

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting June 15, 2021 Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting June 22, 2021

DATE: June 15, 2021

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Acceptance of a grant to support activities for the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the Office of the Attorney General - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force program in the amount of \$10,000.00 to purchase equipment and supplies for the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force program within the Police Department; and appropriating the \$10,000.00 in the Police Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

Funding is available from the Office of the Attorney General - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to purchase equipment and supplies to assist the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force with investigations of internet-related crimes against children.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention - Internet Crimes against Children Task Force program has awarded a grant to the Corpus Christi Police Department to support activities of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force program. The ICAC task force is continuously engaged in proactive and reactive investigations and prosecutions of persons involved in child abuse and exploitation involving the Internet.

The Corpus Christi Police Department has been a member of the ICAC since 2003 and has received the grant for the past 20 years. For 2020, the City was awarded \$10,000 and in 2019 the City was awarded \$10,100. The funds are made available to the City by virtue of being a member of the Task Force. Items/equipment to be purchased with these funds are licenses for four forensic software packages, hard drives, and flash drives.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to accept the grant which would result in less funding available for the investigation of internet crimes against children.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no match required by the City. Funds are available from May 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 1061 Police Grants

Organization/Activity: 821119F

Mission Element: 052 Investigate Crime

Project # (CIP Only): N/A

Account: 520090 Minor Tools and Equipment

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting the grant and appropriating the funds.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance

Grant award document