



AGENDA MEMORANDUM
Action Item for the City Council Meeting June 14, 2022

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Resolution amending a resolution with language required by the Office of the Governor to fulfill State requirements for the City of Corpus Christi to receive eight grants under the State Homeland Security Program

CAPTION:

Resolution amending a resolution that was passed and approved by City Council on March 22, 2022 in order to include language required by the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office to fulfill the State's requirement for the City of Corpus Christi to be awarded eight grants under the State Homeland Security Program in the amount of \$481,580.42.

SUMMARY:

This resolution is amending a resolution that was passed and approved by City Council on March 22, 2022 in order to include language required by the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office to fulfill the State's requirement for the City of Corpus Christi to be awarded the eight grants under the State Homeland Security Program in the amount of \$481,580.42. The grant funds will support Fire, Police, and Airport Department functions such as airport response, bomb squad detection and protection, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team improvements, and hazmat response enhancements.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

This item was previously passed and approved by City Council on March 22, 2022. However, on April 8, 2022, the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office requested that we amend the resolution to include the following language: "In the event of the loss or misuse of the funds, the City of Corpus Christi assures that the funds will be returned to the State of Texas, Public Safety Office, Homeland Security Grant Division in full." From April 12 through May 12, 2022, CCFD worked with the Legal department to determine the correct next steps. This amended resolution will fulfill the State's requirement.

The State Homeland Security Program issues grants on an annual basis in order to improve state and local efforts in responding to potential acts of terrorism and catastrophic events, purchasing advanced equipment, and providing enhanced training. Since 2002, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has issued grants to the State of Texas, who in turn awards the grants to

municipalities through the State Homeland Security Program. The City applied for and received funds from this grant for the past 20 years. For FY 2022, the City received \$189,547.47.

For FY 2023, CCFD applied to eight grants to fund the following eight projects: 1) Airport Detection Equipment, which will enhance prevention and protection from terroristic threats at the Corpus Christi International Airport (CCIA). 2) The Bomb Squad Enhancement project, which will increase the safety of the CCPD bomb technicians. 3) Incident Command Training Program, which will improve operational coordination throughout the region. 4) Airport Medical Response Equipment, which will improve the CCIA’s response and preparedness capabilities in critical situations. 5) The Hazmat Response Enhancement project, which will provide equipment and training that will improve the team’s capabilities for hazmat response. 6) The CCPD SWAT Enhancement project, which will increase the team’s safety and enhance capabilities in emergency response. 7) The Bomb Squad Disposal Trailer will increase interdiction capabilities. 8) The CCPD SWAT Detection project will increase the safety of the community, the bomb technicians, and SWAT team while responding and on-scene.

Listed in the table below are the eight projects and the funding amounts for each of the grant applications that CCFD is submitted for.

Project Title	Amount Requested
Airport Detection Equipment	\$11,594.10
Bomb Squad Enhancement	\$78,398.00
Incident Command Training Program	\$55,914.00
Airport Medical Response Equipment	\$2,388.00
Hazmat Response Enhancement	\$162,581.29
CCPD SWAT Enhancement	\$114,050.03
Bomb Squad Disposal Trailer	\$37,300.00
CCPD SWAT Detection	\$19,355.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$481,580.42

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to change the resolution language; however, this will result in the City not being awarded the eight grants and instead attempting to find other funding sources for the critical equipment for the various City departments. This alternative would put the City and its residents at an increased risk to terrorism and other catastrophic events.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact for the application process. However, if awarded, grant monies will be appropriated in FY 2023 Fire Grants Fund.

Funding Detail:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approving this resolution to change the passed and approved resolution's language to satisfy the requirement of the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office in order for the City to be awarded eight grants under the State Homeland Security Program, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Agenda Memo
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