



AGENDA MEMORANDUM
Action Item for the City Council meeting of May 5, 2026

DATE: May 5, 2026
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Approval to submit a grant application to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority to continue the Motor Vehicle Theft Unit in the Police Department

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application for \$900,242.00 to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority to continue the Motor Vehicle Theft Unit activities in the Police Department with a City cash match of \$222,587.00 and an in-kind match of \$806,876.00 for a total project cost of \$1,929,705.00 to fund four sworn officers and three civilians; designating several staff members as designated officials for the grant.

SUMMARY:

This resolution authorizes submission of a grant to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority for salary, benefits, overtime, and travel of four existing sworn officers and three existing civilians. The City must apply for these funds each year.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The City of Corpus Christi is applying for grant FY27 funding from the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) to continue the motor vehicle theft unit in the Police Department. The MVCPA was established in 1991 due to rising auto thefts and is funded through a monthly fee of \$4 on every insured vehicle in Texas charged to insurance companies who provide vehicle insurance coverage in Texas. The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts collects the fee.

The unit focuses not only on detection and apprehension of stolen and burglarized vehicles, but also on motor vehicle fraud and proactive policing of automotive businesses 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 motor vehicle crime.

The grant provides funds for one Lieutenant to supervise the Unit, three sworn CCPD officers, and three civilians. The civilians conduct data analysis, crime analysis, manage the required public awareness campaign, and maintain grant paperwork.

The General Fund cash match is for vehicle maintenance on nine vehicles, unit operating expenses, a replacement vehicle, computer equipment, and training. In-kind contributions include a copy machine,

office space, and the salaries, benefits, and overtime of four sworn officers and three civilians.

The grant requires designating the Chief of Police as the authorized official, the Deputy Chief of Police of the Criminal Investigations Division as Program Director, and the Director of Finance, or the Director of Finance's Designee, as financial officer for this grant.

Because these funds are neither Federal nor State but from an insurance fee, there is no set time limit for the grant to end. The City must reapply each year because the MVCPA requires a very close review of performance and the grantee's ability to utilize the funds efficiently.

The grant period is September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027. The City has received the grant for 26 years. Last year the City received \$894,028.00

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to approve the submission of the application for this grant. However, if the grant application is not authorized, personnel and funding will be lost or reduced to continue the Motor Vehicle Theft Unit as these funds are not part of the FY 2026 General Fund Budget.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact in FY 2026 with the submission of the grant application. If grant funds are awarded, the fiscal impact will be for one month in FY 2026. The grant funds of \$881,418.00 will be appropriated to the FY 2027 Police Grants Fund and the City cash match of \$222,587.00 will be available in the FY 2027 Police Department General Fund.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 1061
Organization/Activity: 89
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 510100 = \$624,202.00
511000 = \$249,813.00
510200 = \$ 26,227.00
Amount: \$900,242.00

Fund: 1020 General Fund
Organization/Activity: 11721
Project # (CIP Only):
Account: 510100 = \$514,284.00
511000 = \$207,157.00
510200 = \$ 23,797.00
530000 = \$ 39,638.00
547010 = \$ 22,000.00
Amount: \$806,876.00

Fund: 1020 General Fund
Organization/Activity: 11720
Department: 29
Project #: N/A
Accounts: Various
Amount: \$222,587.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends submitting the grant application for \$900,242.00 to the Motor Vehicle Crime

Prevention Authority to continue the Motor Vehicle Theft Unit activities in the Corpus Christi Police Department, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution