



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting June 28, 2022
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting July 19, 2022

DATE: June 28, 2022
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Accepting and appropriating the Rapid Response Strikeforce Grant in the Police Department

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority in the amount of \$57,925.00 for the Rapid Response Strikeforce Grant in the Corpus Christi Police Department to fund overtime for seven sworn officers and to purchase equipment, and designating the Chief of Police as the authorized official and the Deputy Chief of Police of the Criminal Investigations Division as Program Director, and Director of Finance, or Director of Finance's Designee, as financial officer for this grant; and appropriating \$57,925.00 in the Police Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a grant and appropriation of funds from the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority for overtime for sworn officers and four vehicle-mounted license plate reader machines for an enhanced enforcement focus on motor vehicle theft. The grant also designates the Chief of Police as the authorized official and the Deputy Chief of Police of the Criminal Investigations Division as Program Director, and Director of Finance, or Director of Finance's Designee, as financial officer for this grant.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The State created the Rapid Response Strikeforce Grant two years ago. Agencies are awarded funds based on a high increase in motor vehicle thefts in their locality, requiring immediate attention.

The City of Corpus Christi has seen a 20% increase in unauthorized use of motor vehicles since 2020. The theft of motorcycles nearly doubled in 2021. Currently, there is not a system in place allowing outlying agencies to share recently stolen vehicle intelligence with the Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD). Vehicles are frequently stolen from outlying counties, eventually making their way into Corpus Christi to be used in other crimes ranging from theft of motor vehicle parts (ex: Cadillac converters, tires, and rims) to robbery or murder. This grant will allow the CCPD to combat this issue not only from additional direct crime prevention, but also through the sharing of stolen vehicle information with participating agencies, to include outlying counties.

Funding from this grant will provide for the purchase of four vehicle-mounted license plate readers and

overtime for seven sworn officers to conduct covert operations. The data gathered from this program will be shared with other agencies, to include outlying counties. The grant time period is July 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023.

This is the first time that this grant has been available and the first time that it has been awarded to the City.

ALTERNATIVES:

If the grant is not accepted, CCPD will not conduct additional covert operations related to stolen vehicles, which will result in more stolen vehicles making their way into Corpus Christi and leading to increased crime. It also will negatively affect outlying counties that work in partnership with the City regarding stolen vehicle crimes.

FISCAL IMPACT

Grant funds will be deposited in the Police Grants Fund. There is no cash match required.

Funding Detail:

FY 2022

Fund:	1061 Police Grants Fund
Organization/Activity:	822522S
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A
Account:	510200 \$18,000.00
	520090 \$39,925.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting and appropriating the item, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Grant award document