

Resolution authorizing the submission of a scalable grant of up to \$1,000,000 to the Office of the Governor for funding from the Texas Military Preparedness Commission's Defense Economic Adjustment Assistant Grant Program with a match contribution of \$60,000 up to \$120,000 from the City to fund project management and grant administrative services for the Perimeter Fencing Project at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi.

WHEREAS, with 15 major installations and the Army Futures Command, numerous headquarters, open spaces for realistic training, low cost of living and outstanding support to military and families, Texas has a long, significant, and proud history of partnership with the defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, active duty and reserve installations across the branches of service in Texas, the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts estimates these military installations contributed at least \$114.1 billion to the Texas economy in 2021 and supported more than 622,790 jobs in communities across the state; and

WHEREAS, these military installations are also part of the fabric of many communities and are a source of great pride, provide skilled workforce, add to population growth, and have significant economic impact; and

WHEREAS, Naval Air Station Corpus Christi (NASCC) and the Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) have an estimated employment of more than 9,400 full-time and contract employees making CCAD the largest employer in the City and NASCC the sixth largest; and

WHEREAS, NASCC consists of more than 75 buildings spread out over more than 2,800 acres housing 29 tenant commands, including the Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD), the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), Department of Homeland Security, Chief of Naval Air Training (CNARA), and Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR); and

WHEREAS, the current perimeter fencing for the base and its facilities are deteriorating due to its age in the harsh coastal marine environment and no longer meet the U.S. Department of Defense's standards for force protection; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is a scalable force protection project to replace approximately 42,000 linear feet deteriorated perimeter fence and 18 manual gates to prevent unauthorized entry into protected areas, and to modernize security fencing to comply with current U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) Antiterrorism and Force Protection (ATFP) standards; and

WHEREAS, The project includes four priority areas in need of replacing rusting, deteriorating, and failing fencing: (1) along the North Gate entry along Corpus Christi Bay up to the base's recently renovated water and wastewater plant, (2) from the commercial truck lane entrance to the Laguna Madre up to Dimmit Point, (3) around NASCC's primary flight training operation at Truax Field, the base's munition storage facility, and (4) along residential and commercial developments areas immediately adjacent to the base, to the primary entry way at the South Gate to the commercial truck lane; and

WHEREAS, the Navy has committed one million dollars in federal fiscal year 2024 to replace deteriorated and non-compliant perimeter fencing to match the DEAAG project; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature appropriated \$30 million in the FY22-FY 23 biennia to the Texas Military Preparedness Commission (TMPC) Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) fund to assist defense communities that have been, or may potentially be, impacted by a past or future BRAC action, to obtain economic assistance to mitigate or prevent or otherwise positively affect their local economy through funded projects. The DEAAG application period is now open and \$1.7 million is available for this round. The TMPC deadline for submitting DEAAG applications is May 12, 2023; and

WHEREAS, this project will build on the strong partnership between Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, the State of Texas and the City of Corpus Christi that has made vital infrastructure investments at NASCC and CCAD over the last decade,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Corpus Christi, Texas, that:

Section 1. The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to submit a grant application totaling up to \$1,000,000 to the Office of the Governor for funding from the Texas Military Preparedness Commission’s Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant Program with a match contribution of \$60,000 up to \$120,000 from the City for project management and grant administration services for the Perimeter Fencing Project at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi.

Section 2. The City Manager or his designee is authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to apply for the DEAAG grant with the Office of the Governor and to execute all necessary contracts related to the grant.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the _____ day of _____, 2023:

Paulette Guajardo _____

Roland Barrera _____

Gil Hernandez _____

Michael Hunter _____

Mike Pusley _____

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Jim Klein _____

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ATTEST:

CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Rebecca Huerta
City Secretary

Paulette Guajardo
Mayor