



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting March 22, 2022

DATE: March 22, 2022

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Authorization to submit eight grant applications to the Public Safety Office – Homeland Security Grant Division by the Fire Department

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the submission of eight grant applications to the Public Safety Office – Homeland Security Grants Division for the State Homeland Security Program for equipment and training to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events for various functions of public safety such as Police Department bomb squad, Special Weapons and Tactics team, Fire Department, and Airport Department in an amount of \$481,580.42.

SUMMARY:

This resolution authorizes the Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD) to submit eight grant applications for funding under the State Homeland Security Program in the amount of \$481,580.42 to the Public Safety Office, Homeland Security Grant Division. The grant funds will support Fire, Police, and Airport Department functions such as airport response, bomb squad detection and protection, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team improvements, and hazmat response enhancements.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The State Homeland Security Program issues grants on an annual basis in order to improve state and local efforts in responding to potential acts of terrorism and catastrophic events, purchasing advanced equipment, and providing enhanced training. Since 2002, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has issued grants to the State of Texas, who in turn awards the grants to municipalities through the State Homeland Security Program. The City applied for and received funds from this grant for the past 20 years. For FY 2022, the City received \$189,547.47.

For FY 2023, CCFD is applying for eight grants to fund the following eight projects: 1) Airport Detection Equipment, which will enhance prevention and protection from terroristic threats at the Corpus Christi International Airport (CCIA). 2) The Bomb Squad Enhancement Project, which will increase the safety of the CCPD bomb technicians. 3) Incident Command Training Program, which will improve operational coordination throughout the region. 4) Airport Medical Response

Equipment, which will improve the CCIA's response and preparedness capabilities in critical situations. 5) The Hazmat Response Enhancement Project, which will provide equipment and training that will improve the team's capabilities for hazmat response. 6) The CCPD SWAT Enhancement Project, which will increase the team's safety and enhance capabilities in emergency response. 7) The Bomb Squad Disposal Trailer will increase interdiction capabilities. 8)The CCPD SWAT Detection Project will increase the safety of the community, the bomb technicians, and SWAT team while responding and on-scene.

Listed in the table below are the eight projects and the funding amounts for each of the grant applications that CCFD is submitting for.

Project Title	Amount Requested
Airport Detection Equipment	\$11,594.10
Bomb Squad Enhancement	\$78,398.00
Incident Command Training Program	\$55,914.00
Airport Medical Response Equipment	\$2,388.00
Hazmat Response Enhancement	\$162,581.29
CCPD SWAT Enhancement	\$114,050.03
Bomb Squad Disposal Trailer	\$37,300.00
CCPD SWAT Detection	\$19,355.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$481,580.42

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to submit the eight grant applications and find other funding sources for the critical equipment for the various City departments. However, this delay would put the City and its residents at an increased risk to terrorism and other catastrophic events.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact for the application process. However, if awarded, grant monies will be appropriated in FY 2023 Fire Grants Fund.

Funding Detail:

Fund: N/A
 Organization/Activity: N/A
 Mission Element: N/A
 Project # (CIP Only): N/A
 Account: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends authorizing the Fire Department to submit the eight grant applications, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Agenda Memo
 Resolution