
CITY OF PORT LAVACA

COUNCIL MEETING: JULY 13TH, 2026

DATE: 07.01.2026

TO: JODY WEAVER, INTERIM CITY MANAGER

CC: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: KATERYNA THOMAS, GRANTS & CIP COORDINATOR

SUBJECT: CONSIDER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CITY OF PORT LAVACA AND TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Background:

In February 2026, the Police Department submitted an application for the FY 2027 Criminal Justice Grant Program to fund the Police Radio Equipment Upgrade Project.

The Texas Interoperable Communications Coalition (TxICC) serves as the statewide governance body for emergency communications in Texas and is housed within the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS). TxICC is comprised of representatives from federal, state, local, tribal, and nonprofit public safety organizations, as well as public utilities, critical infrastructure providers, and transportation agencies. The coalition is responsible for maintaining the Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP), which serves as the strategic framework for improving interoperable emergency communications throughout the state. The State of Texas has established uniform standards governing the distribution of state and federal grant funding for emergency radio communications. Under these standards, grant funding will only be awarded for Project 25 (P25) compliant voice radio equipment that meets the interoperability requirements established by TxICC and the SCIP. Eligible equipment must include multi-band capability (VHF, UHF, and 700/800 MHz), AES multi-key encryption, and, where trunking is utilized, Phase 2 Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA) and multi-system Over-the-Air Rekeying (OTAR) functionality. Additionally, Wi-Fi-enabled radios must utilize the standardized State System Identifier (SSID).

To proceed with the next phase of the FY 2027 Criminal Justice Grant application, the City of Port Lavaca must demonstrate compliance with the Texas Statewide Interoperability Communications Plan (TSICP) and the Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP). Although the City has been awarded grant funding, compliance with these statewide interoperability standards is a prerequisite for executing the grant agreement and receiving funding for the Police Radio Equipment Upgrade Project.

Recommendation:

Staff recommend approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Port Lavaca and the Texas Department of Public Safety

Attachments:

Memorandum of Understanding

Texas Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan