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Port of Corpus Christi Accepting Community Sponsorship Applications for 2021

Corpus Christi, TX, USA – Continuing its commitment to regional social programs, the Port of Corpus Christi is opening its biannual call for community sponsorship funding applications from the Coastal Bend not-for-profit and charitable organizations. Non-profits seeking funding for programs or events that require funding between July 1 and December 31, 2021, may submit applications to the Port Authority between April 1 and April 30, 2021.

The Port of Corpus Christi's ongoing commitment to Environmental, Social and Governance leadership continues with its available funding to programs that benefit the Coastal Bend communities in which the Port serves. The Port of Corpus Christi Commission and Staff recognize these much-needed funds enable recipients to fulfill their missions, which have been particularly challenging in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Moreover, this financial support is a thoughtful way for the Port Authority to keep its dollars local as it reinvests in the surrounding communities that continue to recover from the economic impacts of COVID-19.

"Though we are seeing great progress in the fight against the scourge of COVID-19, we are still not out of the woods, and our social program partners are still hurting for much needed funds to continue their great efforts to improve the communities in which we live and work," said **Sean Strawbridge, Chief Executive Officer of the Port of Corpus Christi**. "Throughout this difficult time, our commitment to improving both the lives and livelihoods of Coastal Bend residents has never wavered. We distributed more social program funds in 2020 than ever before in our 95-year history and we will continue this trend as we emerge from the social and economic struggles caused by this horrible pandemic."

Every year, the Port of Corpus Christi opens two defined application periods — one for each half of the current year — intended to offer stakeholders a clear process to sync with their own business planning. The practice also allows the Port to evaluate where its funding will have the greatest impact in the community.

Organizations looking to apply for a sponsorship from the Port of Corpus Christi can view program guidelines at <https://portofcc.com/community/call-for-sponsorships/>.

About Port Corpus Christi

As a leader in U.S. Crude Oil export ports and a major economic engine of Texas and the nation, Port Corpus Christi is the largest port in the United States in total revenue tonnage. Strategically located on the western Gulf of Mexico with a 36-mile, soon to be 54-foot (MLLW) deep channel, Port Corpus Christi is a major gateway to international and domestic maritime commerce. The Port has excellent railroad and highway network connectivity via three North American Class-1 railroads and two major interstate highways. With an outstanding staff overseen by its seven-member commission, Port Corpus Christi is "Moving America's Energy." www.portofcc.com

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