



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting November 10, 2020
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting November 17, 2020

DATE: October 19, 2020
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<p>Acceptance and Appropriation of Grant Funds for the Red Cord Initiative Diversion Program (Prostitution Crimes Reduction Program)</p>

CAPTION:

Ordinance accepting grant funds from the Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation in an amount of \$22,734.08 to fund overtime and related costs for the Red Cord Initiative Diversion Program (Prostitution Crimes Reduction Program); and appropriating \$22,734.08 in the Police Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

The Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation has received a grant from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division in an amount of \$22,734.08 to fund overtime and fringe benefits for the Police Department to work with the Red Cord Initiative Diversion Program. The City is considered a subgrantee.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) will work with the Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation to provide overtime to conduct law enforcement activities to prevent, control, or reduce prostitution crimes during the grant period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021. The Police Department will provide the following:

- Assign personnel specifically trained and specialized in targeting investigations and prosecutions of prostitution crimes.
- Coordinate and schedule operations in high risk areas to target individuals who be eligible for diversion program.
- Participate and support performance measures and evaluation plan to meet contractual obligations.
- Identify a point of contact to serve on the Red Cord Initiative Multi-Disciplinary Care Team and attend coordinating group planning meetings as appropriate.

The Red Cord Initiative is a community-based pretrial prostitution diversion program dedicated to providing practical, emotional, and social support for those involved in sex work through mobilization and engagement of community partnerships. The program includes case management, law enforcement, prosecution, and behavioral health services including

substance abuse treatment in Nueces County for eligible individuals. The Red Cord Initiative believes in a community-based, comprehensive, and holistic approach with the goals of reducing the harm an individual has caused to themselves, as well as the harm that the individual is causing the surrounding community. The Red Cord Initiative focus is to improve public safety and public order in the Corpus Christi and Nueces County neighborhoods and reduce justice system involvement of people who successfully complete the program.

The Police Department will run two operations, each to run for seven hours, for a total salary cost in an amount of \$17,994.36 and fringe benefits in an amount of \$4,739.72 for a total grant amount of \$22,734.08.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative of not accepting the funds will cause the program not to be implemented.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact for FY2021 is accepting and appropriating an amount of \$22,734.08 to the Police Grants Fund. There is no required City match.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 1061
Organization/Activity: Police Grants Fund
Mission Element: 152
Project # (CIP Only):
Account: \$22,734.08

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting the award and appropriating the funds.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Grant award document