

2016
TML RESOLUTION COVER SHEET

Sponsoring Entity: City of Corpus Christi

(City, TML Affiliate, and/or TML Region)

Brief Background: The Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) Program, created in 1997, is an infrastructure grant program designed to assist defense communities that have been positively or negatively impacted by a change in defense contracts or an announced change as well as to proactively support installations in the event of a change or announced change by the Department of Defense.

TML's Legislative Agenda in 2015 supported funding for DEAAG, but did not specify a funding level.

What the Resolution is Intended to Accomplish: Recommend the 85th Texas Legislature continue to appropriate funding to invest in preserving jobs and economic sustainability of Texas military installations through the DEAAG program from the current \$30 million in the FY 16-17 biennium to \$60 million in the FY 18-19 biennium. In the first two rounds of DEAAG awards, only nine projects in seven communities received grant funding. Approximately 26 total applications valued at more than \$72 million were submitted.

How the Resolution is City-Related/How it Addresses a Municipal Issue: Cities provide numerous services to Texas military installations and thus are the primary recipients of DEAAG funds. With 15 bases in Texas, these communities have much at risk if a base is threatened through the Base Realignment and Closure process or sequestration.

Statewide Importance: The Texas Comptroller recently reported: "*Our 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.*"

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