



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for Ordinance for the City Council Meeting April 29, 2025
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting May 6, 2025

DATE: April 29, 2025
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Acceptance of a grant totaling \$30,734.00 from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for critical lifesaving equipment for the Corpus Christi Fire Department

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a grant totaling \$30,734.00 from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for funding to purchase two replacement Paratech lifting bags, two replacement Paratech lifting cushions, and one additional Multiforce bag used for rescue operations for the Corpus Christi Fire Department; and appropriating \$30,734.00 in the FY 2025 Fire Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes accepting and appropriation of a grant totaling \$30,734.00 from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for the purchase of critical lifesaving equipment for the Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD). The proposed grant will provide funding for the Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD) to purchase two replacement Paratech Lifting Bags, two replacement Paratech Lifting Cushions, and one additional Multiforce Bag.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation was established in 2005. The Foundation's purpose is to provide fire departments and their communities with funding to be used for lifesaving equipment, prevention education, scholarships and continued education, and disaster relief. The Foundation's grants are eligible for public safety and non-profit organizations.

For the past 19 years, charitable donations have been the driving force behind Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation supporting first responders and public safety organizations nationwide. The Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation has awarded 6,841 grants valued at over \$96 million to public safety organizations since 2005. This grant is one of 87 the Foundation awarded during the most recent grant cycle. The 87 grants will provide critical lifesaving equipment valued at more than \$2.1 million across the U.S.

The funding from this grant will purchase two replacement Paratech Lifting Bags, two replacement Paratech Lifting Cushions, and one additional Multiforce Bag. Currently, CCFD utilizes Paratech

lifting bags and cushions as well as Multiforce bags as part of its rescue operations. Specifically, this equipment is used to lift heavy items or equipment during rescue operations involving vehicle extrications, structural collapses, and heavy equipment accidents. Paratech lifting bags and cushions are critical for technical rescue scenarios where precise and controlled lifting of heavy loads is required. The Multiforce bag allows rescue teams the ability to handle dynamic loads safely and efficiently in complex emergencies. Both the Paratech and Multiforce systems are designed for rapid deployment, minimizing response times and mitigating risks to both victims and rescuers. This equipment also reduces operational delays by providing sufficient tools for concurrent rescue operations at multiple sites. Furthermore, the investment in these new tools will reduce potential downtime caused by equipment malfunctions and ensure that CCFD is well-equipped for future challenges.

CCFD uses this lifting equipment approximately 20 times per year for emergency call responses and frequently uses this lifting equipment for firefighting training. CCFD's current supply of lifting equipment is approximately 20 years old. The age and wear on CCFD's existing equipment has highlighted the need for upgrades to sustain and improve operational capacity with regard to rescue operations.

The City has received this grant one time before in 2021. That year, the City received \$32,965.90 from this grant. The grants funds were used to purchase a cardiac monitor for CCFD. It is important to note that after being awarded grant funding from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant, the Foundation requires a three-year waiting period before awardees can apply for this grant again.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is to not accept the grant award and instead seek alternative funding. However, this funding was not included in the FY 2025 General Fund Budget. If the funding is not awarded through this grant, the City will need to identify alternate funding in order to provide the necessary critical lifesaving equipment for the Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD).

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY 2025 fiscal impact is the acceptance of funding in the amount of \$30,734.00 and appropriating \$30,734.00 into the Fire Grants fund.

Funding Detail:

Fund:	1062	Fire Grants
Organization/Activity:		
Department #:	10	Fire Department
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	520090	Minor Tools and Equipment
Amount:	\$30,734.00	

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of this ordinance to accept and appropriate a grant totaling \$30,734.00 for funding to purchase two replacement Paratech lifting bags, two replacement Paratech lifting cushions, and one additional Multiforce bag used for rescue operations for the Corpus Christi Fire Department, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance

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