



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of September 8, 2020
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of September 15, 2020

DATE: August 10, 2020
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<p>Accepting and Appropriating the 2021 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant Funds from the Texas Department of Transportation</p>
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CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of grant funds in an amount of \$174,637 from the Texas Department of Transportation for the 2021 Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Project to increase traffic enforcement in the City with a City match of \$57,682.22 in fringe benefits and department expenses with funds available from the FY 2021 General Fund; and appropriating \$174,637 in the Police Grants Fund.

PURPOSE:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a grant and appropriation of funds from the 2021 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant to increase traffic enforcement. The grant funds will provide overtime funding for police officers and a City match will fund fringe benefits and department expenses.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) provides grant funding to cities in Texas for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Project (STEP). The STEP program reimburses cities for overtime activities by local law enforcement to reduce automotive accidents by focusing enforcement efforts on high crash areas. Corpus Christi has been identified as a city that has an issue with DWI and speeding violations.

TxDOT is providing the City of Corpus Christi Police Department with a grant in an amount of \$174,637.00 to continue the STEP program in FY 2021 and the City is matching the grant with \$57,682.22 in fringe benefits and fuel from the Police General Fund budget for a total of \$232,319.22.

The grant will be used to provide overtime funding to police officers to enforce DWIs, speed violations, and distracted driving across the City within varied days of the week and hours of operation. The grant amount has been about the same amount each year. The grant is for a one-year period beginning on October 1, 2020 and ending September

30, 2021. The Police Department has received funding through the STEP program for over 20 years.

ALTERNATIVES:

Not accept the grant and not provide additional enforcement for DWI and speed violations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact in FY 2021 is the acceptance and appropriation of grant funds in an amount of \$174,637.00 to the Police Grants Fund and a City match in an amount of \$57,682.22 in fringe benefits and fuel to be funded from the Police General Fund.

Funding Detail:

Fund:	1020 Police General Fund
Organization/Activity:	11740 Uniform
Mission Element:	155 Enforce Traffic Laws
Project # (CIP Only):	
Account:	511000 Retirement
	520050 Fuel and Lubricants

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting the grant and appropriating the funds.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Grant award contract