



## **AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of June 11, 2024

**DATE:** June 11, 2024  
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### **Acceptance of a Grant for the Corpus Christi Police Department for the Operation Stonegarden Program**

#### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance accepting a grant from the State of Texas Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division for Operation Stonegarden (drug and human trafficking) for overtime, fringe benefits, one replacement Chevy Tahoe, and fuel/maintenance in the amount of \$228,898.00; and appropriating \$228,898.00 in the Police Grants Fund.

#### **SUMMARY**

The State of Texas Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division is awarding the City grant funds for overtime, fringe benefits, one replacement Chevy Tahoe, and fuel/maintenance for Operation Stonegarden (OPSG). Funding is available and eligible for Operation Stonegarden under the Department of Homeland Security Grant Program.

#### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

Corpus Christi was identified as an integral part of the U.S. Border Patrol's strategy to enhance cooperation and coordination among numerous agencies in a joint mission to combat drug and human trafficking. This grant's funding will be used to enhance law enforcement efforts along routes of ingress and egress, including coastal waterways, in the Corpus Christi region.

The Corpus Christi Police Department's (CCPD) participation in OPSG will consist of combating drug and human trafficking. This will be achieved by establishing a substantial probability of apprehension through improved enforcement, improved rapid mobility, and intelligence-driven resource deployments. Additionally, CCPD will promote an environment of collaborative enforcement efforts with multiple agencies to assist in the stated mission of OPSG.

More specifically, CCPD will conduct interdiction operations individually and in conjunction with federal, state, and local partners. The operations will be focused along routes of ingress and egress, both on state and local highways, to include SH44, SH77, SH181. The operations also will take place along routes of ingress and egress from the extensive coastal waterways surrounding Corpus Christi

The OPSG grant will pay for overtime, fringe benefits, one replacement Chevy Tahoe, and fuel/maintenance. As part of OPSG, CCPD's tactical operations teams will conduct approximately 1,780 hours of overtime.

The grant period is from March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025. This is the thirteenth year that the City has received this grant. Last year, the City received \$145,245.00 from this grant.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative is not to accept the grant, thereby providing less funds for overtime and fringe benefits for CCPD officers to be involved with the OPSG operations. However, this will prevent CCPD from launching operations and collaborating with other law enforcement agencies in order to combat drug and human trafficking in the region.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The fiscal impact for FY 2024 is accepting funds and appropriating \$228,898.00 to the Police Grants Fund.

**Funding Detail:**

Fund:	Police Grants Fund 1061	
Activity:	822724F	
Dept:	29	
Org:	89	
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	510200 Overtime	\$89,000
	511000 Retirement	\$28,398
	520050 Fuel	\$52,500
	520090 Minor Tools	\$9,000
	550020 Vehicles	\$50,000

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends accepting the grant and appropriating the funds, as presented.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Grant award document