



CITY OF  
**CORPUS CHRISTI**

**AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

Action Item for the City Council Meeting April 28, 2026

**DATE:** April 28, 2026  
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**Authorization to submit two grant applications to the Office of the Governor,  
Public Safety Office – Homeland Security Grant Division by the  
Corpus Christi Police Department**

**CAPTION:**

Resolution authorizing the submission of two grant applications totaling \$138,750.57 to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office - Homeland Security Grants Division for the State Homeland Security Program for two replacement Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team bomb suits with helmets and replacement navigation and electronic equipment for two search and recovery boats for the Corpus Christi Police Department.

**SUMMARY:**

This resolution authorizes the submission of two grant applications to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office - Homeland Security Grants Division for the State Homeland Security Program totaling \$138,750.57. If awarded, the funding will be used to purchase two Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team bomb suits with helmets and navigation/electronic equipment for two search and recovery boats for the Corpus Christi Police Department.

**BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The State Homeland Security Program issues grants on an annual basis to improve state and local efforts in responding to potential acts of terrorism and catastrophic events. Qualifying uses of the grant funds include purchasing advanced equipment and training. Since 2002, the United States Department of Homeland Security has issued grants to the State of Texas, who in turn awards the grants to municipalities through its State Homeland Security Program.

The Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) is applying for two grants with the State Homeland Security Program to fund the following two projects. The first grant is for funding in the amount of \$86,468 for the purchase of two replacement Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Team bomb suits with helmets for CCPD's Bomb Squad. The two EOD Team bomb suits are seven years old and past their recommended service life of five years. Both suits are outdated, worn, and have antiquated technology.

The second grant is for funding in the amount of \$52,282.57 for the purchase of replacement navigation and electronic equipment for two replacement search and rescue boats for CCPD's Dive Team. The current navigation and electronic equipment on the two search and rescue boats are over 20 years old. Due to the age and wear on the current navigation and electronic equipment, communication between the crew on boats and the divers in the water has become limited and disrupted, which poses a safety issues for the divers as well as inefficient communication during dive team operations. The effectiveness and safety of dive operations while conducting searches for improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in a busy port such as Corpus Christi is crucial to operational success. These operations rely heavily on well-designed and appropriately used diving equipment, such as a boat outfitted with up-to-date navigation and communication systems.

The grant period is from September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027. The City has received funds from this grant for the past 23 years. Last year, the CCPD received \$215,009.32 from this grant for the purchase of one additional 2025 Ford F-450 Police response vehicle and one replacement Spartan Robot for the Corpus Christi Police Department's Bomb Squad

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative is not to submit the two grant applications and find other funding sources for the critical equipment. If the funding is not awarded through this grant, the City will need to identify alternate funding to purchase the equipment. Furthermore, if this equipment is not replaced, it will negatively affect the mission readiness of the Corpus Christi Police Department

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If awarded, \$138,750.57 of grant monies will be appropriated in FY 2027 Police Grants Fund. There is no City cash match required for this grant.

**Funding Detail:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends authorizing the submission of two grant applications totaling \$138,750.57 to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office - Homeland Security Grants Division for the State Homeland Security Program for two Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team bomb suits with helmets and navigation and electronic equipment for two search and recovery boats for the Corpus Christi Police Department.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Resolution