



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of January 14, 2025

DATE: January 14, 2025
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Accepting and appropriating funds from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division for funding available under the FY 2025 Criminal Justice Grant Program for in-car video systems for the Corpus Christi Police Department

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing acceptance of grant funds from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, under the FY 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of \$39,993.25 for the purchase of 10 additional Panasonic in-car video systems for the Corpus Christi Police Department; and appropriating \$39,993.25 into the Police Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

Federal funding is available through the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) for projects that promote public safety, reduce crime, and improve the criminal justice system.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Federal funds are available under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) for projects that promote public safety, reduce crime, and improve the criminal justice system.

In-car camera systems have proven to be effective in capturing video that is relevant to successful prosecutions, clearing or substantiating complaints, and documenting events that could create a liable action for or against a municipality or county agency.

With these grant funds, the Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) will purchase 10 additional in-car camera systems. The 10 additional in-car camera systems will expand CCPD's inventory of in-car camera systems needed for marked patrol vehicles. The 10 additional in-car camera systems will eventually be installed by a licensed Panasonic installer as part of the vehicle upfitting process for 10 patrol police vehicles. The 10 patrol police vehicles are expected to be received by CCPD in Spring 2025.

CCPD currently has 175 in-car camera systems installed in police vehicles. Once the 10 additional in-car vehicle camera systems are installed, CCPD will have a total of 185 in-car camera systems installed in police vehicles.

The project period is from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. Last year, the City received \$45,761 from this grant. CCPD used the grant funds to purchase six additional Panasonic in-car camera systems.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to accept the funds and not have fewer in-car camera systems to equip police vehicles. However, in car camera systems have proven to be effective in capturing video that is relevant to successful prosecutions, clearing or substantiating complaints, and documenting events that could create a liable action for or against a municipality or county agency.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The FY 2025 fiscal impact is the acceptance of funding in the amount of \$39,993.25 and appropriating \$39,993.25 into the Police Grants fund.

Funding Detail

Fund	1061
Organization/Activity:	Police Grant Fund – 822915F
Mission Element:	151
Project #	N/A
Account:	520090 – Minor Tools & Equipment
Amount:	\$39,993.25

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends acceptance and appropriation of the grant funds in the amount of \$39,993.25 for the purchase of 10 additional Panasonic in-car video systems for the Corpus Christi Police Department, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Grant award