



CITY OF
CORPUS CHRISTI

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting March 17, 2026

DATE: March 17, 2026
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Resolution accepting a grant in the amount of \$243,191.00 from the State of Texas Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division for Operation Stonegarden for overtime, fringe benefits, one replacement police vehicle, and fuel/maintenance for the Corpus Christi Police Department

CAPTION:

Resolution accepting a grant in the amount of \$243,191.00 from the State of Texas Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division for Operation Stonegarden (drug and human trafficking) for overtime, fringe benefits, one replacement police vehicle, and fuel/maintenance for the Corpus Christ Police Department.

SUMMARY:

The State of Texas Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division is awarding the City grant funds for overtime, fringe benefits, one replacement vehicle, and fuel/maintenance for Operation Stonegarden (OPSG). Funding is available and eligible for Operation Stonegarden under the Department of Homeland Security Grant Program. Grant funds were appropriated in the FY2026 Police Grants budget.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Corpus Christi was identified as an integral part of the U.S. Border Patrol's strategy to enhance cooperation and coordination among numerous agencies in a joint mission to combat drug and human trafficking. This grant's funding will be used to enhance law enforcement efforts along routes of ingress and egress, including coastal waterways, in the Corpus Christi region.

The Corpus Christi Police Department's (CCPD) participation in Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) will consist of combating drug and human trafficking. This will be achieved by establishing a substantial probability of apprehension through improved enforcement, improved rapid mobility, and intelligence-driven resource deployments. Additionally, CCPD will promote an environment of collaborative enforcement efforts with multiple agencies to assist in the stated mission of OPSG.

More specifically, CCPD will conduct interdiction operations individually and in conjunction with federal, state, and local partners. The operations will be focused along routes of ingress and egress, both on state and local highways, to include SH44, SH77, SH181. The operations also will take place along routes of ingress and egress from the extensive coastal waterways surrounding Corpus Christi

The OPSG grant will pay for overtime, fringe benefits, one replacement police vehicle, and fuel/maintenance. As part of OPSG, CCPD's tactical operations teams will conduct approximately 1,780 hours of overtime. The purpose of the replacement police vehicle is because the current police vehicle used for this operation needs to be replaced due to severe rust damage.

The grant period is from March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2027. This is the fourteenth year that the City has received this grant. Last year, the City received \$247,669.00 from this grant.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to accept the grant, thereby providing less funds for overtime and fringe benefits for CCPD officers to be involved with the OPSG operations. However, this will prevent CCPD from launching operations and collaborating with other law enforcement agencies in order to combat drug and human trafficking in the region.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The grant funds were anticipated and appropriated in the FY 2026 Police Grant Fund with the FY 2026 Operating Budget.

Funding Detail:

Fund:	Police Grants Fund 1061	
Dept:	29	
Org:	89	
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	510200 Overtime	\$105,000.00
	511000 Retirement	\$33,191.00
	520050 Fuel	\$15,000.00
	530230 Equipment Maintenance	\$10,000.00
	550020 Vehicles	\$80,000.00
Total:	\$243,191.00	

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting a grant in the amount of \$243,191.00 from the State of Texas Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division for Operation Stonegarden (drug and human trafficking) for overtime, fringe benefits, one replacement police vehicle, and fuel/maintenance for the Corpus Christ Police Department, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Grant award document