



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of December 7, 2021
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of December 14, 2021

DATE: December 7, 2021

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**Acceptance of four grants totaling \$189,547.47 from the Texas Office of the Governor –
Homeland Security Grant Division**

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of four grants totaling \$189,547.47 from the Texas Office of the Governor—Homeland Security Grant Division, Homeland Security Grant Program which include Bomb Squad Portable Detection for \$70,940.40, Hazmat Response Enhancement for \$34,950.22, Corpus Christi Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics Enhancement for \$54,952.05, and Bomb Squad Safety Enhancement for \$28,704.80; and appropriating \$189,547.47 in the FY 2022 Fire Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of four grants totaling \$189,547.47 from the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) State Homeland Security Program (SHSP). The equipment that will be provided through these grants will support local and state efforts to prevent terroristic and catastrophic events and prepare for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of Texas citizens.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Since 2002, the Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD) has submitted grant applications to the HSGP on behalf of the CCFD and other City departments. The HSGP is a federal grant program that is managed by the State and administered through the Coastal Bend Council of Governments, which is a volunteer association of local governments and other public and private entities.

The awarding agency is the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Coastal Bend Council of Governments (CBCOG) administers the applications for the Public Safety Office (PSO) and sends a priority listing to them based on the Homeland Security Advisory Committee's scoring of the applications.

The State Homeland Security Program funds are shared between the Coastal Bend region, which includes 11 counties. For the 2021 grant year, 19 applications were submitted and \$2,440,288.38

was requested as a region. However, only \$754,986.64 was conditionally approved by the State, and the City of Corpus Christi was awarded \$189,547.47.

In FY 2021, the City of Corpus Christi was awarded five grants totaling \$332,809.19 from the Homeland Security Grant Program. For FY 2022, CCFD applied for six different projects totaling \$698,797.00, however, only four of the six were awarded, totaling \$189,547.47.

SHSP Awards for Past Five Years*	
2021 SHSP	\$ 189,547.47
2020 SHSP	\$ 332,809.19
2019 SHSP	\$ 333,666.41
2018 SHSP	\$ 85,124.28
2017 SHSP	\$ 141,817.88
2016 SHSP	\$ 280,108.79

*2016-2020

The grant funding being awarded will provide increased protection for the bomb technicians, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team, and Hazmat team. It also will provide vital, updated equipment to the responders, which will enhance the teams' capabilities. The teams will be able to respond to high-risk incidents more quickly and effectively, which also increases the level of protection for the community.

The City has received these grants for the last 19 years.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative to accepting these grants would be to decline grant awards and seek alternative funding.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Acceptance of four grants totaling \$189,547.47 for Bomb Squad Portable Detection for \$70,940.40, Hazmat Response Enhancement for \$34,950.22, Corpus Christi Police Department SWAT Enhancement for \$54,952.05, and Bomb Squad Safety Enhancement for \$28,704.80 and appropriating into the FY 2022 1062 Fire Grants Fund. Neither a cash match nor an in-kind match is required for this grant.

Funding Detail:

Fire Grants Fund: 1062
Organization/Activity: 821266F, 821267F, 821268F, 821269F
Mission Element: 093
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 520090 – Minor Tools and Equipment
Amount: \$189,547.47

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance to accept and appropriate four grants totaling \$189,547.47 for the purchase of terrorism prevention equipment, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: Ordinance, Presentation