



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting October 29, 2024

**DATE:** September 16, 2024

**TO:** Peter Zaroni, City Manager

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**Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to U.S. Department of Energy for the FY 2023-2024 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program for funding in the amount of \$322,260.00.**

### **CAPTION:**

Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the US Department of Energy for the FY 2023-2024 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program in the amount of \$322,260 to replace existing lighting fixtures with energy efficient LED fixtures for the Corpus Christi International Airport and the Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Department.

### **SUMMARY:**

This resolution authorizes the Finance Department to submit an application for funding from the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of State and Community Energy Programs. The purpose of the grant is to replace existing lighting fixtures with energy efficient LED fixtures at the Corpus Christi International Airport (CCIA) Fire Station Building, CCIA hangar lane, CCIA International Drive, CCIA parking lot canopy, CCIA apron, Bill Witt Dog Park, Bill Witt parking lot, Joe Garza Recreation Center, and the Oso Recreation Center. The total budget is \$322,260. No cash or in-kind match is required. The project will help lower the monthly cost and energy usage for the departments.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program is a \$550 million grant program funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. It is designed to assist states, local governments, and tribes in implementing strategies to reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions while improving energy efficiency.

In 2023, under the direction of City Leadership, the Grants Division created the Strategic Conservation Sustainability Planning Team (SCSPT), a team of representatives from all city departments tasked with designing and promoting initiatives to spur greater gains in efficiency and sustainable practices, including grants and programs.

The SCSPT held regular meetings, completed training on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Program

Grant Funding, and identified possible projects for the City of Corpus Christi. The projects were reviewed for eligibility, then compiled into a list and voted on by the SCSPT. The SCSPT also voted to choose retrofits and upgrades for a lighting project already under consideration by the city.

The SCSPT identified \$322,260 available to the City of Corpus Christi through the EECBG and submitted a pre-award information sheet on May 5, 2023, to the Office of State and Community Energy Programs. The City must now submit a formal application for the grant program by the end of October 2024. A response is expected 30-90 days after the submission is complete.

If awarded, the funding will provide financial assistance for energy efficiency upgrades to the Corpus Christi International Airport (CCIA) Fire Station Building, CCIA hangar lane, CCIA International Drive, CCIA parking lot canopy, CCIA apron, Bill Witt Dog Park, Bill Witt parking lot, Joe Garza Recreation Center, and the Oso Recreation Center.

These upgrades will result in an annual savings of \$7,868 for the City of Corpus Christi.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative is not to submit the application and keep utilizing the same lighting equipment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact for the application process. No cash match is required.

**Funding Detail:**

Fund: 1072 Community Development Grant Fund  
Organization/Activity: 89 Grants & Capital Project Funds/ 870113F Energy Efficiency Grant  
Department: 36 Planning  
Account: 530000 Professional Services/ 520130 Maintenance and Repairs

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends authorizing the submission of an application to U.S. Department of Energy, Office of State and Community Energy Programs for funding in the amount of \$322,260.00 as presented.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Resolution