



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future item for the City Council meeting of April 22, 2014
Action Item for the City Council meeting of April 29, 2014

DATE: April 2, 2014
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Approval to submit a grant application to the Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority to continue the motor vehicle theft enforcement grant in the Police Department

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to submit a grant application in the amount of \$645,331 to the Automobile Burglary Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) to continue the motor vehicle theft enforcement grant within the Police Department for Year 14 with a City cash match of \$485,161, in-kind match of \$52,045, and program income match of \$7,687 for a total project cost of \$1,190,224 and authorizing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant.

PURPOSE:

The City must apply for these funds each year.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The City of Corpus Christi is applying for Year 14 funding from the Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) to continue the motor vehicle theft unit in the Police Department. The ATPA was established in 1991 due to rising auto thefts and is funded through a monthly fee of \$2 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, but also on the salvages 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; this has included a resurgence of the Operation HEAT program as well as other crime prevention programs focusing on reducing auto thefts. Since the inception of the unit in 2001, auto thefts have decreased from 1,515 to 487 in 2013.

The grant provides funds for one Lieutenant to supervise the Unit, two sworn CCPD officers, and three civilians. The three civilians conduct data analysis, crime analysis, manage the required public awareness campaign, and maintain grant paperwork. In-kind contributions include office supplies, copy machine, and office space. Cash contributions from program

income will cover travel expenses. The General Fund cash match is for three sworn officers who are funded and currently work in the auto theft and auto burglary bureau.

Because these funds are neither Federal nor State but from an insurance fee, there is no set time limit for the grant to end; other grantees have been continuously funded for 20 plus years. The City must reapply each year because the ATPA requires a very close review of performance and the grantee's ability to utilize the funds efficiently.

ALTERNATIVES:

None

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

None

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Conforms to all city policies.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Finance
Legal

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

X Operating Revenue Capital Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2013-2014	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item			\$544,893	\$544,893
BALANCE			\$544,893	\$544,893

Fund(s): Police General Fund

Comments:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends submitting the application.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Grant application