



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting December 10, 2019  
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting December 17, 2019

**DATE:** November 12, 2019  
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Acceptance of grant funds from the Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation in the amount of \$22,892.91 for the Red Cord Initiative Diversion Program

### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance accepting grant funds from the Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation in the amount of \$22,892.91 for the Red Cord Initiative Diversion Program; and appropriating \$22,892.91 in the FY 2020 Police General Fund.

### **SUMMARY:**

The Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation has received a grant from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$22,892.91 to fund overtime, fringe benefits, and surveillance equipment for the Police Department to work with the Red Cord Initiative Diversion Program. The City is considered a subgrantee.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The Corpus Christi Police Department will work with the Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation to provide overtime services to conduct law enforcement activities to prevent, control, or reduce prostitution crimes during the grant period of October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020. The Police Department will provide the following services:

- Assign personnel trained and specialized in targeting investigations and prosecutions of prostitution crimes.
- Coordinate and schedule operations in high risk areas to target individuals who are eligible for the diversion program.
- Participate in and support performance measures and the evaluation plan to meet contractual obligations.
- Identify a point of contact to serve on the Red Cord Initiative Multi-Disciplinary Care Team and attend coordinating group planning meetings as appropriate.

The Red Cord Initiative is a community-based pretrial prostitution diversion program dedicated to providing practical, emotional, and social support for those involved in sex work 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.

The Police Department will run two operations, each to run for seven hours, for an overtime cost of \$15,040.76, fringe benefits of \$4,852.15, and undercover and surveillance camera/recording equipment of \$3,000 for a total grant amount of \$22,892.91.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative of not accepting the funds will cause the program not to be implemented.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Appropriating \$22,892.91 from the Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation grant into the FY 2020 Police General Fund budget. The Police General Fund will provide no cash match.

**Funding Detail:**

Fund:	1020
Organization/Activity:	Police General fund
Mission Element:	152
Project # (CIP Only):	
Account:	510200 11730 \$15,040.76
	511000 11730 \$ 4,852.15
	520090 11730 \$ 3,000.00

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends accepting the award and appropriating the funds.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Grant award document