



## **AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of October 7, 2025  
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of October 14, 2025

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**DATE:** October 7, 2025  
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<p><b>Accepting and appropriating funds from the 2026 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant Funds from the Texas Department of Transportation for the Corpus Christi Police Department</b></p>
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### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of grant funds in an amount of \$106,064.00 from the Texas Department of Transportation for the 2026 Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Project for overtime for sworn officers to increase traffic enforcement in Corpus Christi, with a City match of \$29,263.69 in overtime hours and fringe benefits for sworn officers, with funds available from the FY 2026 General Fund; and appropriating \$106,064.00 in the Police Grants Fund.

### **SUMMARY:**

This Ordinance authorizes acceptance of grant funds and the appropriation of the grant funds from the Texas Department of Transportation for overtime for Corpus Christi Police Department sworn officers to increase traffic enforcement in Corpus Christi.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) provides grant funding to cities in Texas for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Project (STEP). The STEP program reimburses cities for overtime activities carried out by local law enforcement organizations in an effort to reduce vehicle crashes. The STEP program helps to reduce vehicle crashes by having local law enforcement organizations focus on traffic enforcement efforts in high vehicle crash areas.

The Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) will use the funds received from this grant to provide approximately 1,650 hours of overtime funding to sworn officers for additional enforcement for DWIs, speed violations, and distracted driving across Corpus Christi. The efforts will take place on varying days of the week and hours of operation.

The City match in the amount of \$29,263.69 will be used for overtime hours and fringe benefits for sworn officers.

The STEP program reimburses Texas cities through this grant based off of the respective City's history of fatal accidents and speed related accidents. Each year, Texas cities provide the STEP

program with performance reports based on the impact on DWIs, speed violations, and distracted driving from the previous year. The data submitted is reviewed by STEP for them to decide on the respective distribution award amounts to various Texas cities.

This grant is for a one-year period beginning on October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. CCPD has received this grant for over 20 years. Last year, the City received \$99,976.50 from this grant program.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative is not to accept the grant and, therefore, not provide additional enforcement for DWI, speed violations, and distracted driving across Corpus Christi. However, this will lead to the possibility of more vehicle crashes and a less likelihood that the City will be awarded the grant in future years.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The fiscal impact in FY 2026 is the acceptance and appropriation of grant funds in an amount of \$106,064.00 to the Police Grants Fund and a City match in the amount of \$29,263.69 in overtime hours and fringe benefits for sworn officers to be funded from the Police General Fund.

### **Funding Detail:**

Fund: 1061 Police Grants Fund  
Organization/Activity: 89 Grants & CIP/TBD  
Department: 29 Police Dept  
Project # (CIP Only): N/A  
Account: 510200 Overtime  
Amount: \$106,064.00

Fund: 1020 Police General Fund  
Organization/Activity: 11740 Uniform/TBD  
Department: 29 Police Dept  
Project # (CIP Only): N/A  
Account: 511000 Retirement  
Amount: \$3,389.00

Fund: 1020 Police General Fund  
Organization/Activity: 11740 Uniform/TBD  
Department: 29 Police Dept  
Project # (CIP Only): N/A  
Account: 510200 Overtime  
Amount: \$25,874.69

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends accepting the grant, funding the City match, and appropriating the grant funds, as presented.

### **LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance  
FY26 STEP Grant Award  
FY26 STEP Grant Budget