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CORPUS CHRISTI

AGENDA MEMORANDUM
First Reading for the City Council Meeting of March 17, 2026
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of March 24, 2026

DATE: March 17, 2026

TO: Peter Zanoni, City Manager

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Ordinance accepting and appropriating $100,000.00 from the Texas Department of Transportation for the FY 2026 Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) Grant to fund airport maintenance at the Corpus Christi International Airport; appropriating the RAMP Grant of $100,000.00 into the Airport Grant Fund with a cash match of $11,111.11 from the FY 2026 Operating Budget.

CAPTION:

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SUMMARY:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) provides annual entitlement funds up to $100,000.00 for airside and landside improvements as part of the RAMP Grant. This grant is a 90/10 split of the overall program funding of $111,111.11.

The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to execute contract amendments pertaining to these grant funds in the following instances: a) for the carry-over of funds, when ascertained and approved by the funding agency through a revised notice of award; b) a no-cost extension; c) when an amendment will provide supplemental grant funds in an amount not to exceed 20% of the original grant amount; d) for reimbursement increases of administration funds for each participant served; e) to comply with applicable State or federal laws and regulations; and f) for matters which do not change the essential purpose of the grant.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Corpus Christi International Airport is located on 2,700 acres of land with approximately 650,000 sq. ft. of facilities including 140,000 sq. ft. of terminal space. Accordingly, Airport

Staff regularly schedules routine maintenance for the landside and airside facilities. The scope of maintenance can range from small repairs to larger rehabilitation and painting projects. Eligible projects under the RAMP Grant may include pavement work, drainage maintenance, hangar/terminal building painting and repairs, airport entrance signs and landscaping and hangar access roads. Grant funds are issued on a reimbursement basis, and general maintenance items unrelated to any particular project are eligible for reimbursement.

This grant is available at the start of every TxDOT fiscal year. This is the second year we have applied for these grant funds. Last year we were awarded $100,000 that went towards airfield lighting, paint for runways and taxiways, and miscellaneous maintenance items around the terminal. In FY26 we intend to use our RAMP Grant funds for the following items:

- (2) new airfield electrical regulators to replace aging regulators to keep the runway lighting circuits on: $55,000
- New airfield barricades and lights to protect aircraft during construction and maintenance events: $20,000
- Airfield lighting supplies (ie. bulbs, transformers, wire, calibration equipment): $36,000

The grant amount is fixed at $100,000 per year with matching funds of $11,111.11. Matching funds are budgeted each year in our operating budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to accept the grant award, bring these to Council every year for approval, or find other funding sources elsewhere.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Fiscal Impact to FY 2026 is accepting and appropriating $100,000 into the Airport Grant Fund with a cash match of $11,111.11 from the Airport Operating Fund.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund:	1055 - Airport Grants
Organization/Activity:	89 - Grants
Department:	53 - Aviation
Project # **(CIP Only):**	N/A
Account:	520130 – Maintenance & Repairs
Amount:	$100,000.00

Fund:	4610 - Airport Operating
Organization/Activity:	35040 – Airport Facilities
Department:	53 - Aviation
Project # **(CIP Only):**	N/A
Account:	520130
Amount:	$11,111.11

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends acceptance of the grant funding in the amount of $100,000.00, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Award Letter
Presentation
Certificate of Funds