



MEMORANDUM

To: Galveston County Commissioners Court
From: Grants Administration
Court Date: July 6, 2026
RE: Galveston County Sheriff's Office Dive Team
The Mary Moody Northen Endowment Grant Award

BACKGROUND

Established in 1964, the Mary Moody Northen Endowment is a charitable foundation dedicated to supporting environmental, social service, educational, and historical initiatives that benefit communities and institutions throughout Texas and Virginia. The Endowment foundation reflects lifelong commitment to philanthropy, public service, and community enrichment, continuing her legacy by providing funding for programs and projects that improve quality of life, preserve history, advance education, and promote the well-being of future generations.

The Galveston County Sheriff's Office Dive Team has been awarded funding in the amount of \$16,390.00 to acquire specialized equipment critical to the safety, effectiveness, and operational readiness of its underwater response personnel.

SUMMARY

The Galveston County Sheriff's Office Dive Team has been awarded grant funds from The Mary Moody Northen Endowment in the amount of \$16,390.00 that will fund the purchase of the following dive equipment:

- Eight (8) Shearwater Peregrine wrist-mounted dive computers,
- Eight (8) Zeagle pony bottle mounting systems,
- Eight (8) Highland pony bottle regulator sets, and
- Two (2) Hazardous-material (Haz-Mat) dry suits.

The equipment will significantly enhance diver safety by providing redundant emergency air systems, advanced dive-monitoring technology, and protection from hazardous environmental contaminants commonly encountered during recovery operations. These upgrades will improve mission capability, reduce operational risk, and ensure team members remain equipped to perform complex underwater operations safely and effectively.



Acceptance of this grant will ensure the Galveston County Sheriff's Office Dive Team remains equipped to provide critical underwater response capabilities to law enforcement and public safety agencies throughout the region.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Grant Award: \$ 16,390.00 (100%)

County Match: \$ 0

Total Project Cost: \$ 16,390.00

RECOMMENDATIONS

Grants Administration requests the Court to consider the acceptance of The Mary Moody Northern Endowment grant award and authorize the County Judge to sign the contract award agreement document.

ATTACHEMENTS FOR WET SIGNATURE

[Grant Agreement]

THE MARY MOODY NORTHEN ENDOWMENT
Grant Agreement

GRANTEE Galveston County Sheriff's Office

DATE: June 17, 2026

PURPOSE: to fund purchase of Dive Team equipment

AMOUNT: \$16,390

USE OF GRANT FUNDS: All funds must be used by the Grantee in compliance with restrictions set forth in the 1969 Tax Reform Act. The funds must be used for the purposes stated above, and no changes or modification may be made without the Endowment's prior knowledge and written approval. Grant funds will be returned to the Endowment if a) the Grantee loses its United States Internal Revenue tax-exempt status or b) the funds are not expended or committed for the purposes of the grant within the stated period of time.

REPORTS TO THE ENDOWMENT: A written report must be furnished to the Endowment upon completion of the program for which the grant was awarded or one year after the grant has been made. This report should include an accounting of the grant funds expended and the resulting outcomes.

1. OTHER PROVISIONS

This grant has been approved by the Board of Directors of the Mary Moody Northern Endowment, and is accepted by the Grantee with the understanding that the Endowment is not obligated to provide additional support.

THE MARY MOODY NORTHEN ENDOWMENT

By Bette Massey
Executive Director

ACCEPTANCE

The grant described above is accepted subject to the terms and provisions stated herein.

By: [Signature]
(Recipient's Representative)

Title: County Judge

Date: July 6th, 2026