



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting March 26, 2024

DATE: March 26, 2024
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**Acceptance and appropriation of grant funds from the State of Texas – Law
Enforcement Officer Standards and Education**

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of \$1,867.26 from the State of Texas – Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education for firearms training and ammunition for five arson investigators for the Corpus Christi Fire Department; and appropriating funds in the amount of \$1,867.26 to the FY 2024 Fire Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

The State of Texas provides an annual allocation for training for law enforcement agencies' sworn and civilian personnel for them to retain their required accreditation hours. The annual allocation also can be used to help fund training equipment that law enforcement agencies need.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Each year, the Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education account issues an annual allocation of funds to law enforcement agencies, per the Texas Occupations Code, Section 1701.157. The amount of funds received depends on the number of sworn personnel that a law enforcement agency has as of January 1 of each year and on the available funding in the Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education account. The funds must be appropriated annually when the funding is received from the Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education account. The funds are to be used by qualified law enforcement agencies for expenses related to the continuing education of full-time law enforcement officers and support personnel as well as training equipment.

The Corpus Christi Fire Department's (CCFD) five arson investigators fall under the category of law enforcement officers because they are licensed peace officers. CCFD will use the funds received from the Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education account for firearms training and ammunition for its five arson investigators. Arson investigators are required to maintain firearms qualification on an annual basis.

The City has received this grant since 2002. Last year, CCFD received \$733.36 from this grant.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to accept the funds and, therefore, offer less training to arson investigators until other funding sources are identified. However, this would result in arson investigators becoming delinquent in their firearms qualifications, which would affect CCFD's operations and credentials.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact for FY 2024 is the acceptance of funds in the amount of \$1,867.26. The \$1,867.26 will be appropriated into the Fire Grants Fund.

Funding Detail:

Fund:	1062	Fire Grants
Organization/Activity:	826401L	LEOSE- Fire Grants
Department #:	10	Fire Department
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	530362	Training-General
Amount:	\$1,867.26	

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approving the ordinance and appropriating the funds, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Award Letter