



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting September 24, 2019
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting October 1, 2019

DATE: August 12, 2019
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Accepting and appropriating the Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Grant

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the Texas Automobile Burglary Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) in the amount of \$410,973 to continue the motor vehicle theft enforcement grant within the Police Department, with a City cash match of \$717,396 available in the FY2020 Police General Fund, in-kind match of \$62,046 for a total project cost of \$1,128,369; designating the Chief of Police as Program Director and Director of Finance as financial officer for this grant; and appropriating \$410,973 in the Police Grants Fund; and declaring an emergency.

SUMMARY:

Accepting a grant from the ABTPA to continue the motor vehicle theft enforcement grant within the Police Department for the 18th year. The grant has a deadline for acceptance of October 7, 2019.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The City of Corpus Christi has received funding from the Texas Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) to continue the motor vehicle theft unit in the Police Department for the 18th year. The ABTPA was established in 1991 due to rising auto thefts and is funded through an annual fee on every insured vehicle in Texas charged to insurance companies who provide vehicle insurance coverage in Texas.

The unit focuses not only on detection and apprehension, but also on the salvage yards in the City and County to reduce the sale of stolen vehicles and parts. There is an extensive public awareness campaign that is a requirement of the grant which includes crime prevention programs focusing on reducing auto thefts. Auto thefts have decreased from 1,515 to 916 in calendar year 2018 due to this unit's work.

The grant provides \$410,973 for five grant funded positions that include one Lieutenant to supervise the Unit, two sworn Police officers, and two civilians. The two civilians conduct data

analysis, crime analysis, manage the required public awareness campaign, and maintain grant paperwork. In-kind contributions on \$62,046 include copy machine, office space, and 40% of time for an agent assigned from the National Insurance Crime Bureau. The cash match of \$717,396 is for four sworn officers in the General Fund who currently work in the auto theft and auto burglary bureau in conjunction with the Auto Theft Grant funded officers. The grant period is September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020.

ALTERNATIVES:

If City Council decides to disapprove this item, the Police Department will have to seek other grants in order to continue this program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Police General Fund will provide a cash match of \$717,396 for sworn officers' salaries/benefits and in-kind contribution of \$62,046 for 40% of time for a National Insurance Crime Bureau agent and office space/operating costs. The cash match is available in the FY 2020 Police Department General Fund. Appropriating \$410,973 in the Police Grants Fund.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 1020
Organization/Activity: Police General fund
Mission Element: 152
Project # (CIP Only):
Account: 510000 11720 and 11721

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting the grant and appropriating the funds.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Grant award document