



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting 5/18/2021

**DATE:** April 14, 2021  
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Acceptance of a grant from the Coastal Bend Regional Advisory Council for the Corpus Christi Fire Department WebEOC Operations

### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a \$15,000.00 grant from the Coastal Bend Regional Advisory Council for the Corpus Christi Fire Department Web Emergency Operations Center operations; and appropriating \$15,000.00 into the Fire Grants Fund.

### **SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$15,000 from the Coastal Bend Regional Advisory Council. This grant helps to fund the annual cost of operations for the WebEOC system.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD) was recently awarded a grant of \$15,000 from the Coastal Bend Regional Advisory Council (CBRAC). The CBRAC has awarded grant funding to the CCFD's Emergency Management Division for the last 15 years to fund the Web Emergency Operations Center (WebEOC) operations. Last year, the CCFD received \$15,000 for this grant.

The WebEOC system is a web-based crisis management system that is used to improve coordination and communication efforts while planning, responding to, or recovering from man-made or natural disasters. The WebEOC system allows the City to track residents that are transported by the City to emergency shelters in other cities. City departments also utilize the system to request resources from the State during an emergency event. All City departments store their emergency operation plans on the WebEOC system and enter their daily operations during a disaster event.

CBRAC and the City of Corpus Christi Emergency Management Division currently have a five-year agreement to support the Trauma Service Area Region U Health and Medical Emergency preparedness and response efforts. The agreement also provides CBRAC and its member organizations with the necessary access to the regional WebEOC system. CBRAC is required to

use the WebEOC system to fulfill certain aspects of its Hospital Preparedness contractual requirements. The contractual obligation is between CBRAC and the hospitals. The CCFD and Office of Emergency Management have a memorandum of agreement with CBRAC so they may use the WebEOC license to meet their contractual obligation with the hospitals. The City is the license holder for WebEOC and is responsible for administering the regional system and for providing access to CBRAC and its member Health Care facilities and organizations. CBRAC provides funding for the WebEOC operations. CBRAC typically awards the City \$15,000 each year for the system.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative to accepting the grant is to find other funding for the WebEOC system which will leave the City financially responsible for the functions and maintenance of the system until other sources of funding are found.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$15,000 and appropriating \$15,000 to the Fire Grants Fund.

**Funding Detail:**

Fund:	1062	Fire Grants
Organization/Activity:	820554L	CBRAC-WebEOC 20-21
Mission Element:	888	Revenue
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	340000	Contributions & Donations
Amount:	\$15,000.00	

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that City Council authorize the ordinance accepting and appropriating the CBRAC grant of \$15,000 in order to continue WebEOC operations.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance