

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting June 9, 2020 Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting June 16, 2020

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Coastal Bend Regional Advisory Committee Grant Acceptance for the Fire Department WebEOC Operations

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a \$15,000.00 grant from the Coastal Bend Regional Advisory Council for the Corpus Christi Fire Department Web Emergency Operations Center operations; and appropriating \$15,000.00 into Fire Grant Fund.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 from the Coastal Bend Regional Advisory Committee (CBRAC). This grant is utilized to aid in funding the annual cost of the operations for the Web Emergency Operations Center (WebEOC) system.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

For the last 15 years CBRAC has awarded grant funding to the City of Corpus Christi Fire Department Emergency Management Division to fund the operations of the WebEOC.

The WebEOC system is a web-based crisis management system that is used to improve coordination and communication efforts while planning, responding to or recovering from manmade or natural disasters. The WebEOC system allows the City to track residents that are transported by the City to emergency shelters in other cities. City departments also utilize the system to request resources from the State during an emergency event. All City departments store their emergency operation plans on the WebEOC system and enter daily operations during an event.

CBRAC and the City of Corpus Christi Emergency Management Division currently have a five-year agreement to support the Trauma Service Area (Region U) Health and Medical Emergency preparedness and response efforts by providing CBRAC and its member organizations with necessary access to the regional WebEOC system. The system allows for access to data such as patient tracking and requesting resources for the hospital systems.

CBRAC is required to use the WebEOC system to fulfill certain aspects of its Hospital

Preparedness contractual requirements. The City is the license holder for WebEOC. Therefore, CBRAC is responsible for funding the operations of the WebEOC.

There is no match or in-kind match requirement for the grant.

ALTERNATIVES:

An alternative to accepting the grant is to find other funding for the functions of the WebEOC system. Additionally, any other alternative to the acceptance of this grant will leave the City financially responsible for the functions and upkeep of the WebEOC system. The current budget cannot financially support the WebEOC system.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$15,000 and appropriating \$15,000 to the Fire Grant Fund.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 1062 Fire Grant

Organization/Activity: 11950 Emergency Management

Mission Element: 888 Revenue

Project # (CIP Only):

Account: 820553L

RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend City Council authorizes the ordinance to accept the CBRAC grant of \$15,000 to continue the WebEOC operations.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance