

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting June 9, 2020

DATE: May 11, 2020

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Agreement with Nueces County Community Action Agency for Utility Bill Financial Assistance

CAPTION:

Resolution approving participation in the Nueces County Community Action Agency programs to provide financial assistance to eligible City utility customers.

PURPOSE:

The purpose is to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the Nueces County Community Action Agency (NCCAA) to facilitate a Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act program to provide financial assistance to qualified City utility households.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Due to orders from federal, state, and local authorities over recent months, many households have been impacted by the resulting economic shutdown. The United States Congress has passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to assist businesses and individuals in need. The NCCAA will administer some of the CARES funds to provide financial assistance primarily for one-time rental/mortgage expenses, utilities, education and training, and emergency assistance.

A Memorandum of Agreement will allow the City to receive utility payments for qualified households from the NCCAA and apply payments to accounts of those utility customers. Once available, applications for assistance may be submitted directly to the NCCAA in person at the 1006 22nd Street Community Services Center in Corpus Christi, by mail, or online.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not approve Memorandum of Agreement with the Nueces County Community Action Agency.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be no fiscal impact to enter this Memorandum of Agreement.

Funding Detail: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the Memorandum of Agreement with the Nueces County Community Action Agency.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:
Resolution
Memorandum of Agreement