

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting August 17, 2021

DATE: August 17, 2021

TO: Peter Zanoni, City Manager

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Acceptance of Funds from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of \$32,965.90 from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for a 12-Lead cardiac monitor to support the Corpus Christi Fire Department; and appropriating \$32,965.90 into the Fire Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of an allocation of \$32,965.90 from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. The grant funds will be used to purchase one Zoll cardiac monitor to support the Corpus Christi Fire Department's mission to provide high-quality medical services to the community.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD) was awarded a grant in the amount of \$32,965.90 from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. The Foundation was founded in 2005 in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The Foundation funds areas such as lifesaving equipment, prevention education, scholarships and continued education, and disaster relief with its grant program. This is the first year the CCFD has received this grant from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation.

The grant funds will be used to purchase one 12-Lead cardiac monitor that will be used on the AMBUS that CCFD recently acquired. CCFD currently has two monitors for the AMBUS and 14 for frontline ambulances. The total number of monitors CCFD will have if the grant award is accepted will be 17.

The cardiac monitors are used to conduct 12-lead electrocardiograms (ECG), defibrillate, transmit readings to hospitals, and monitor other vital signs such as heart rate, pulse oximetry, and end tidal carbon dioxide. The monitors are much-needed pieces of lifesaving equipment. The monitors also will be used to assist in the training of CCFD paramedics.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative to accepting this grant is to decline and seek funding from other programs that support cardiac monitors or to utilize the General Fund for this need; however, this will limit emergency response capabilities while searching for alternate funding sources.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Acceptance of funds in the amount of \$32,965.90 and appropriating \$32,965.90 to the Fire Grants Fund.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund: 1062 Fire Grants

Organization/Activity: 840024L Firehouse Subs – Public Safety

Mission Element: 888 Project # (CIP Only): N/A

Account: 520090 Minor Tools & Equipment

Amount: \$32,965.90

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council authorize the ordinance to accept and appropriate the grant funds in the amount of \$32,965.90, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance