



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future item for the City Council meeting of February 8, 2022
Action Item for the City Council meeting of February 15, 2022

DATE: February 8, 2022
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Interlocal agreement with Nueces County for Grant Funding

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Nueces County for one year for the City to receive from Nueces County grant funding in the amount of \$75,672.50 for reimbursement of overtime and undercover surveillance equipment for the Red Cord Initiative Program (Prostitution Crimes Reduction Program); and appropriating \$75,672.50 into the Police Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

Nueces County has received a grant award from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, in partnership with the Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation, to continue the Red Cord Initiative program.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Since 2012, Nueces County and the City of Corpus Christi have partnered with the Coast Bend Wellness Foundation on the Red Cord Initiative, which is a community-based, pre-arrest and pre-trial prostitution diversion program dedicated to providing practical, emotional, and social support for individuals who have experienced commercial exploitation. The Initiative works through mobilization and engagement of community partnerships. The program includes case management, law enforcement, prosecution, and behavioral health services including substance abuse treatment in Nueces County for eligible individuals. The Red Cord Initiative believes in a community-based, comprehensive, and holistic approach with the goals of reducing the harm an individual has caused to themselves, as well as the harm that the individual is causing the surrounding community. The Red Cord Initiative focus is to improve public safety and public order in the Corpus Christi and Nueces County neighborhoods and reduce justice system involvement of people who successfully complete the program.

This is the first time that there has been a grant funding agreement between Nueces County and the City for the Red Cord Program. The money provided to the City by Nueces County is through a state grant that the county was awarded for one year. The Police Department will conduct targeted law enforcement operations utilizing police officers on an overtime basis for \$68,463.86 and purchase undercover/surveillance cameras for \$7,208.64 with funding provided by the grant.

Last year, the City received grant funds from the Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation in an amount of \$22,734.08 to fund overtime and related costs for the Red Cord Initiative Diversion Program.

The Nueces County Commissioners Court approved the interlocal agreement on January 26, 2022.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to enter into the interlocal agreement with Nueces County and not participate in the program, which will cause the program not to be implemented or funded unless other funding sources are identified.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact for FY 2022 is accepting and appropriating an amount of \$75,672.50 to the Police Grants Fund. There is no required City match.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 1061 Police Grants Fund
Organization/Activity: 821607S
Mission Element: 151 Respond to Calls for law enforcement
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 510200 Overtime
511000 Retirement
520090 Minor Tools and Equipment

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approving the interlocal agreement, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Interlocal agreement with Nueces County.