



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of May 16, 2023

**DATE:** May 16, 2023

**TO:** Peter Zanoni, City Manager

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**Acceptance of a Grant for the Corpus Christi Police Department for the Operation Stonegarden Program**

**CAPTION:**

Ordinance accepting a grant to combat drug and human trafficking from the State of Texas Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division in the amount of \$145,245.00 for overtime and fringe benefits for the Corpus Christi Police Department; and appropriating \$145,245.00 in the Police Grants Fund.

**SUMMARY**

The State of Texas Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division is awarding the City with grant funds for overtime and fringe benefits 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 on ingress and egress, including coastal waterway, 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 on ingress and egress, both on state and local highways, to include SH44, SH77, SH181. The operations also will take place along routes on ingress and egress from the extensive coastal waterways surrounding Corpus Christi.

The OPSG grant will pay for overtime and fringe benefits. As part of OPSG, CCPD's tactical operations teams will conduct approximately 1,780 hours of overtime.

The grant period is from March 1, 2023 through February 28, 2024. This is twelfth year that the City has received this grant. Last year, the City received \$216,799.99 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 2023 is accepting funds and appropriating \$145,245.00 to the Police Grants Fund.

**Funding Detail:**

|                        |                            |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Fund:                  | Police Grants Fund 1061    |
| Organization/Activity: | 822723F                    |
| Mission Element:       | 151                        |
| Project # (CIP Only):  | N/A                        |
| Account:               | 510200 Overtime \$110,700  |
|                        | 511000 Retirement \$34,545 |

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Grant award document