



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting December 17, 2019
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting January 14, 2020

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Acceptance of two grants totaling \$333,666.41 from the Texas Office of the Governor –
Homeland Security Grant Division

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of two grants totaling \$333,666.41 from the Office of the Texas Governor- Homeland Security Grant Division, Homeland Security Grant Program for hazmat team enhancement and SWAT equipment; and appropriating \$333,666.41 in the Fire Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the execution of all documents necessary to accept and appropriate two grants totaling \$333,666.41 from the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). The equipment and training provided through these grants will support local and state efforts to prevent terroristic and catastrophic events and prepare for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of Texas citizens.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Since 2002, the Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD) has submitted grant applications to the HSGP on behalf of the Fire Department and the Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD). The HSGP is a federal grant program that is managed by the State and administered through the Coastal Bend Council of Governments, which is a volunteer association of local governments, cities and counties, and other public and private entities.

Brief History of Program

The Homeland Security Grant Program is comprised of three grant programs: State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), and Operation Stonegarden (OPSG). These grant programs fund a range of preparedness activities, including planning, organization, equipment purchase, training, exercises, and management and administration across all core capabilities and mission areas.

Per Congressional mandate, at least 25% of the combined Homeland Security Grant Program funding must be used for Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA). All SHSP-LETPA projects must assist grantees in achieving target capabilities related to preventing, preparing for, or protecting against acts of terrorism.

Project Description

The two grants awarded under the 2019 HSGP are titled Hazmat Team Enhancement and SWAT Equipment.

The Hazmat Team Enhancement grant will provide detection, classification, and personal protective equipment and critical training to the CCFD Hazmat Team, which will also benefit the 11-county region the team serves. The equipment will help the team maintain an enhanced FEMA Type II status while adding Type I capabilities. The hazmat training will be provided for 20 personnel.

The SWAT Equipment grant will improve the CCPD Type II Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team's safety and enhance its capabilities when responding to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosives (CBRNE), HAZMAT, and mass casualty incidents. The search/detection equipment will benefit the CCPD SWAT team while also serving the 11-county region and federal agencies the team assists.

ALTERNATIVES:

Deny funding and seek alternative funding.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Acceptance of two grants totaling \$333,666.41 for Hazmat Team Enhancement for \$222,448.56 and SWAT Equipment for \$111,217.85 and appropriating into the FY2020 1062 Fire Grants Fund. Neither a cash match nor an in-kind match is required for this grant.

Funding Detail:

Fire Grants Fund: 1062
Organization/Activity: 821260F
Mission Element: 093
Project # **(CIP Only)**:
Account: 20090

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance to accept and appropriate two grants totaling \$333,666.41 for the purchase of terrorism prevention equipment and training.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance