



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting January 28, 2025

DATE: January 28, 2025
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**Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to
Plains All American Pipeline for the Plains First Responder Grant Program
by the Corpus Christi Fire Department**

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to Plains All American Pipeline for the 2024 Plains First Responder Grant Program in the amount of \$5,037.00 for hazardous materials equipment for the Corpus Christi Fire Department.

SUMMARY:

This resolution authorizes the submission of a grant application for the 2024 Plains First Responder Grant Program in the amount of \$5,037.00 for HAZMAT equipment for the Corpus Christi Fire Department's (CCFD) Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) Response Team.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Plains All American Pipeline is headquartered in Houston, Texas and is one of North America's largest midstream energy companies. Plains All American Pipeline owns and operates midstream energy infrastructure and provides logistics services for crude oil, natural gas liquids, and natural gas. Plains All American Pipeline has long demonstrated its commitment to giving back to the community through the CARE Program and First Responder Grant. Focus areas include health and safety, education, environment and community development. In 2023, they contributed over \$3.8 million in grants to first responders operating within proximity to a Plains All-American facility or pipeline. This grant program is a grant opportunity that provides safety equipment and professional training to first responders such as CCFD.

Plains All American Pipeline has a board consisting of 11 members that governs the four focus committees. Three board members chair the Health, Safety, Environment, and Sustainability Committee. Last year, Plains Pipeline conducted roughly 230 emergency response training exercises, four of which were large-scale. Training included organization employees, first responders, contractors, and response organizations. Plains All American Pipeline provided training to over 1,450 first responders in 2023.

If awarded, the grant funds will be used to purchase one new Environmental Device Haz-Dust

Real-Time Dust Monitor for CCFD's HAZMAT response team in the amount of approximately \$5,000. This device identifies hazardous particulates and quantifies the parts per million so that HAZMAT response teams can better assess and respond to HAZMAT situations. Specifically, this device can be used to identify and quantify a variety of aerosols and dusts, including lead, silica, coal, wood, dry chemicals, welding fumes, smoke, paint spray, and cadmium. If needed, this device can also be used to provide air monitoring capabilities for wildland and brush fires.

CCFD currently has similar devices that identify and quantify gasses; however, CCFD currently does not have a device that can identify and quantify aerosols and dust, such as those listed above. The ability to measure numerous types of aerosols and dust will provide much-needed additional safety for CCFD personnel. Furthermore, CCFD's HAZMAT response teams will be able to make more accurate decisions toward protecting the public based on the testing results provided through this device.

This is the second time the City has applied for this grant. In FY 2020, the City received \$4,063.31 from this grant. The grant funds were used to purchase personal protective equipment for CCFD's HAZMAT response team.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to submit the application and find other funding sources. However, this funding is not part of the FY 2025 General Fund Budget. These grants funds will help CCFD purchase the critically needed equipment for its HAZMAT Response Team.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The application process has no fiscal impact. If awarded, the grant funds will be appropriated in the FY 2025 Fire Grants Fund. No City cash match will be required if the grant funds are awarded.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund:	N/A
Organization/Activity:	N/A
Department:	N/A
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A
Account:	N/A
Amount:	N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends authorizing the submission of an application for Plains First Responder Grant Program in the amount of \$5,037.00 from Plains All American Pipeline, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution