

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of October 31, 2023 Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of November 28, 2023

DATE: October 31, 2023

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Accepting and appropriating funds from the Office of the Governor Homeland Security Grants Division for the Corpus Christi Police Department

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing acceptance of grant funds in an amount of \$116,500.00 from the Office of the Governor Homeland Security Grants Division for the Corpus Christi Police Department to provide funding for overtime and retirement funds for four sworn officers eligible under the FY 2024 Local Border Security Program Grant; and appropriating funds in the amount of \$116,500.00.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of the Local Border Security Grant program is to sustain interagency law enforcement operations and to enhance local law enforcement patrols that facilitate directed actions to deter and interdict criminal activity while assisting in the execution of coordinated border security operations. The operations take place within the city limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction of Corpus Christi.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) will deploy officers on an overtime basis to conduct direct actions and operations within the city limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) targeting known drug, currency, and human trafficking routes operating in the South Texas area to points north (ETJ extends five miles out from the City's boundaries). The purpose of this effort is to reduce border-related criminal activity, decrease the supply of drugs smuggled into and through Texas from Mexico, and disrupt and deter operations of gang and cartel criminal organizations.

The grant funding provides for overtime and retirement for four sworn officers for three hours per day, three days per week, for 40 weeks. Funding is available from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. The City has received this grant since 2008. For FY 2023, the City received \$94,500.00 from this grant.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to accept the grant and, therefore, lose the ability to provide enhanced enforcement for known drug, currency, and human trafficking routes operating with the city limits

and ETJ. CCPD did not budget these funds in the approved FY 2024 General Fund Budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Local Border Security Program (LBSP) Grant in the amount of \$116,500.00 will increase the Police Grants Revenue for the LBSP Program. There is no required City match for this grant.

Funding Detail

Fund 1061 Police Grants Fund

Activity: 822824S
Department: 29
Project # (CIP Only): N/A

Account: 510200 – Overtime

Amount: \$93,789.99

Account: 511000 – Retirement

Amount: \$22,710.01

RECOMMENDATION:

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

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Statement of grant award Ordinance