

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the City of Corpus Christi to sponsor a policy resolution for the Texas Municipal League Resolutions Committee recommending the 85th Texas Legislature appropriate \$60 million for the Fiscal Years 2018-2019 biennium for the State of Texas to the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) program.

WHEREAS, the 15 major Army, Navy, Air Force, and National Guard installations throughout Texas are vital to national security and the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Comptroller's recent study proved Texas 15 major military installations generate \$136.4 billion in economic activity and \$81.3 billion in gross domestic product each year, supporting more than 800,000 Texas jobs and \$48 billion in personal income for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Texas has unencumbered airspace, ground maneuver space, and open water for training of all branches of service with virtually every weapon system as well as some of the most diverse topography for excellent training scenarios, the weather provides for the ability to train year round and deployments from Texas installations are efficient due to airfields, road systems, and rail transportation to ports in the state and, finally, the cost of living at Texas installations are some of the lowest in the country; and

WHEREAS, these military installations are also part of the fabric of many communities and are a source of great pride, provide skilled workforce, add to population growth, and have significant economic impact; and

WHEREAS, the 84th Texas Legislature appropriated \$30 million in Fiscal Years 2016-2017 to the Texas Military Preparedness Commission Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant fund to assist defense communities that have been, or may potentially be, impacted by a past or future Base Realignment and Closure (or BRAC) action, to obtain economic assistance to mitigate or prevent or otherwise positively affect their local economy through funded projects; and

WHEREAS, the FY 16-17 appropriation was sufficiently to fund only nine projects in seven communities in the first two rounds of DEAAG awards, and the demand for funding far exceeded available funds with approximately 26 total applications valued at more than \$72 million were submitted during the first two rounds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Corpus Christi hereby recommend the 85th Texas Legislature appropriate \$60 million for the Fiscal Years 2016-2017 biennium for the State of Texas to Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant program.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Corpus Christi, hereby recommend that the Texas Municipal League (TML) adopt a resolution at the 2016 TML Annual Conference in Austin recommending the introduction and passage of the General Appropriations Act for FYs 2018-2019 that includes increased DEAAG funding.

This resolution takes effect upon City Council approval on this the _____ day of _____, 2016.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Rebecca Huerta
City Secretary

Nelda Martinez
Mayor

Corpus Christi, Texas

_____ of _____, 2016

The above resolution was passed by the following vote:

Nelda Martinez _____

Carolyn Vaughn _____

Brian Rosas _____

Lucy Rubio _____

Colleen McIntyre _____

Rudy Garza _____

Michael T. Hunter _____

Chad Magill _____

Mark Scott _____