



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading of the City Council Meeting of February 22, 2022
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of March 8, 2022

DATE: February 11, 2022

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Acceptance and appropriation of a \$100,000 donation from the Cheniere Foundation and Authorizing an Agreement with the Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living to Provide Services to Persons with Disabilities Who are Homeless

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing acceptance and appropriation of a donation in the amount of \$100,000 from the Cheniere Foundation; amending the operating budget for FY2021-2022 to increase expenditures for Homeless Services; and authorizing an agreement with the Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living to provide services to persons with disabilities who are homeless.

SUMMARY:

The Cheniere Foundation has granted the City of Corpus Christi \$100,000 for an agreement between the City and the Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living (CBCIL) so that CBCIL can provide services to persons with disabilities who are homeless. Services will transition persons who are homeless to being housed.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Cheniere Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, wants to make a positive impact in the lives of persons who are homeless. The gap in case management and supportive services for persons with disabilities who are homeless was identified as the space where the Cheniere Foundation would make a measurable contribution. The Cheniere Foundation is making the donation to the City and the agreement is between the City and CBCIL. The City will monitor CBCIL's progress toward the donation's intended outcomes and disburse funds to CBCIL. The Cheniere Foundation will consider another \$100,000 donation for a second year if the program demonstrates success.

CBCIL will address persistent and chronic homelessness through the new Housing & Support for Homeless Individuals with Disabilities Program (HSHID). CBCIL will establish a housing 'bridge model' for individuals with mental, behavioral and other disabilities who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. CBCIL's HSHID will fill gaps between the streets, shelters and unstable housing to short-term affordable rental housing, connected to services and supports, with eventual access

to permanent affordable supportive housing. A housing continuum will be established in a three-year public-private pilot, with stakeholders committed to a multi-pronged coordinated initiative.

In year one of the HSHID, CBCIL will build capacity for the program, with potentially 15 – 20 individuals identified through outreach for housing and supports assistance. The goal in the first year is for eight (8) individuals to access housing through tenant based rental assistance programs. In year two, HSHID will be fully implemented, with outreach to 40 - 50 individuals, and a goal of assisting 18 second year and new individuals with rental assistance. Client eligibility recertifications in the second year will provide a total of two years of housing assistance per consumer/client, with the goal of accessing permanent affordable housing. Year Three will continue HSHID housing and support, with a goal of 30 individuals assisted with rental assistance. The documented outcomes achieved through HSHID will be analyzed, with recommendations for improvements and sustainability of the model.

CBCIL, as the federally established Center for Independent Living serving the Coastal Bend since 2002, operates programs that assist individuals with disabilities of all types to reach their goals for living independently in communities throughout the region. CBCIL is one of two tenant based rental assistance administrators in the region that provide what is considered a “bridge” for up to two years to permanent supportive housing, typically through HUD Section 8/CHOICE vouchers or other subsidized affordable rental units.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to accept the donation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City will receive \$100,000 from the Cheniere Foundation and disburse the funds to the Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living.

Funding Detail

Fund 1071 Community Enrichment Grants
Organization/Activity: 806103L Cheniere Energy
Mission Element: 007 Nondiscrimination Program
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 530000 Professional Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting the donation and authorizing the agreement.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Donation letter
Agreement