AGENDA MEMORANDUM
First Reading for the City Council Meeting of December 9, 2025
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of December 16, 2025

DATE: December 9, 2025

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Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a grant from Flint Hills Resources First Responders Helping Heroes Grant Program for the Corpus Christ Fire Department

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a grant from Flint Hills Resources First Responders Helping Heroes Grant Program in the amount of $10,351.65 for funding for the purchase of seven replacement HAZMAT sensors for the Corpus Christi Fire Department; and appropriating $10,351.65 to the FY 2026 Fire Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a grant award from the Flint Hills Resources First Responders Helping Heroes Grant Program in the amount of $10,351.65 for the purchase of seven replacement HAZMAT sensors for the Corpus Christi Fire Department. The grant funds will support the cost to purchase and replace seven hazardous gas detection sensors.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Flint Hills Resources began the First Responders “Helping Heroes” program in 2012. The Helping Heroes program provides grants for training, education, equipment, and emergency notification needs for Texas fire departments and emergency responders. Since starting the program in 2012, Flint Hills Resources has awarded more than $1 million to various fire departments throughout Texas.

The grant award provides funding for seven replacement hazardous gas detection sensors that will enhance the Corpus Christi Fire Department’s (CCFD) ability to respond to hazmat incidents. The hazardous gas sensors are replacement components for CCFD’s multi-gas detection monitoring systems. The seven replacement sensors will provide additional gas detection capabilities than the current ones used by CCFD. Specifically, the seven replacement gas sensors will have the ability to detect Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S), Sulfur Dioxide (SO2), and Hydrogen Cyanide (HCN). CCFD’s current hazardous gas sensors cannot detect these three gases.

The hazardous gas detection devices are used primarily for industrial response incidents to detect the presence and concentration of specific hazardous gases. These devices are essential for

incidents involving chemical spills, gas leaks, and industrial environments where dangerous gases may be released. Additionally, they can be used after structure fires to determine whether the atmosphere is safe for firefighters to work in, ensuring that toxic gases are not present. This capability is critical for increasing both firefighter safety and CCFD's ability to protect the public more effectively.

The City has received this grant annually since 2012. Last year, the City received a $10,000 award from this grant program. CCFD used the grants funds to send CCFD personnel to ropes and boats training courses.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to accept the $10,351.65 award and find other funding sources for the equipment needed by the CCFD Hazmat Team. However, these funds were not budgeted as part of the FY 2026 Operating Budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY 2026 fiscal impact is the acceptance of funding in the amount of $10,351.65 and appropriating $10,351.65 into the FY 2026 Fire Grants fund. No City cash match will be required if the grant funds are awarded.

Funding Detail:

Fund:	1062 Fire Grants Fund
Organization/Activity:	89 Grants & CIP/ FY26 Helping Heroes
Department:	10 Fire Department
Project # **(CIP Only):**	N/A
Account:	520130 Minor Tools & Equipment
Amount:	$10,351.65

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance to accept and appropriate a grant award totaling $10,351.65 for the purchase of seven replacement HAZMAT sensors for the Corpus Christi Fire Department, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Presentation