



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of July 15, 2025

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Ordinance appropriating \$40,000.00 in grant program income under the Motor Vehicle Crime and Prevention Authority grant in the Police Grants Fund; and authorizing the appropriation of \$11,863.63 in insurance claim proceeds into the Police Grants Fund

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the appropriation of \$40,000.00 in grant program income under the Motor Vehicle Crime and Prevention Authority grant in the Police Grants Fund; and authorizing the appropriation of \$11,863.63 in insurance claim proceeds into the Police Grants Fund; and amending the FY 2025 Police Grants Fund Budget by a total amount of \$51,863.63.

SUMMARY:

This Ordinance authorizes the appropriation of \$40,000.00 in grant program income under the Motor Vehicle Crime and Prevention Authority grant in the Police Grants Fund and authorizes the appropriation of \$11,863.63 in insurance claim proceeds into the Police Grants Fund. The funds will subsequently be used to purchase a replacement vehicle for the Corpus Christi Police Department's Auto Theft Task Force. The previous vehicle was totaled in a recent accident and is no longer in service.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Corpus Christi Police Department's Auto Theft Task Force 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. Additionally, the Auto Theft Task Force conducts an extensive public awareness campaign which includes crime prevention programs focusing on reducing motor vehicle crime.

The Auto Theft Task Force is primarily funded through the Motor Vehicle Crime and Prevention Authority (MVCPA) grant program. 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 amount awarded to the City is based upon the number of auto thefts in the area and the performance of the Auto Theft Task Force's program. The City has been a recipient of the MVCPA grant for over 20 years.

With this item, staff is requesting authorization to appropriate \$40,000.00 in MVCPA program income in the Police Grants Fund and \$11,863.63 in insurance claims into the Police Grants Fund. The program income comes from fees charged for inspecting personal cargo trailers as part of the personal cargo trailer state title process. The MVCPA grant program requires the income generated from the inspection fees to be retained by the grant funded program, as detailed in Section 3.4.7 - Program Income of the MVCPA Grant Administrative Manual. This allows the program income to be retained in order to support the grant funded activities. Per the MVCPA grant requirements, if the City were to appropriate the program income to the General Fund, it would cause a finding in the Single Audit or any grantor audit. The \$11,863.63 in insurance claims comes from an Auto Theft Task Force police vehicle unit (Ford F-150) that was totaled in an accident that occurred in January 2025.

The previous police vehicle that was totaled in January 2025 was essential to the Auto Theft Task Force's operations. The vehicle was used for surveillance, transporting specialized equipment, and responding to auto theft cases. The total loss of the previous vehicle has created an operational gap that must be addressed in order to properly carry out the Auto Theft Task Force's operations as well as to comply with the requirements of the MVCPA grant. CCPD will use the appropriated funds to purchase a replacement 2025 Dodge Ram 1500 for CCPD's Auto Theft Task Force (the use of the MVCPA program income for the purchase of a replacement 2025 Dodge Ram 1500 has already been approved by the MVCPA grantor).

CCPD will purchase a Dodge Ram 1500 to replace the totaled Ford F-150 because the Auto Theft Task Force does not use its assigned vehicle for police patrol activities. Instead, the vehicle is used for investigative work as well as for educational promotional activities for the Auto Theft Task Force. Therefore, the replacement vehicle does not need to be another Ford F-150. CCPD is currently working with Asset Management and Contracts and Procurement on bids for the Dodge Ram 1500 (during a recent vehicle order by Asset Management, a similar Dodge Ram 1500 was purchased for \$49,950). Staff expects to receive bids around the same price range for the Dodge Ram 1500 that will be purchased with these appropriated grant funds.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is to not approve the request to appropriate program income and insurance claim funds. However, this would delay the ability of CCPD to purchase a replacement vehicle that is critical to CCPD's Auto Theft Task Force operations, which will reduce the ability to conduct surveillance, field investigations, and enforcement operations. Without a replacement vehicle, CCPD's capacity to meet the MVCPA's grant performance goals, including stolen vehicle recoveries, arrests, and community engagement, would be compromised. This would negatively affect future MVCPA grant funding and overall MVCPA program success.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the General Fund. This item will appropriate \$40,000.00 in grant program income from the Motor Vehicle Crime and Prevention Authority grant in the Police Grants Fund and appropriate \$11,863.63 in insurance claim proceeds into the Police Grants Fund. This will amend the FY 2025 Police Grants Fund Budget by a total amount of \$51,863.63.

Funding Detail:

Fund:	1061	Police Grants Fund
Organization/Activity:	89	Grants & CIP/ MVCPA Program Income 822328L
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	
Account:	550020 Vehicle & Machinery	
	530100 Vehicle Repairs	
Amount:	\$51,863.63	

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends authorizing the appropriation of \$40,000.00 in grant program income under the Motor Vehicle Crime and Prevention Authority grant in the Police Grants Fund; and authorizing the appropriation of \$11,863.63 in insurance claim proceeds into the Police Grants Fund; and amending the Police Grants Fund Budget in the total amount of \$51,863.63, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Certificate of Funds
Ordinance
Presentation