



CITY OF
CORPUS CHRISTI

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting April 14, 2026

DATE: April 14, 2026
TO: Peter Zanoni, City Manager
FROM: Brandon Wade, Fire Chief
brandonw@corpuschristitx.gov
(361) 826-3900

Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$12,222.00 for the FY 2026 Community Grants Program from the Lower Colorado River Authority for the purchase of a Wildland Team Response Trailer and Emergency Response equipment for the Corpus Christi Fire Department; and upon award, accept & appropriate the LCRA grant of \$12,222.00 into the Fire Grant Fund with a cash match of \$3,056.00 from the FY 2026 Fire General Fund Budget

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$12,222.00 for the FY 2026 Community Grants Program from the Lower Colorado River Authority for funding toward the purchase of a new Wildland Team response trailer, five additional wildland emergency fire shelters, and one replacement emergency response chainsaw for the Corpus Christi Fire Department; and upon award, accept & appropriate the Lower Colorado River Authority grant of \$12,222.00 into the Fire Grant Fund with a cash match of \$3,056.00 from the FY 2026 Fire General Fund Budget.

SUMMARY:

This Resolution authorizes the submission of a grant application to the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) for the 2026 Community Grants Program in the amount of \$12,222.00. If awarded, the funding will help enhance the safety of the public and firefighters by providing a Wildland Team Operational Enhancement package. Specifically, funding will support the purchase of a new Wildland Team response trailer, five additional wildland emergency fire shelters, and one replacement chain saws for the Corpus Christi Fire Department.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) Community Grants Program provides funding to support projects that enhance the quality of life and improve public safety within communities served by LCRA and its wholesale electric customers. Established in 1934, LCRA is a nonprofit public utility that manages water resources, generates and transmits electricity, and supports community development initiatives throughout the Lower Colorado River basin and surrounding regions. Through its Community Grants Program, LCRA has awarded millions of dollars to local governments and nonprofit organizations for projects that strengthen infrastructure, emergency response capabilities, and community resilience.

By applying for this grant, CCFD aims to improve the operational readiness and effectiveness of its Wildland Fire Team during deployments across the region and the state. If awarded, this grant will provide funding toward the purchase of a new Haulmark TS8518T2 trailer, which will be used to transport CCFD's Wildland Fire Teams' utility task vehicles (UTVs) to wildfire incidents. These UTVs are essential for accessing remote areas and supporting firefighting operations in rugged terrain. In addition, the project includes the purchase of five additional emergency fire shelters for CCFD's Wildland Team members. Fire shelters are a critical piece of personal protective equipment designed to provide life-saving protection in the event firefighters are overrun by flames or trapped during wildfires. Lastly, the project includes the purchase of a replacement emergency response chainsaw. Chainsaws are essential for the Wildland Fire Team to clear vegetation, cut fire lines, and remove hazardous trees during wildland fire operations, which enables crews to create defensible space and improve containment efforts.

Overall, this grant funding will help to significantly enhance CCFD's ability to respond to wildland fire incidents, protect lives and property, and support mutual aid efforts throughout Texas. This investment will significantly enhance CCFD's ability to respond to wildland fire incidents, protect lives and property, and support mutual aid efforts throughout Texas.

This item marks the first time that CCFD has submitted an application to the Community Grants Program from the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA).

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to submit the grant application and find other funding sources from the General Fund for the purchase of a new response trailer, five additional emergency fire shelters, and a replacement chainsaw. However, these funds were not budgeted as part of the FY 2026 General Fund Budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The application process has no fiscal impact, however, if the grant is awarded, a cash match of 20% or \$3,056 is required by the granting agency. If awarded, \$12,222.00 will be appropriated in the Fire Grants fund in FY 2026 with a cash match of \$3,056.00 from the FY 2026 Fire Operating Budget.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 1020 General Fund
Organization/Activity: 12010 Fire Stations
Department: 10 Fire
Account: 520090 Minor Tools & Equipment
Amount: \$3,056.00

Fund: 1062 Fire Grants Fund
Organization/Activity: 89 Grants & Capital Project Funds/ TBD
Department: 10 Fire Department
Account: Various
Amount: \$12,222.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend authorizing the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$12,222.00 for the FY 2026 Community Grants Program from the Lower Colorado River Authority for funding

toward the purchase of a new Wildland Team response trailer, five additional wildland emergency fire shelters, and one replacement emergency response chainsaw for the Corpus Christi Fire Department; and upon award, accept & appropriate the Lower Colorado River Authority grant of \$12,222.00 into the Fire Grant Fund with a cash match of \$3,056.00 from the FY 2026 Fire General Fund Budget, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution
Presentation
Certificate of Funds