



CITY OF  
**CORPUS CHRISTI**

**AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

Action Item for the City Council Meeting April 14, 2026

**DATE:** April 14, 2026  
**TO:** Peter Zaroni, City Manager  
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**Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$99,144.12 for the FY 2027 Border Zone Fire Departments Program from the Texas Office of the Governor for the purchase of advanced tactical communication and night-vision equipment for the Corpus Christi Fire Department**

**CAPTION:**

Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$99,144.12 for the FY 2027 Border Zone Fire Departments Program from the Texas Office of the Governor for funding for the purchase of advanced tactical communication and night-vision equipment for the Corpus Christi Fire Department.

**SUMMARY:**

This resolution authorizes the submission of a grant application to the Texas Office of the Governor for the FY 2027 Border Zone Fire Departments Grant Program in the amount of \$99,144.12. If awarded, the funding will help enhance the safety of the public and firefighters by providing funding for the purchase of a Tactical Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Team Operational Enhancement package. Specifically, funding will support the purchase of advanced tactical communication and night-vision equipment for the Corpus Christi Fire Department Tactical EMS team.

**BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The Texas Office of the Governor (OOG), through its Homeland Security Grants Division, administers the Border Zone Fire Departments Program to enhance emergency response capabilities in communities along the Texas-Mexico border. This program was established to provide financial assistance to fire departments within 100 miles of the border, supporting the purchase of specialized equipment, training, and resources necessary to respond to incidents that impact public safety and homeland security. The initiative reflects the State's commitment to strengthening local preparedness and resilience in areas facing unique challenges due to their proximity to the international border.

This grant application aims to improve the operational readiness and effectiveness of the department's Tactical EMS Team during deployments across the county, region, and the state. If awarded, this grant will provide funding for the purchase of new advanced tactical communication

equipment, which will provide Tactical EMS medics with six new advanced hearing protection headsets, six new Push-to-Talk Adapters, and six new headset rail mounting systems for integrated communication capabilities to allow medics to maintain situational awareness while protecting against harmful noise levels from gunfire or explosive breaches.

In addition, the project includes the purchase of fifteen new MonoNV monoculars, to be distributed to all members of the Tactical EMS medic team. The new MonoNV monocular equipment will provide the CCFD Tactical EMS medic team with advanced night vision capability essential for operating in low-light or no-light environments during high-risk tactical missions. This equipment enables medics to maintain visual awareness and safely navigate challenging terrain while delivering emergency medical care under conditions where traditional lighting would compromise team security. The grant funding will also support the purchase of tactical accessories to include six new Flex Drop Pouches, six new Flex Admin Pouches, six new Maverick Battle Belts, six new Flex Radio Pouches, and six new Avon First Responder Kits.

Together, the purchase of this critical equipment will significantly enhance the operational effectiveness and readiness of the CCFD Tactical EMS Medic Team and will greatly contribute to the overall safety and well-being of the Coastal Bend community.

This marks the first year that the City will apply for the Border Zone Fire Departments Grant from the Texas Office of the Governor.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative is not to submit the grant application and find other funding sources from the General Fund for the purchase of advanced tactical communication and night-vision equipment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The application process has no fiscal impact. If awarded, \$99,144.12 will be appropriated into the Fire Grants Fund in FY 2027.

**Funding Detail:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends authorizing the submission of an application for the 2027 Border Zone Fire Departments Grant Program in the amount of \$99,144.12 from the Texas Office of the Governor, as presented.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Resolution  
Presentation