



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of May 10, 2022  
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of May 17, 2022

**DATE:** May 10, 2022  
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### Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Funding for the Community Youth Development Program

#### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance authorizing an amendment to the Community Youth Development Program contract with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services from September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2026, providing for an additional \$23,000.00 through Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("TANF") funding; authorizing amendments to the subcontracts with Boys & Girls Club of the Coastal Bend in the amount of \$4,000.00 and Communities in Schools of the Coastal Bend in the amount of \$19,000.00 for additional services in accordance with the TANF funding appropriating the additional \$23,000.00 in the No. 1060 Grants Fund for the Community Youth Development Program; and amending the operating budget.

#### **SUMMARY:**

The Parks and Recreation Department's Community Youth Development Program was selected to receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funding in the amount of \$23,000. The funding will be for emergency basic needs assistance for families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The additional funding will help several families afford basic needs through the receipt of ~\$1,000 per family for temporary assistance. Funding comes from the Prevention and Early Intervention Division of Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

#### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) is the funding source for the Community Youth Development Program (CYD). The CYD program was established in 1995 by the 74<sup>th</sup> Legislature for the purpose of reducing juvenile crime in areas of Texas with a high incidence count. The methodology involved selecting ZIP codes with the highest number of juvenile probation referrals within Texas counties. ZIP code 78415 was identified as such an area and was selected for the CYD program. The CYD program provides funding for prevention

services that are directly linked to juvenile delinquency prevention through subcontractors. Youth services include, but are not limited to, a Youth Advisory Committee, youth leadership development, life skills development, conflict resolution, mentoring, and various other services.

The City of Corpus Christi approved the Grant Agreement with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services in August, 2021 for funding in the amount of \$2,406,205.00 from September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2026, appropriation of the funds in the No. 1060 Grants Fund for the Community Youth Development Program, and authorization to subcontract with Boys & Girls Club of the Coastal Bend in the annual amount of \$36,453.63, Communities in Schools of the Coastal Bend in the annual amount of \$185,353.18, and the Y.W.C.A. Corpus Christi in the annual amount of \$37,941.10.

The Prevention and Early Intervention Division of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services notified the Parks and Recreation Department in March, 2022 that the City of Corpus Christi had been selected to receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding in the amount of \$29,000 for emergency basic needs assistance for families affected by the pandemic. Each subcontractor was contacted to determine interest in receiving TANF funds. The Y.W.C.A. Corpus Christi opted out of receiving funding while the Boys & Girls Club of the Coastal Bend and Communities in School of the Coastal Bend both requested receipt of TANF funds. DFPS will be providing TANF funding in the amount of \$19,000 for Communities in Schools of the Coastal Bend and \$4,000 for Boys & Girls Club of the Coastal Bend for a total amount of \$23,000. These funds will be provided in addition to the current grant contract and must be used by August 31, 2022.

The provided TANF funding must be used for certain non-recurrent, short-term (NRST) benefits for needy families with dependent children. The funds are designed to address specific crisis situations and must not be utilized to meet ongoing needs, beyond four consecutive months, or include tax credits, childcare, transportation, or short-term education and training. Up to \$1,000 may be provided per family. Expenditures must only include emergency assistance and diversion payments, emergency housing and short-term homelessness assistance, emergency food aid, short-term utility payments, burial assistance, clothing allowances, back-to-school assistance, driver's license fees, test preparation study courses, tutoring, school supplies, college application fees, graduation cap and gown costs, college entrance exam fees, or other education or workforce exam fees.

The City of Corpus Christi will track the expenses of all grantees through the Grant Budget Form 2030 and provide documentation for billing through a tracking ledger. The City will assess needs, disseminate funds, document basic need support, and maintain the tracking ledger including obtaining signatures of grantees. Funding for expenses will be provided to CYD families by the subcontractors. Once the expenditures have been verified, the City will provide reimbursement funding to the subcontractors through the 1060 Grants Fund, utilizing the TANF funding provided by DFPS.

The Parks and Recreation Department provided a briefing on this item to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee during the April 13, 2022 regular meeting.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative would be to decline the funding. However, this would not be preferred as this additional funding will help several families that were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic afford

basic needs. Each family can receive up to \$1,000 for temporary assistance.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact for this item.

**FUNDING DETAIL:**

Fund:

Organization/Activity:

Mission Element:

Project # **(CIP Only)**:

Account:

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance amending the previous Grant Agreement with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services to provide additional funding in the amount of \$23,000 through Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funding and appropriation of the funds in the No. 1060 Grants Fund for the Community Youth Development Program.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance

Amendment