



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of Feb. 17, 2015  
Action Item for the City Council Meeting of Feb. 24, 2015

**DATE:** January 30, 2015  
**TO:** Ronald L. Olson, City Manager  
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**Appropriating funds from the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Planning Grant for the City of Corpus Christi/Nueces County LEPC Program year 2014-2015**

### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance appropriating \$27,674.58 from the Texas Department of Public Safety, Governor's Division of Emergency Management, in the No. 1062 Fire Grants Fund for FY 2015 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant program, phase II & III, to conduct a detailed hazardous materials vulnerability assessment to increase effectiveness in safety and efficiently handling hazardous materials accidents and incidents and to further enhance implementation of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986, with a hard match of \$6,918.64.

### **PURPOSE:**

The data and analysis will be used to enhance emergency plans and response procedures for emergencies involving transportation of hazardous materials and fixed site storage.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The Corpus Christi/Nueces County LEPC recently completed a Commodity Flow Study to assess hazardous materials transported throughout the County including our three hazardous materials highways (IH37, US77 and US181), major rail carriers and hundreds of miles of pipelines. The study yielded 400 facilities with approximately 2,500 stored chemical substances.

The proposed study will use the comprehensive commodity flow and facility data to complete a detailed risk analysis of at-risk transportation activities and industrial facilities throughout Nueces County and neighboring jurisdictions that may have an adverse impact on the public safety/health of Nueces County residents, visitors and its workforce. Phase I of the assessment is funded in totality in the 2014-15 LEPC budget and is nearing completion.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

If we do not accept and appropriate funds from the grant, we will have limited information to prepare plans and train for hazardous material incidents.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

None

**CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:**

Council approval of Ordinance to appropriate grant funds.

**EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:**

This is a Non-Emergency, non-controversial item.

**DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:**

Legal  
Finance – Federal Grants and Office of Management and Budget

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

X Operating       Revenue       Capital       Not applicable

<b>Fiscal Year: 2013-2014</b>	<b>Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Future Years</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
Line Item Budget				0
Encumbered / Expended Amount				0
This item	0	\$6,918.64	0	\$6,918.64
<b>BALANCE</b>	0	\$6,918.64	0	\$6,918.64

Fund(s):

**Comments:** The FY 2014-2015 LEPC Budget can absorb the 20% match of \$6,918.64. The City of Corpus Christi/Nueces County LEPC has approved a motion to accept this grant.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends appropriating a grant in the amount of \$27,674.58 received from the Texas Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Management for Hazardous Materials Preparedness Planning.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance  
Award Letter  
Contract