



CITY OF
CORPUS CHRISTI

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting May 12, 2026

DATE: May 12, 2026

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Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, for the FY 2024 & 2025 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program for funding in the amount of \$3,375,000.00 for the Allison Wastewater Treatment Plant Backup Generator Project with a cash match of \$1,125,000.00 from the Wastewater Capital Fund.

CAPTION:

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SUMMARY:

This resolution authorizes the Corpus Christi Water Department to submit a grant application for funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), to the FY 2024 & 2025 BRIC Grant Program for the Allison Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Backup Generator Project.

The Allison WWTP is one of Corpus Christi's six wastewater treatment plants and serves approximately 170,000 people. The Allison WWTP is located at 4101 Allison Road in Corpus Christi, Texas 78410, was constructed in 1966, and last modified in 2024. The plant has an average flow capacity of 5 MGD and a peak flow capacity of 15 MGD. The plant treats wastewater collected within the Allison Service Basin, which is composed of 16 lift stations. The Allison Service Basin covers an area from River Lane at its northernmost point to McGloin Road at its

southernmost point, encompassing an area of roughly 38 square miles. Currently, Allison WWTP does not have emergency backup power supply to plant infrastructure during power outages.

The scope of work includes the following improvements:

- Installation of emergency generators with full power capacity
- Instrumentation and electrical control system for automatic switch between AEP power and emergency generators
- Miscellaneous improvements related to emergency generators

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program is a competitive FEMA hazard mitigation grant initiative authorized under Section 203 of the Stafford Act. The program provides federal funding to states, local governments, U.S. territories, and federally recognized Tribal nations to support infrastructure-focused hazard mitigation activities that reduce risks from natural hazards and enhance community resilience.

FEMA has made \$1 billion available under FY 2024 & FY 2025 BRIC Notice of Funding Opportunity. The BRIC program prioritizes projects that are construction-ready, cost-effective, technically feasible, and aligned with modern building code standards. Funding received under the BRIC program must support infrastructure projects such as flood mitigation, drought resilience, wildfire mitigation, and other natural hazard risk–reduction measures.

The City of Corpus Christi is eligible to apply as a sub-applicant through the State of Texas and qualifies for 75% federal funding with a 25% cash match from the Wastewater Capital Fund.

The anticipated award date for the grant varies by project, but each award has a 36-month period of performance, with the submission of the grant application due to the State of Texas by June 1, 2026 for review prior to FEMA review.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to apply for the grant and utilize Revenue Bonds to fund the generators.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact in FY26 for the application process. However, if awarded, a cash match of \$1,125,000 will be funded from the Wastewater Capital Fund in FY 2027.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund: 4263
Organization: 89
Department: 46
Account: 550910
Amount: \$1,125,000.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend authorizing the submission of the grant application, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution
Presentation