIPS Cooperative. The replacement Chevy Tahoe will be used by the Corpus Christi Police Department for law enforcement operations related to the Operation Stonegarden Program, which focuses on drug and human trafficking.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Each year the City applies for and receives grant funds from the Texas Governor's Homeland Security Grant's Division for the Corpus Christi Police Department's (CCPD) participation in the Operation Stonegarden Program. The Operation Stonegarden Program focuses on law enforcement operations relating to drug and human trafficking.

For FY 2025, the City received \$247,669.00 in grant funding for the Operation Stonegarden Program. As specified in the grant application and grant award, CCPD is using \$75,000 of the FY 2025 Operation Stonegarden Program grant funding for the purchase of one replacement Chevy Tahoe for law enforcement

activities relating to the Operation Stonegarden Program. The Chevy Tahoe will replace the a previous unit that was used for law enforcement activities relating to the Operation Stonegarden Program. The previous unit was a 2018 Ford Explorer that exceeded its useful service life and will be sent to auction.

Specifically, CCPD will use the replacement vehicle to conduct interdiction operations individually and in conjunction with federal, state, and local partners as part of the Operation Stonegarden Program. The operations will be focused along routes of ingress and egress, both on state and local highways, to include SH44, SH77, SH181.

This replacement Chevy Tahoe is not part of the 75 police vehicles purchase that was approved as part of the FY 2025 Budget. Instead, the funds to purchase the replacement Chevy Tahoe are coming from grant funds that were awarded by the FY 2025 Operation Stonegarden Program grant. The grant funding from the FY 2025 Operation Stonegarden Program grant included \$75,000.00 to be specifically used for the purchase of this replacement vehicle. The remaining \$1,269.79 will come from the General Fund.

PROCUREMENT DETAIL:

This procurement is through the TIPS Cooperative. Contracts awarded through the cooperative have been competitively procured in compliance with Texas Local and State procurement requirements.

Procurement has modified their business practices for a proactive approach to the City's vehicle procurement process. The modified business practice uses all resources available to ensure that vehicles and equipment are sourced and delivered in a timely manner while using economically favorable methods.

Both TIPS Cooperative and the BuyBoard Cooperative provided quotes for the replacement Chevy Tahoe. The TIPS Cooperative pricing is \$53,335.50, while the BuyBoard Cooperative pricing is \$53,735.00. Below is a table that provides the cost comparison between the TIPS Cooperative and the BuyBoard Cooperative.

| Cooperative | Price | Variance \$ | Variance % |
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| TIPS | \$53,335.50 | -\$399.50 | -1% |
| BuyBoard | \$53,735.00 | | |

In addition to better pricing, the TIPS Cooperative currently has the Chevy Tahoe unit available and will deliver it to the City within 90 days of purchase. The BuyBoard Cooperative does not currently have the Chevy Tahoe available and would have to submit an order to Chevrolet once a purchase is made. Once the purchase is made, the vehicle will then have to be built, with an estimated delivery timeline of four to six months.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to approve this purchase and instead continue to have one less officer able to conduct law enforcement activities relating to the Operation Stonegarden Program. However, this will affect CCPD's ability to meet required metrics under the program which will negatively impact the City's ability to continue received funding from the annual Operation Stonegarden Program Grant.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY 2025 fiscal impact of this purchase totals \$76,269.79, with \$75,000 coming from the FY 2025 Police Grants Fund and \$1,269.79 coming from the FY 2025 General Fund.

FUNDING DETAIL:

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| Fund: | 1020 | General Fund |
| Organization/Activity: | 11740 | Uniform Division |
| Department: | 29 | Police |
| Account: | 550020 | Vehicles & Machinery |
| Amount: | \$1,269.79 | |

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| Fund: | 1061 | Police Grants |
| Organization/Activity: | 89/822725F | Grants/Operation Stonegarden 2024 |
| Department: | 29 | Police |
| Account: | 550020 | Vehicles & Machinery |
| Amount: | \$75,000 | |

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the purchase of one replacement Chevy Tahoe from Lake Country Chevrolet of Jasper, Texas through the TIPS Cooperative, for a total amount of \$76,269.79 to be used by the Corpus Christi Police Department for the Operation Stonegarden Program, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Price Sheet