



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of September 22, 2020
Second Reading for Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of September 29, 2020

DATE: September 4, 2020
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Acceptance of 2020 Texas Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant Program
in an amount of \$919,500
for Corpus Christi Army Depot Flight Line Security Enhancement Project

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing acceptance of a grant totaling \$919,500 from the Office of the Governor from the Texas Military Preparedness Commission's Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) to complete the Corpus Christi Army Depot Flight Line Security Enhancement Project, authorizing the execution of the grant agreement, and providing \$92,000 as an in-kind contribution for grant administration services.

SUMMARY:

To receive the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) program funds, the State of Texas requires award recipients to sign Grant Agreements identifying the responsibilities of the recipient and the State. An appropriation of \$92,000 will be made from 3542-ST2007A-ITMPCGO to fund the city's match for the project. Reimbursement grant funds will be deposited into 1072-Community Development Grant Fund for the Corpus Christi Army Depot Flight Line Security Enhancement Project. The City FY 2019-2020 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Budget adopted by Ordinance 031870 is amended to increase revenues and expenditures.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

On April 1, 2020, the City of Corpus Christi was awarded a grant from the State of Texas totaling more than \$919,500 to complete the Corpus Christi Army Depot Flight Line Security Enhancement Project. The governor awarded \$14.1 Million in grants to 6 communities in this round of DEAAG funding. The Texas Legislature appropriated \$30 million in this biennium to the Texas Military Preparedness Commission (TMPC) Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) fund to assist defense communities that have been impacted by a past or future Base Realignment and Closure action.

The Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) is one of 40 tenant commands within Naval Air Station Corpus Christi with more than 75 buildings on the base. Because of the sensitive homeland security activities performed at CCAD, it is imperative to further protect CCAD buildings with

increased security technology and fencing to limit access to active duty, civilian and contractor personnel.

The grant project will construct and stripe a roadway and restripe the helicopter parking and landing areas in the flight line to ensure flight/ground safety and efficient use of available area to meet a wide range of mission requirements. Also, the proposed project is to install the security elements along the flight line with new fencing and gates to impede, channel or stop unauthorized pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The new security enhancements funded by CCAD as match for this project will continue the security improvements of CCAD facilities funded by the 2019 DEAAG-funded project and force protection initiatives funded at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi through the Texas Military Value Revolving Loan Fund, DEAAG and Navy funds. The entire project is an important force protection measure taken to mitigate hostile actions against Department of Defense personnel (to include family members), resources, facilities, and critical information.

Improving the safety and security of the flight line is critical as CCAD begins to ramp up its repair and maintenance work on new Army aircraft platforms, such as the UH60V helicopter, and seeks to attract additional workload, such as CH47. The security enhancement initiative, funded in part by DEAAG in 2019 and proposed to continue in this application, ensures the security of key military equipment and personnel. Aged markings and flight line infrastructure degrade CCAD's ability to ensure safe aircraft and equipment movement and poses a challenge to surging aircraft numbers, if required. In the future, as the Army evaluates locations for additional aircraft workload, issues such as safe movement and security of assets are likely to be essential facility requirements, especially for programs with newer technologies. To adequately prepare for the potential surge in maintenance and repair workload that may come to CCAD in the future, the optimum time to implement the flight line security enhancement project is now in 2020.

This project is a continuation of the strong partnership between the City, the Navy and the Army to make security improvement at the base. Perimeter fencing and a commercial vehicle inspection station were funded through a Texas Military Preparedness Commission loan. Security Enclave fencing of CCAD facilities and the extension of a redundant water line into NASCC along Ocean Drive from the university was funded by a previous DEAAG award. The community is committed to sustaining and growing the missions of both NASCC and CCAD and staff believes this application will be an important tool to make that happen.

	PROJECT COST	
LEVERAGE	DOLLARS	PERCENTAGE
DEAAG	\$ 919,500.00	30.650
CCAD	\$ 1,950,000.00	65.000%
NASCC	\$ 38,275.00	1.276%
CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI	\$ 92,000.00	3.067%

The Engineering Department will manage the grant in-house using the \$92,000 match from the City but utilize a contractor for the work. The next step is to complete the gifting process to the Navy. The City is required to finish the project two years from the date of award, which was May 15, 2020.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council may choose not to approve the grant agreements, and the TMPC will reallocate the funds to other defense communities in Texas.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Accepting the grant will provide \$919,500 to complete the CCAD Flight Line Security Enhancement Project. The City of Corpus Christi will provide a match of \$92,000 which will cover engineering services and grant administration for the project.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 3542 – 2007A Texas Military Preparedness Commission GO Fund
Organization/Activity: 20259-A-3542-EXP
Mission Element: 051
Project # **(CIP Only)**: 20259A – DEAAG Flight Line Safety Improvements
Account: 550950
Amount: \$92,000.00

Fund: 1072 – Community Development Grant Fund
Organization/Activity: 870103S – DEAAG Flight Line Safety Project
Mission Element: 071
Project # **(CIP Only)**: N/A
Account: 550950
Amount: \$919,500.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of grant totaling \$919,500 from the Office of the Governor, Texas Military Preparedness Commission’s Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) to complete the Corpus Christi Army Depot Flight Line Security Enhancement Project, authorizing the City Manager to execute grant agreement, appropriating \$919,500 in the 1072-Community Development Grant Fund and providing \$92,000 as a city match contribution for grant administration services.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

1. Ordinance
2. Award Letter for CCAD project
3. CCAD Grant Agreement