



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of January 25, 2022

**DATE:** January 25, 2022  
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**Appropriating \$3,000,000 from the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance and Amending the FY 2022 Operating Budget by Increasing Expenditures in the General Fund.**

### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance appropriating \$3,000,000.00 from the General Fund unreserved fund balance for Fire Department equipment funded by the FY 2021 Texas Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program revenue and amending the FY 2022 Operating Budget by increasing expenditures in the Fire Department General Fund by \$3,000,000.00.

### **SUMMARY:**

This ordinance will appropriate \$3,000,000.00 from the General Fund unreserved fund balance and amend the FY 2022 Operating Budget by increasing expenditures in the General Fund by \$3,000,000.00 which will be allocated to the Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD) for department purchases.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

For the last four years, CCFD has participated in the Texas Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program (TASPP). TASPP is a program that allows approved governmental ambulance services providers across Texas, which includes CCFD, to receive supplemental payments associated with the cost of providing services to Medicaid beneficiaries and uninsured patients.

In FY 2021, the City received a \$4,845,250.65 check from TASPP. CCFD has allocated \$1,845,250.65 in TASPP funds for the replacement of 140 Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses and the replacement of one engine truck. This item uses the remaining \$3,000,000 of TASPP revenue that the City received in FY 2021 and appropriates said funding in FY 2022.

The remaining \$3,000,000.00 of TASPP revenue will be allocated to CCFD for purchases of equipment and supplies used during emergency response situations. These purchases include updated audio and visual equipment for the Emergency Operations Center, 25 new Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to replace outdated devices, 21 new LUCAS devices, 20 new cardiac monitors to replace the outdated monitors, one additional fire engine for emergency response, and payment to CCFD's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) billing company, Digitech. Per the current contract with Digitech, the City is responsible to pay 4.96% of TASPP collections.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative to accepting the ordinance amending the revenue and expense increase is to leave the current General Fund operational budget as it stands; however, this will limit CCFD's ability to purchase equipment necessary for emergency response situations.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The financial impact is an increase in the FY 2022 General Fund expenditures by \$3,000,000.00 which will be allocated to CCFD for department purchases.

CCFD purchases include updated audio and visual equipment in the Emergency Operations Center that total \$397,892.78, 25 new Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) that total \$89,875.00, 21 new LUCAS Devices that total \$308,000.00, twenty new cardiac monitors that total \$1,104,330.06, one additional fire engine that costs \$859,000.00, and payment to Digitech, the EMS billing company contracted with CCFD, that totals \$241,000.00. These purchases total to \$3,000,097.84. CCFD will utilize its current operational budget to fund the different of \$97.84.

**Funding Detail:**

Fund:	1020	General Fund
Organization/Activity:	12010	Fire Stations
Mission Element:	093	Emergency Response
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	550020	Vehicle and Machinery
Amount:	\$859,000.00	

Fund:	1020	General Fund
Organization/Activity:	35100	City Ambulance
Mission Element:	093	Emergency Response
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	530000	Professional Services
Amount:	\$241,000.00	

Fund:	1020	General Fund
Organization/Activity:	35100	City Ambulance
Mission Element:	093	Emergency Response
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	520090	Minor Tools
Amount:	\$1,502,205.06	

Fund:	1020	General Fund
Organization/Activity:	11950	Emergency Management
Mission Element:	095	Emergency Operations
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	520100	Computer Equipment & Software
Amount:	\$397,892.78	

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance, as presented.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance