



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of April 13, 2021
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of April 20, 2021

DATE: April 13, 2021
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Accepting and Appropriating the FY 2021 HIDTA Grant Award for the Police Department

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing acceptance of a grant from the Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy, in an amount of \$89,480.00 for overtime for four sworn officers and lease payments on four vehicles for the FY 2021 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Initiative; and appropriating \$89,480.00 in the Police Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a grant and appropriation of funds from the Office of National Drug Control Policy to be used for overtime for four sworn officers and lease payments on four vehicles.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) is in its 25th year as a participant in the Texas Coastal Corridor High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Initiative created by the Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy. The grant funds provide for overtime for four Corpus Christi Police Officers and four lease vehicles.

The initiative focuses on the identification and disruption of narcotics trafficking organizations operating in Aransas, San Patricio, Refugio, Nueces, Kleberg, Kennedy, Jim Wells, Brooks, and Victoria counties. This specific geographical area serves as a conduit for narcotics into Corpus Christi and other metropolitan cities. Money launderers also conduct illegitimate business in the Corridor, creating a consumer base that affects the local population with residual crime. Other agencies participating in the program are the Nueces County Sheriff, Texas Department of Public Safety, Drug Enforcement Administration, Internal Revenue Service, U. S. Customs, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.

With the available funding, CCPD anticipates that shipments of narcotics through this area will be intercepted and narcotics traffickers will be apprehended. The data gathered during this initiative will be uploaded and shared with other Drug Trafficking Initiatives across the country in an effort to further suppress criminal activity.

This grant award is for activities conducted during January 01, 2021 – December 31, 2022. The

City is not required to match funding. The previous year's award was the same amount of \$89,480.00.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is to not accept the grant, which would result in less punitive measures for narcotics traffickers and money launderers.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The financial impact in FY 2021 is the acceptance of grant funds in an amount of \$89,480.00 and appropriating \$89,480.00 to the Police Grants Fund. There is no required match funding.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 1061 Police Grants Fund
Organization/Activity: 820526F
Project: N/A
Account: 510200 Overtime
530160 Rentals
Amount: \$89,480

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting the grant and appropriating the funds.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Grant Award – available upon request