



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action item for the City Council Meeting September 24, 2019

DATE: August 23, 2019
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Acceptance and appropriation of a check from NuStar Energy L.P. in the amount of \$1,400.00 as a grant to support the Corpus Christi Fire Prevention

CAPTION:

Ordinance accepting a donation in the amount of \$1,400.00 from NuStar Energy L.P. to purchase smoke detectors; and appropriating the funds into the Fire Grant Fund.

SUMMARY:

An ordinance accepting and appropriating a donation from NuStar Energy L.P. charitable giving program for \$1,400.00 to purchase smoke alarms for the Corpus Christi Fire Prevention Program. The Fire Prevention program relies on help of donations to serve the community with the distribution of free smoke alarms to prevent and ensure the proper detection equipment to save lives.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Since 2013 NuStar Energy has annually issued donations to the Corpus Christi Fire Department to help better serve our community. This year NuStar Energy L.P. charitable giving program has awarded the Corpus Christi Fire Department \$1,400.00 to be used to purchase any equipment or supplies in support of the Corpus Christi Fire Department. These funds will be used by the Fire Prevention Program to purchase approximately 233 smoke detectors. These detectors are provided and installed free of charge by Corpus Christi fire inspectors to low-income residents who own their home but lack proper smoke detection. Smoke detectors are an important part of safety in a home, as these fire-protection devices will automatically detect and warn you of the presence of smoke and can save your life in the event of a fire. Every year in the United States, about 2,500 people die in home fires. Most of these deaths occurred in homes that didn't have a working smoke alarm.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternatives are to allow other agencies to distribute smoke detectors through their own outreach base program. These agencies are not trained to install smoke detectors and may delay the operation of a smoke alarm resulting in harm.

FISCAL IMPACT:

To accept the donation of \$1,400.00 and appropriate these funds to the Fire Grant fund 1062.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 1062

Organization/Activity: 840017L – NuStar Good Neighbor FY19

Mission Element: 091 Fire Prevention

Project # **(CIP Only):**

Account: 20090 Minor Tools and Equipment

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance to execute all documents necessary to accept the donation and appropriate the funds in the amount of \$1,400.00.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance