



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of June 17, 2025
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of June 24, 2025

DATE: June 10, 2025
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Acceptance of the Texas Beach Watch 5-Year Contract to Collect & Analyze Recreational Beach Water for the Corpus Christi – Nueces County Public Health District

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with an estimated payment amount of \$700,000.00 to the City of Corpus Christi from the Texas General Land Office to provide beach water sampling in Nueces, Aransas, and San Patricio counties under the Texas Beach Watch Program for a five-year period beginning in FY25 and ending August 31, 2030.

SUMMARY:

The Corpus Christi-Nueces County Public Health District (CCNCPHD) received Contract No. 26-004-004 from the General Land Office (GLO) to collect and analyze recreational beach water samples from designated sampling stations and report results to the GLO. During the contract term, the GLO will issue annual Work Orders. This agreement funds one Public Health Technician position.

Under this contract, CCNCPHD will follow the Texas Beach Watch work plan to collect and analyze water samples in Nueces, Aransas, and San Patricio Counties. The Texas Beach Watch program helps protect public health by monitoring coastal water quality and issuing advisories when bacteria levels exceed safe limits, ensuring the community can make informed decisions about swimming and water activities.

All funding is based on annual work orders from the General Land Office (GLO), with an estimated \$700,000.00 allocated over the next five years.

The City Manager, or designee, may reject or terminate this grant. Furthermore, the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to execute contract amendments pertaining to these grant funds in the following instances: a) for the carry-over of funds, when ascertained and approved by the funding agency through a revised notice of award; b) a no-cost extension; c) when an amendment will provide supplemental grant funds in an amount not to exceed 20% of the original grant amount; d) for reimbursement increases of administration funds for each participant served; e) to comply with applicable State or federal laws and regulations; and f) for matters which do not change the essential purpose of the grant.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The GLO has awarded a contract to CCNCPHD to collect and analyze recreational beach water samples, notify the public of beach water quality and recommend and/or issue, water quality advisories when warranted. This contract is effective September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2030. Every year, the GLO awards the Texas Beach Watch Program financial support, which provides for salary, benefits, and expenses. Annual work orders are awarded to the CCNCPHD during the 5-year contract term.

The TBW program collects & analyzes specimens throughout designated sampling stations in Nueces, Aransas, and San Patricio Counties and monitors waterways. The program monitors these recreational beaches and when Enterococci bacteria levels in the water exceed the acceptable standards established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the GLO works with local governments to issue advisories warning the public. This award has been appropriated to the CCNCPHD since 2015.

Water samples are collected and tested throughout the year. During the peak beach season, which runs from May through October, water samples are collected weekly. During the rest of the year, samples are collected every two weeks. The one exception occurs in March when weekly sampling is conducted to coincide with spring break. In FY24, the Corpus Christi-Nueces County Public Health District collected approximately 2,000 initial water samples and 500 recollected samples from 50 sampling stations as part of monitoring efforts.

Budget Breakdown: Total estimated amount of Texas Beach Watch Contract is \$700,000.00

| Account Line Item: | FY26 | FY27 | FY28 | FY29 | FY30 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Salaries & Wages | \$44,000.00 | \$44,000.00 | \$44,000.00 | \$44,000.00 | \$44,000.00 |
| Overtime | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| Other Pay | \$716.04 | \$716.04 | \$716.04 | \$716.04 | \$716.04 |
| Retirement | \$11,012.40 | \$11,012.40 | \$11,012.40 | \$11,012.40 | \$11,012.40 |
| Group Insurance Benefits | \$8,500.00 | \$8,500.00 | \$8,500.00 | \$8,500.00 | \$8,500.00 |
| Other Employee Benefits | \$78.00 | \$78.00 | \$78.00 | \$78.00 | \$78.00 |
| Clinical Supplies | \$25,000.00 | \$25,000.00 | \$25,000.00 | \$25,000.00 | \$25,000.00 |
| Chem/hsld supplies | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 |
| Janitorial supplies | \$400.00 | \$400.00 | \$400.00 | \$400.00 | \$400.00 |
| Minor tools & equipment | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| Minor computer equipment | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| Office supplies | \$12,000.00 | \$12,000.00 | \$12,000.00 | \$12,000.00 | \$12,000.00 |
| Fuel & Lubricants | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| Food & Food Supplies | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 |
| Professional services | \$4,193.56 | \$4,193.56 | \$4,193.56 | \$4,193.56 | \$4,193.56 |
| Vehicle repairs | \$4,000.00 | \$4,000.00 | \$4,000.00 | \$4,000.00 | \$4,000.00 |
| Telephone/telegraph/cable | \$600.00 | \$600.00 | \$600.00 | \$600.00 | \$600.00 |
| Uniforms & Safety Clothing | \$10,000.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$10,000.00 | \$10,000.00 |
| Travel | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 |
| Total: | \$140,000.00 | \$140,000.00 | \$140,000.00 | \$140,000.00 | \$140,000.00 |

The Texas Beach Watch program, funded by the EPA and managed by the GLO, provides daily water quality updates based on sample results which are entered in the GLO database. Local governments post advisory signs at beach access points when bacterial levels exceed acceptable limits. Water samples are collected and analyzed at multiple locations throughout the Coastal Bend, with repeat sampling continuing until bacteria levels return to a safe range. Reimbursement

for each sample is determined by the annual work order provided by the GLO. The total estimated revenue for the next five years is \$700,000.00.

ALTERNATIVES:

Denial of the Texas Beach Watch contract would eliminate essential real-time reporting on recreational beach water bacterial levels for the community who utilizes these resources.

FISCAL IMPACT:

All collection, testing, and reporting services are fully covered through annual work orders from the General Land Office (GLO). The total estimated revenue for the next five years is \$700,000.00.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund: 1066 Health Grant Fund
Organization/Activity: 89 Grants & CIP/ TBD
Mission Element: 15 Health
Account: Various
Amount: 700,000.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the Ordinance to apply, approve, and appropriate GLO contract and annual work orders.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
GLO Contract No. 26-004-004
Presentation
Certificate of Funds