



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council meeting of April 25, 2023

**DATE:** April 25, 2023  
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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 Corpus Christi Police Department**

### **CAPTION:**

Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application for \$822,431.00 to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority for funding for salaries, benefits, overtime, and travel for four sworn officers and three civilians in the Corpus Christi Police Department's Motor Vehicle Theft Unit, with a City cash match of \$169,372 and an in-kind match of \$714,806, for a total project cost of \$1,706,609; 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 designee, as financial officer for this grant.

### **SUMMARY:**

This resolution authorizes submission of a grant to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority for salary, benefits, overtime, and travel for four sworn officers and three civilians in the Corpus Christi Police Department's Motor Vehicle Theft Unit. The City must apply for these funds each year.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) is applying for FY 2024 grant funding from the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) for salary, benefits, overtime, and travel for four sworn officers and three civilians its Motor Vehicle Theft Unit.

The MVCPA was established in 1991 due to rising auto thefts. The MVCPA is funded through a monthly fee of \$4 on every insured vehicle in Texas by way of charging insurance companies that provide vehicle insurance coverage in Texas. The insurance companies pass the costs on to consumers. The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts collects the fee.

CCPD's Motor Vehicle Theft 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. The goal of the Motor Vehicle Theft Unit is to reduce the sale of stolen vehicles and parts.

As part of the grant, an extensive public awareness campaign is required. The public awareness campaign includes crime prevention programs that focus on reducing motor vehicle crime.

The grant provides funds for one Lieutenant and three other sworn CCPD officers, and three civilians. The civilians conduct data analysis, crime analysis, manage the required public awareness campaign, and maintain grant paperwork. The sworn officers investigate auto thefts and auto burglaries and perform trailer inspections per State requirements. In-kind contributions include copy machine, indirect personnel costs, and office space. The General Fund cash match is for equipment, travel, and supplies and direct operating expenses.

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

The grant period being applied for is September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024. The City has received the grant for 22 years. Last year the City received \$429,518 from this grant.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

If the grant application is not authorized, both the sworn and civilian personnel will not be able to continue the Motor Vehicle Theft Unit in its current capacity, or possibly at all. The program relies on these grant funds each year to continue its operations.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact in FY 2023 with the submission of the grant application. If grant funds are awarded, the fiscal impact will be in FY 2023. The grant funds of \$822,431 will be appropriated to the FY 2024 Police Grants Fund and the City cash match of \$169,372 will be available in the FY 2024 Police Department General Fund.

**Funding Detail:**

Fund: 1061 Police Grants Fund  
Organization/Activity: Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention  
Project # (CIP Only): N/A  
Account: 510100 Salaries and Wages

Fund: 1020 General Fund  
Organization/Activity: Criminal Investigation Division Auto Theft 11721  
Project # (CIP Only): N/A  
Account: 510100 Salaries and Wages

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends submitting the application for the grant for the Motor Vehicle Theft Unit, as presented.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Resolution