



## **AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

Resolution for the City Council Meeting of April 15, 2025

**DATE:** April 15, 2025

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**Resolution authorizing Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi for air quality monitoring services.**

### **CAPTION:**

Resolution authorizing an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (ILA) with Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMUCC) in an amount of up to \$125,551.00 for performing air quality monitoring services through December 31, 2025, with funding from a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Air Quality Grant.

### **SUMMARY:**

This ILA extends the City's partnership with TAMUCC to focus on monitoring Particulate Matter (PM) 2.5. The project is funded under TCEQ Grant Contract No. 582-24-01390, which was approved by the City Council on July 16, 2024, through Ordinance No. 033399. The total funding amount is \$139,501, of which up to \$125,551 will be allocated to TAMUCC as the subrecipient. This funding will support TAMUCC's instructional and research goals while also reinforcing the City's ongoing commitment to collaborating with local stakeholders. The objective is to ensure accurate monitoring and reporting of air quality, uphold air quality standards, protect the health of residents, and prevent economic impacts associated with nonattainment. The remaining grant award, totaling \$13,950, will be deposited into the City's Health General Fund to cover administrative costs.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The TCEQ provides annual funding for air quality monitoring in Texas through the Rider 7 State and Local Air Quality Planning Program. Since September 2020, the City of Corpus Christi has been collaborating with TAMUCC to implement these monitoring activities, leveraging TAMUCC's qualified personnel to execute the tasks outlined in the grant.

As part of this initiative, TCEQ awarded the City of Corpus Christi a grant of \$139,501 for air quality planning activities in the region, in accordance with Rider 7 of TCEQ's Legislative Appropriation from the 88th Legislature. The activities funded by this grant include identifying

sources of emissions, developing pollution prevention strategies, and creating action plans to improve air quality while ensuring compliance with federal ozone standards, particularly in areas that are at risk of being classified as non-attainment for ozone under the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

To support these efforts, the City entered into a State Funded Grant Agreement (Contract No. 582-24-01390) with TCEQ. This agreement enables the monitoring of current pollution levels, modeling of future pollution levels, identification of pollution reduction measures, and air quality planning in the Coastal Bend Region. The grant funds partially cover the salary of one position at TAMUCC and provide tuition reimbursement for one student engaged in tasks specified in the grant's scope of work.

Under the City's Regional Air Quality Program, the grant specifically funds the "Corpus Christi Ozone Near Nonattainment Area Research and Planning Activities." This project will be conducted in partnership with TAMUCC and is scheduled for completion by December 31, 2025.

Below is a breakdown of the authorized contractual costs allocated to TAMUCC:

Item	Cost
Salary & Fringe	\$ 20,348.00
Tuition	\$ 10,055.00
Maintenance/Parts/Calibration	\$ 12,883.00
Travel to Site	\$ 4,000.00
PM Analyzer/Shelter	\$ 63,000.00
Indirect Costs	\$ 15,265.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 125,551.00</b>

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Rejection of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with TAMUCC and discontinuation of the performance of these air quality monitoring services.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

FY 2025 TECQ grant award contract in the amount of \$139,501.00, with \$125,551.00 to be allocated for an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with TAMUCC. The grant requires no City cash match.

#### **FUNDING DETAIL:**

Fund: 1066 Health Grants  
Organization/Activity: 89 Grants & Capital Project Funds / 832002S  
Department: 15 Health  
Account: 530000 Professional Services

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the approval of the Resolution for the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement.

#### **LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Resolution  
Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with TAMUCC for contract No. 582-24-01390  
Presentation