

## **A RESOLUTION**

**Authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to submit a grant application in the amount of up to five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to the Office of the Governor for funding from the Texas Military Preparedness Commission's Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant Program.**

WHEREAS, With 15 major installations, numerous headquarters, open spaces for realistic training, low cost of living and outstanding support to military and families, Texas has a long, significant and proud history of partnership with the defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, active duty and reserve installations across the branches of service in Texas have an economic impact of roughly \$150 billion to the Texas economy per year and 255,000 uniformed and civilian employees which generates a significant amount of sales tax revenue for the State; 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, Naval Air Station Corpus Christi and the 41 tenant commands on base, including the Corpus Christi Army Depot, have an estimated employment of 7,960 full-time active duty, civilian and contractor employees making the base the largest employer in the City; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas and local communities have the opportunity to make Texas the most effective and efficient location for the Department of Defense to train and operate and could create initiatives to make Texas the #1 "military friendly" place for service members and their families to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, many Texas companies have contracts to provide services with local military installations creating jobs and additional tax revenue; and the State of Texas is in the top three states for receiving Department of Defense contracts, with the top awards going to aircraft development; and

WHEREAS, the installations in the state are vital to national security and Texas has specialized in mobilizing and deploying troops, over 1 million, in the past 12 years; and to support this mobilization, the installations and depots have dedicated railheads and runways capable of handling large passenger and cargo aircraft, and Texas has road and rail transportation to Texas ports for deployments with dedicated roll on roll off Navy ships berthed at Texas ports along with the necessary infrastructure at the ports for storage and loading of the ships; 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, the 85<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature appropriated \$20 million 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 BRAC action, to obtain economic assistance to mitigate or prevent or otherwise positively affect their local economy through funded projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Corpus Christi's previous two applications were not funded by the Texas Military Preparedness Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Military Preparedness Commission will accept grant applications for the 2017 round of \$20 million in DEAAG funds between September 1, 2017, and October 16, 2017, to be awarded December 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City of Corpus Christi's goal is to submit a DEAAG application that benefits both Naval Air Station Corpus Christi and the Corpus Christi Army Depot.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS:

The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to submit a grant application in the amount of up to five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to the Office of the Governor for funding from the Texas Military Preparedness Commission's Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant Program for the following projects:

- (a) NASCC – Construct water pipeline to ensure redundant, interruptible supply of water to Naval Air Station Corpus Christi facilities and the 41 tenant commands critical to the mission of the base.
- (b) CCAD - Construct perimeter fencing and access control gates around Army helicopter repair facilities to enhance security of mission-critical aircraft and components.

Adopted this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

**ATTEST:**

**THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI**

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Rebecca Huerta  
City Secretary  
Corpus Christi, Texas

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Joe McComb  
Mayor

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The above resolution was passed by the following vote:

Joe McComb \_\_\_\_\_

Rudy Garza \_\_\_\_\_

Paulette Guajardo \_\_\_\_\_

Michael Hunter \_\_\_\_\_

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