



FY24 SB224 Catalytic Converter Grant
Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority
Statement of Grant Award and Grantee Acceptance Notice

Grant Number: **224-24-1780200**
 Grantee: **City of Corpus Christi**
 Program Title: **Corpus Christi Police Department Auto Theft Task Force**
 Grant Award Amount: **\$98,728**
 Total Cash Match Amount: **-0-**
 In-Kind Match Amount: **-0-**
 Reimbursement Percent*: **100%**
 Grant Term: **August 7, 2024 to August 6, 2025**

Grant Budget Summary: City of Corpus Christi (App ID: 276)

Budget Category	MVCPA Expenditures	Cash Match Expenditures	Total Expenditures	In-Kind Match
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Fringe	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Overtime	\$23,474	\$0	\$23,474	
Professional and Contract Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Equipment	\$72,060	\$0	\$72,060	
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE)	\$3,194	\$0	\$3,194	
Total	\$98,728	\$0	\$98,728	

*Reimbursement Percent: 100%

That whereas, **City of Corpus Christi** (hereinafter referred to as Grantee), has heretofore submitted a grant application in response to the Request for Application issued on February 14, 2024 to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority, State of Texas, entitled **Corpus Christi Police Department Auto Theft Task Force** and further identified by grant number **224-24-1780200** and

Whereas, the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority has approved the grant application as evidenced by this FY24 Statement of Grant Award and certain special requirements from the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority dated **08/07/2024** and

Whereas, the Grantee desires to accept the FY24 grant award and use all funds for purposes and in compliance with the following requirements that are adopted in their entirety by reference:

- Texas Transportation Code Chapter 1006;
- Texas Administrative Code: Title 43; Part 3; Chapter 57;

- Texas Grant Management Standards (TxGMS) as promulgated by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts including TxGMS Standard Assurances by Local Governments and Standards for Financial and Program Management;
- The Request for Applications issued on February 14, 2024;
- The current Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Grant Administrative Manual and forms and subsequently adopted grantee instruction manuals and forms;
- The Final Adopted Application attached to this Statement of Grant Award; and
- The Approved Grant Budget Summary

Now, therefore, the Grantee accepts the FY24 Statement of Grant Award under the conditions above including the special requirements in the grant application and the Statement of Grant Award as evidenced by this agreement, executed by the official authorized to sign the original grant application, or the official’s designated successor, as presiding officer of and on behalf of the governing body of this grantee; and

The Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority has awarded the above-referenced grant subject to the availability of state funds. The approved budget is reflected in the above Approved Grant Budget Summary. This grant is subject to and conditioned upon the acceptance of the MVCPA Grant Administrative Guide promulgated for this specific program fund (referenced above) by the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority. Applicable special conditions are listed below.

Special Conditions and Requirements (MVCPA will only apply special conditions to applicable jurisdictions):

 X **Non-Supplanting** - The grantee agrees that funds will be used to supplement, not supplant, funds that would otherwise be available for the activities under this grant. This includes demonstrating that new funded positions will be added to the department and not replacing local funds with state funds.

 X **Intelligence Sharing** - The grantee is required to ensure that Law Enforcement personnel funded in whole or in part by this grant actively participate in Law Enforcement intelligence sharing webinars and Motor Vehicle Crime Investigator Virtual Command Centers organized and promoted on behalf of the MVCPA program operation and statewide collaboration.

 X **Border Security Report Requirement** – This Grantee is designated as a MVCPA Border Security Grant which is located along the United States of America border with the United States of Mexico and those that are adjacent to the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway. This designation requires grantee to provide additional report information required by the General Appropriations Act of the 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session. The Governor or Legislative Budget Board may request additional information regarding the report data during the term of the grant.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED BY:

Authorized Official

Printed Name and Title

Date Signed

FY24 Final Negotiated Application

Senate Bill 224 Grant Negotiation for 2024

**The Application was submitted by Mike Markle at 8/5/2024 11:40:03 AM and is now locked.
The confirmation Number is 2024080500276.**

Primary Agency / Grantee Legal Name: *City of Corpus Christi*
Organization Type: *Law Enforcement*
Organization ORI (if applicable): *TX1780200: CORPUS CHRISTI PD (MIP)*

Program Title Please enter a short description of the proposed program that can be used as the title.
Corpus Christi Police Department Auto Theft Task Force

Application Category (See **Request for Applications** [RFA] for category details and descriptions RFA Priority Funding Section):
 New Grant - 2024 is the first year of the MVCPA Catalytic Converter Program Grants. All 2024 grant applicants use the new grant category.

MVCPA Program Category (see **RFA** and TAC 43, 3 §57.14). Check all that apply.

- Law Enforcement, Detection and Apprehension
- Prosecution, Adjudication and Conviction
- Reduction of the Theft of Catalytic Converters
- Education Programs and Marketing

Taskforce Grant Participation and Coverage Area

Provide a General Description of the Participating and Coverage Area of this Grant Application

City of Corpus Christi, Nueces County, San Patricio and the Port of Corpus Christi in Texas.

Define in the tables below the grant relationships and geographic area of the Catalytic Converter program:

Applicant will add the participating and coverage agencies from the ORI list below. If an agency is not in the ORI list, please include the agency and role in the general description above. Make sure to follow the definitions below and select an agency in the dropdown. Use the *Add as Participating Agency* or *Add as Coverage Agency* button to populate the list.

Participating Agencies are agencies that materially participate in the grant application through the exchange of funds for reimbursement and cash match. Participating agencies are defined after the grant award by interlocal/interagency agreements. Each applicant must select their own agency first. Then select agencies that will receive or provide funding and/or resources. [Note: Interlocal/interagency agreements do not need to be submitted with the application. Interlocal agreements will need to be executed prior to the first payment being made if selected for a grant. Letters of support with the application from the participating agencies are strongly recommended.]

Coverage Agencies are agencies that provided some level of coverage, assistance or support by this grant application but will not materially exchange funds as cash match or reimbursement. The coverage is not supported by an after the award with interlocal/interagency agreements. Coverage agencies as law enforcement agencies may have jurisdictional coverage agreements unrelated to the grant (Ex. City Y is within County X or vice versa). Agencies selected in this list include agencies that will be covered or where the agency indicates that their agency will coordinate or call upon the program. Letters of support with the application from the participating agencies are strongly recommended.

Select Agencies to Add	Participating Agencies	Coverage Agencies
Blanco BLANCO CO SO (AE) [TX0160000] BLANCO PD [TX0160100] JOHNSON CITY PD [TX0160200]	CORPUS CHRISTI PD (MIP)	NUECES CO SO SAN PATRICIO CO SO
Borden BORDEN CO SO (AE) [TX0170000]		
Bosque BOSQUE CO SO (AE) [TX0180000] CLIFTON PD (AE) [TX0180100]		
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<input type="button" value="Add as Coverage Agencies"/>		

Other Coverage (Use if ORI not listed or explanation is necessary.):
No text provided.

National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) Used as Match (Documentation and time certification required.)

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)

Other State or Federal Agency (specify:)

Resolution: Complete a Resolution and submit to local governing body for approval. [Sample Resolution](#) is found in the Request for Application or send a request for an electronic copy to grantsMVCPA@txdmv.gov. The completed and executed Resolution must be attached to this on-line application.

Grant Budget Form

MVCPA recommends that the applicant complete the total costs (MVCPA and Cash Match combined) for this program. The applicant can then enter the desired amount of Cash Match (not less than 20% per TAC Title 43, Â§57.36). The system will then calculate the correct grant and match amounts.

Budget Entry Option:

- Enter Total and let system calculate MVCPA Funds and Cash Match, Match Percentage: 0%
- Enter MVCPA and Cash Match Amounts

Click on category name to edit budget detail for that category.

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Fringe				
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Travel				
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Total	\$98,728	\$0	\$98,728	
Cash Match Percentage		0.00%		

Description	Subcategory	Pct Time	MVCPA Funds	Cash Match	Total	In-Kind Match
Personnel						
Total Personnel						
Fringe						
Total Fringe						
Overtime						
Police Lieutenant	Investigator/LEO		\$5,023		\$5,023	
Investigator 1	Investigator/LEO		\$4,331		\$4,331	
Investigator 2	Investigator/LEO		\$4,331		\$4,331	
Investigator 3	Investigator/LEO		\$4,331		\$4,331	
administrative/support	Administrative / Support		\$2,729		\$2,729	
Crime Analyst	Crime Analyst/LE Professional		\$2,729		\$2,729	
Total Overtime			\$23,474		\$23,474	

Description	Subcategory	Pct Time	MVCPA Funds	Cash Match	Total	In-Kind Match
Professional and Contract Services						
Total Professional and Contract Services						
Travel						
Total Travel						
Equipment						
Wireless Mobile Column Vehicle Lifts			\$45,500		\$45,500	
Laser Engraver			\$6,080		\$6,080	
Laser Engraver			\$6,080		\$6,080	
Thermal Surveillance and search drones			\$14,400		\$14,400	
Total Equipment			\$72,060		\$72,060	
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE)						
Head Lamps			\$660	\$0	\$660	
Mechanical Rolling Trolley			\$224	\$0	\$224	
Mechanic gloves			\$720	\$0	\$720	
Heavy duty car jacks			\$540	\$0	\$540	
laser Safety glasses			\$1,050	\$0	\$1,050	
Total Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE)			\$3,194	\$0	\$3,194	

Budget Narrative

C. Overtime

Work to be performed with overtime hours are proactive operations, reactive assessments and public awareness, with an additional focus on Catalytic Converter theft detection and prevention. Most covert operations occur in the evening along with large case breaks that require detectives to work outside of normal business hours. Most public awareness events occur in the evening and on weekend hours. The Corpus Christi Auto Theft Task Force is asking for 5% of salaries which equates to \$23,474 MVCPA funded. This amount will cover overtime hours for public presentations, field operations and call out investigations. Call out investigations, large case breaks and proactive operations are difficult to foresee and cannot predict flexible or variable schedules. Overtime requests and approval will be adhered by the Corpus Christi Police Department Policy and Procedure for Overtime Compensation Request Policy # 950. NOTES: *The overtime is calculated based off of the salaries of positions predetermined by the city of Corpus Christi Human Resources Department. The overtime calculated for the crime analyst is reflective of a 5% merit increase if performance evaluation appropriates it; the intake specialist is a conservative projection of the top of the hiring range of a predetermined 113 local pay grade; all sworn overtime is a projection based on a 4% COLA pay increase awarded to civilian employees in FY22 (the value is likely an over-estimate pre-POA negotiations). Just as well, the additional pays are reflective of current allowances and cannot be determined until a new POA contract has been established.

F. Equipment

Wireless Mobile Column Lifts -The portable lift can be used in various settings, both indoors and outdoors, which is crucial for accommodating different types of vehicles and work environments. This versatility ensures that we can carry out our tasks, such as painting, marking, etching, and engraving VINs on catalytic converters, without being restricted to a single location. This will help detect and prevent catalytic converter theft. ATTF plans to use a laser engraver to mark serial or VIN numbers on catalytic converters during public awareness events and inspections (such as 68A's). The purpose of etching these numbers on the converters is to assist in investigations of theft and recovery. The engraved numbers will help locate complaints and their stolen catalytic converters. Currently, ATTF has no equipment to mark identifying numbers on catalytic converters. Surveillance and search drones are aerial devices that are not armed but are equipped with live-streaming capabilities. These drones will be used for intelligence gathering before a warrant is issued and overwatch for auto theft search warrants. There have been several instances where suspects have stolen catalytic converters from dealerships or salvage yards at night. With the help of live streaming and thermal imaging cameras on the drone, it would be easier to locate and track the suspects before apprehension. Additionally, a mini search drone can be used to safely search interior structures and confined spaces like salvage yards near junk piles or scrap metal entities. This type of device would be useful in any scenario that requires seeing in small and confined spaces.

G. Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE)

The investigators will need to purchase some tools to use during field operations, investigations, and assessments. These tools include (but are not limited to) the following: 12 headlamps (\$660), 2 mechanical rolling trolleys (\$224), 16 mechanic gloves (\$720), 2 heavy-duty car jacks (\$540), and 10 pairs of laser safety glasses (\$320).

Revenue

Indicate Source of Cash and In-Kind Matches for the proposed program. Click on links to go to match detail pages for entry of data.

[Cash Match](#)

[In-Kind Match](#)

Statistics to Support Grant Problem Statement

Reported Cases	2022	2023
Jurisdiction	Catalytic Converter Theft	Catalytic Converter Theft
Corpus Christi Police Department	594	164

[Add/Edit Statistics](#)

Application Narrative

Grant Introduction (Executive Summary) and General Information

- 1.1 Briefly describe the organization and program operation. Provide a high level summary to the application and how it will affect the local community. (500 words or less)

The City of Corpus Christi, Texas is a border-port city located on the Gulf of Mexico 140 miles east of Laredo and 160 miles north of Brownsville, Texas. Its Metropolitan Statistical Area (including Nueces County) has an estimated population of 317,773 (2023) and covers a geographic location of 839 square miles. The City of Corpus Christi has over 3,000 employees with an estimated annual budget of \$1.4 billion (2023). The Police Department (CCPD) only operates under \$97 million of that available funding. CCPD has 491 sworn officers, 210 civilian personnel, and a high demand for more officers still to come. The Police Department currently sustains 12 grants to help supplement its costs brought by the insufficient general funding it receives. The continuation of the MVCPA program would greatly assist with the department's funding deficiencies and alleviate some of the financial burdens on local taxpayers. The MVCPA Program makes it possible for the community to have an Auto Theft Task Force (ATTF) comprised of law enforcement professionals who can extend searches throughout Nueces County and work continuously throughout the year with NICB, Customs, DPS, MVCPA Task Forces, TxDot and other surrounding law enforcement agencies. The ATTF uses both proactive and reactive policing tactics to combat motor vehicle crime such as bait and field operations. In conjunction with crime analyst information, officers also use technology made available by MVCPA funding such as bait software, Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs), live video streaming and VIN readers to conduct investigations. The Corpus Christi ATTF reports UCR and NIBRS numbers generated within the city and for these investigations along with any cases generated in response to out of city limits. The Public Awareness campaign associated with the program makes contact with all demographics present in Corpus Christi. It reaches people of different socio-economic statuses, cultures, backgrounds, ages, physical abilities, education and geographical backgrounds with a strong community following. The MVCPA program positively impacts hundreds of thousands of residents of South Texas each year, making it an invaluable asset to the population it serves.

- 1.2 Describe the taskforce governing, organization and command structures. Include a description of the nature of support and agreements that will be in place if the grant is awarded. Provide any details unique to the taskforce organization or geographical target area. Describe whether any part of this grant will be directed to serve a specific target population (or subset of the community)?

The Corpus Christi Auto Theft Task Force is a component of the Criminal Investigations Division of the Corpus Christi Police Department under the governing body of the City of Corpus Christi. The Taskforce is presided under CCPD's law enforcement officer policy which is directed under federal, state, and local guidelines. The Taskforce command structure includes all personnel reporting to the Taskforce Commander, which is the Police Lieutenant. The Taskforce Commander then reports to the Program Director, which is the Deputy Chief of Police of the Criminal Investigations Division. In turn, the Program Director reports to the Authorized Official, who is the Chief of Police and has been given executive authority on all program related matters (act of City Council). On the financial side of the command structure, the designated Financial Officer is the Director of the Finance Department for the City of Corpus Christi. The Financial Officer works in conjunction with the Authorized Official. All financial paperwork is processed by the Financial Officer's designated departmental team. All aspects of payroll and other expenditures are prepared at the Police Department and forwarded to the Finance Office for review and publication. Unique details to consider with the City of Corpus Christi is that it is recognized by the State of Texas as a border-port city located on the Gulf of Mexico. Due to this prime location, the metropolitan area serves as a major source for motor vehicle crime and the trafficking of stolen vehicles and parts into Mexico. Furthermore, the ATTF investigators are deputized to allow officers to conduct investigations throughout Nueces County through an informally accepted agreement with Nueces County Sheriff's Department, Precinct Constables, the Port of Corpus Christi Police Department and other surrounding agencies when assistance is requested and permitted. All cases are filed under the Nueces County District Attorney's Office. The program described in the application will cover the aforementioned communities at large.

Grant Problem Statement

- 2.1 Provide an assessment of the Catalytic Converter Theft problem in the coverage area of this application. Include loss data consistent with the reported incident numbers above.

Over the past three years, there has been an increase in the theft of car parts, driven by the new trend of catalytic converter thefts, which has resulted in more work for ATTF investigators. In 2021, 603 cases of catalytic converter thefts were reported, accounting for 61% of all theft of parts. This pattern continued in 2022, with 594 cases of catalytic converter theft reported, which made up 64% of all theft of parts. However, by 2023, the total number had decreased to 164 due to the decline in platinum, palladium, and rhodium prices, along with the implementation of the new legislative bill 224. Corpus Christi Auto Theft Task Force predicts that the number of thefts will increase again in the future when the metal prices rebound, and criminals find new loopholes to exploit. In 2021, residential areas were the most vulnerable locations to auto burglaries and theft of parts, making up 34% of the total targeted location types. However, in 2022, as a result of the catalytic converter theft trend, the most vulnerable locations to BMVs and/or theft of parts became multi-family residential locations (apartments, condos, mobile home parks, etc.); they made up 31% of the total targeted location types.

Grant Goals and Activities

There are two parts to this section: 1) Functions of Proposed Program and 2) Goals Strategies and Activities (GSA). In the following boxes, describe the functions of the proposed program and then complete a fillable form called GSA.

MVCPA programs must completely describe the actions, methods and tactics that law enforcement and civilian staff will perform for each of the categories below. Describe the reliance on technology or other program elements to solve the problem statement above and goals below. Functions must be detailed and consistent with the requested budget. If a grant is awarded, funds expended towards activities not described in this section will result in the reimbursement being denied.

Part 1

3.1 Functions of the proposed program related to Catalytic Converter Theft from a motor vehicle.

With the help of this program, the Corpus Christi Auto Theft Task Force will conduct field operations, proactive investigations and undercover surveillance operations performed with the assistance of confidential informant information that will lead to the apprehension of suspects. Crime analyst data is used to maintain intelligence files and generate reports of repetitive patterns. Our program plans to conduct bi-monthly 68A inspections utilizing two state-of-the-art vehicle lifts, enhancing our capacity to inspect vehicles thoroughly for catalytic converter security. These regular inspections will serve not only to assess vulnerability but also to implement preventative measures directly. A key component of our inspection process involves the use of etching machines to mark catalytic converters with unique serial numbers. This etching serves a dual purpose: deterring theft by making the parts less attractive to thieves due to traceability and aiding in the recovery and return of stolen items should theft occur. To extend our reach beyond direct inspections, we will deploy drones equipped with high-resolution cameras for aerial surveillance of high-risk areas, such as large public parking lots and automotive dealerships. This proactive surveillance measure will allow us to monitor large areas efficiently, identify suspicious activities in real-time, and respond swiftly to prevent thefts before they occur. The taskforce will accomplish covert operations by utilizing intelligence gathered and targeting motor vehicle theft offenders and associated "hotspots." The ATTF will carry out this measure through the use of field operations, proactive investigations and undercover surveillance operations performed with the assistance of confidential informant information.

3.4 Functions of the proposed program related to preventing Catalytic Converter Theft

Public awareness plays a significant role in deterring auto crime. Public awareness events are planned throughout the year. These events range anywhere from promotional booths, health fairs, city functions, presentations, message board displays, media interviews and placements, Catalytic Converter and Trailer Stamping events, Facebook Live presentations and miscellaneous meetings with civic groups. The campaign will also coordinate with existing community programs to discuss area problems and possible solutions. Press releases, news conferences, public service announcements and interviews will be scheduled throughout the year as needed. Educating our patrol division is a necessity as they are the first responders on the streets. Through the goal and strategy of educating/training citizens and qualified personnel in detection and prevention of CC theft, and theft of vehicle parts and accessories, Corpus Christi aims to accommodate the following public awareness objectives: EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH EVENTS: This objective will be reached by scheduling and attending outreach events each month. Over the years, Corpus Christi has established a strong community network with local businesses and organizations who often request the taskforce's presence at each of their events. In addition, the ATTF will constantly be distributing brochures and other forms of information throughout the year. The freshly maintained, picturesque Auto Theft Task Force MVCPA wrapped vehicle is a city and crowd favorite wherever it is stationed. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS TO THE PUBLIC: This objective will be reached by conducting citizen presentations each month derived from statistics and data collected by the ATTF crime analyst and other personnel throughout the year. The presentations will be delivered to a variety of audiences selected and requested on a monthly need. The program manager will be the primary source of presentation delivery. ETCHING INITIATIVES: This measure will be performed by certified ATTF personnel upon citizen request. Services such as trailer stampings and catalytic converter engravings are often complimented by work performed on 68A inspections hosted by the taskforce. POSTING TO SOCIAL MEDIA OUTLETS: This measure will be performed by utilizing the strong following of the CCPD social media outlets approximated at 77,000 followers. The Auto Theft Task Force will aim to post on a regular basis in order to meet this goal. The Program Manager will bring valuable insight into this measure from his/her participation in the social media committee of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators. OUTDOOR PUBLIC SIGNAGE NOTIFICATION: This objective will be met by continuing another great, long-standing partnership with the Corpus Christi Hooks, a minor-league affiliate of the Houston Astros. The ATTF will purchase billboard signage outside of Whataburger stadium displaying MVCPA's message and logo, "If You Like It--Lock It." MEDIA OUTREACH: A growing objective in Corpus Christi, the taskforce aims to provide regular PSAs and media engagement by capturing important messages and highlighting the profound work performed by the ATTF. This will be supplemented by occasional Facebook Live events with topics that will be determined at the time of its premiere. LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING EVENTS: To meet these objectives, the ATTF will utilize its TCOLE certified instructors to deliver an 8-credit hour, day-long course to interested law enforcement officers around the state of Texas. Furthermore, these objectives will be reached by the task force's investigators participating in information-sharing initiatives with other law enforcement agencies regularly. Primarily, ATTF's Lieutenant and senior investigators deliver these presentations to relevant LEOs that would receive the most benefit. Drone surveillance To extend our reach beyond direct inspections, we will deploy drones equipped with high-resolution cameras for aerial surveillance of high-risk areas, such as large public parking lots and automotive dealerships. This proactive surveillance measure will allow us to monitor large areas efficiently, identify suspicious activities in real-time, and respond swiftly to prevent thefts before they occur. To support our preventive efforts and refine our strategies, we will establish a comprehensive database to log details of catalytic converter theft incidents. This database will facilitate in-depth analysis of theft patterns and help predict future hotspots, thereby enabling targeted deployment of our resources. Regular assessments of the program's impact on theft reduction will also be conducted, ensuring that our strategies are effective and dynamically adjusted based on empirical evidence.

3.6 Collaboration Effort -- Describe the taskforce method to collaborate, and not duplicate existing activities. Describe the cross boundaries regional approach to grant activity implementation. Describe how the applicant staff and jurisdiction will coordinate with

other taskforces and law enforcement agencies to implement this program.

The Corpus Christi Auto Theft Task Force is dedicated to establishing a comprehensive, collaborative approach to combat catalytic converter theft. Recognizing the necessity of regional cooperation and the effective use of resources, our task force has developed a strategic plan to collaborate with neighboring agencies and organizations while ensuring our activities complement rather than duplicate existing efforts. Information Sharing and Coordination: We have established a shared database accessible to all participating agencies. This platform will facilitate real-time information sharing regarding theft incidents, suspect descriptions, and recovery reports. By consolidating this data, we can identify patterns that may span several jurisdictions and coordinate our response more effectively. Joint Operations and Task Forces: Regularly scheduled joint operations will be organized to leverage the collective resources and expertise of participating agencies. These operations may include coordinated patrols in high-risk areas, joint investigation teams for ongoing cases, and combined community outreach events. Training and Workshops: We plan to host workshops and training sessions that involve officers from all participating agencies. These sessions will focus on the latest techniques in theft prevention, investigative procedures, and use of technology such as drone surveillance, database management and etching of catalytic converters. Our collaboration with the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICIB) will enhance our analytical capabilities and access to national data on auto theft trends: Data and Analytics Support: NICIB along with our crime analyst will provide us with analytical support, helping to interpret patterns and predict potential theft hotspots based on national and regional data. This partnership will enhance our strategic planning and operational deployment. Recovery and Identification Resources: NICIB's resources will also aid in the identification and recovery of stolen catalytic converters. Their expertise in tracking stolen auto parts will be invaluable in tracing recovered items back to their rightful owners.

3.7 If the proposed application requests any exceptions or deviation from any general grant rules, RFA conditions or grant administrative policy, please indicate in the section below. Indicate the section of the specific issue and citation that you are asking the MVCPA to consider and the rationale for the request.

N/A

Part II

Goals, Strategies, and Activities

[Select Goals, Strategies, and Activity Targets](#) for the proposed program described in the application.

Click on the link above to open a new table called Goals, Strategies, and Activity. Applicants will review the statutory and optional activities. The first section is the statutory measures. Grantees may not provide targets for this section but need to review the descriptions to ensure that they understand the statutory minimum requirements associated with this grant. Applicants will then review the other items and estimate targets for only the activities that the applicant has described and plans to complete under this application.

ID	Activity	Measure	Target
Measures for Grantees. Add Target values for those that you will measure.			
1	Goal 1: Reduce the Incidence of Catalytic Converter Theft through Enforcement Strategies		
1.1	Strategy 1: Conduct Activities that Result in the Arrest, Clearance, and Recoveries of Catalytic Converter Theft		
1.1.1	Identify groups of catalytic converter theft offenders through intelligence gathering, crime analysis and the use of informants	Number of catalytic converter theft groups identified. Include gangs, cartels or other criminal enterprise with two or more members	10
1.1.2	Identify and document/record prolific Catalytic Converter Theft offenders [Prolific is defined as "linked to Catalytic Converter Theft offenses three or more times"]	Number identified/documented offenders	
1.1.5	Conduct inspections of local businesses related to vehicle enterprise (transportation code or occupation code authorized companies such as salvage yard, repair shop, parts recycling center, used car dealership, salvage rebuilder, title service company, other).	Number of businesses inspected	12
1.1.6	Conduct bait vehicle operations that target Catalytic Converter Theft offenders	Number of bait vehicle deployments. Include Catalytic Converter Theft bait operations here.	4
1.1.8	Deploy license plate readers (LPR)	Number of times LPR deployed. Deploy: If stationary unit then total number of days or partial days unit was operable and on. Mobile unit number of days the unit was on and operable.	185
1.1.9	Respond to taskforce license plate reader (LPR) alert notifications	Number of times investigators responded to taskforce LPR alert notifications regardless of whether vehicle was located	125
1.1.12	Conduct covert operations targeting Catalytic Converter Theft offenders	Number of covert operations	4
1.1.13	Conduct warrant "round-up" operations targeting catalytic converter crime offenders, including	Number of warrant round-up operations performed Catalytic Converter Theft	

ID	Activity	Measure	Target
	people wanted for Catalytic Converter Theft		
1.1.15	Increase the recovery rate of stolen motor vehicle Catalytic Converter Theft	Report the number of Catalytic Converters recovered by taskforce	
1.1.16	Increase the clearance rate of Catalytic Converter Theft	Report the number of Catalytic Converter Theft cases cleared	
1.1.17	Increase the number of persons arrested for Catalytic Converter Theft	Report the number of persons arrested for Catalytic Converter Theft by taskforce	
1.2	Strategy 2: Conduct Collaborative Efforts that Result In Reduction of Incidents of Catalytic Converter Theft		
1.2.1	Provide Agency Assists for Catalytic Converter Theft	Number of agency assists related to catalytic converter theft. Assist means responding or answering questions via phone, e-mail, or in person. Providing recommendation, guidance, strategy, support or information that other LEOs will use to resolve their cases. The assist generally does not have the direct responsibility for an investigation nor uses LEO authority. The assist helps another LEO or agency investigate cases. Analysts and civilian employees will record their assists to outside LEOs and agencies met here along with officers.	1
1.2.2	Collaborate with other units or divisions (i.e. homicide, vice, narcotics, etc.) within the taskforce department(s) where there were crimes involving catalytic converter theft. Include all participating jurisdiction departments here.	Number of times collaborated within departments or SOs participating in taskforce related to Catalytic Converter Theft. Collaboration means physically using law enforcement resources, tactics and authority to perform activity on cases that draw upon or aid in the investigation intended to further the resolution of any case, identify parties to crime, identify vehicles, interview witnesses/suspects and apprehend suspects. Collaboration will include any help, recommendation, contribution or support requested from or provided to another unit or offered by the taskforce that aids in the furtherance of Catalytic Converter Theft investigations.	4
1.2.3	Collaborate with all other outside LE agencies and other organizations that assist in the reduction of Catalytic Converter Theft. Include all coverage jurisdictions here	Number of times collaborated with coverage area agencies or other law enforcement agencies and organizations that assist in the reduction of Catalytic Converter Theft. Collaboration means physically using law enforcement resources, tactics and authority to perform activity on cases that draw upon or aid in the investigation intended to further the resolution of any case, identify parties to crime, identify vehicles, interview witnesses/suspects and apprehend suspects. Collaboration will include any help, recommendation, contribution or support requested from or provided to another unit or offered by the taskforce that aids in the furtherance of Catalytic Converter Theft investigations	6
1.2.5	Conduct intelligence information-sharing (Personal attendance)	Number of intelligence meetings attended (include attending as presenter, participant or attendee)	24
1.2.6	Conduct intelligence information-sharing (Written information)	Crime analysis bulletins disseminated (include information distributed to law enforcement agencies via text, e-mail, or intra-net communications)	16
1.2.7	Collaborate with other MVCPA taskforces	Number of times collaborated with other MVCPA taskforces that assist in the reduction in Catalytic Converter Theft	8
3	Goal 3: Educate/Train Citizens and Qualified Personnel in Detection and Prevention of Catalytic Converter Theft		
3.1	Strategy 1: Conduct Public Awareness Related Activities Used to Educate Citizens		
3.1.1	Conduct educational outreach events (include trade show, exhibits, booths at community events, vehicle displays, brochures, etc.)	Number of outreaches	12
3.1.2	Conduct educational presentations to the public	Number of presentations. Presentation means in person, on-line, original written document, article, or webpage.	12
3.1.4	Conduct vehicle identification initiative/event	Number of etching events. Including catalytic converters.	12
3.1.4.1	Conduct vehicle identification initiative/event	Number of Participants/Attendees Catalytic Converters Marked)	
3.1.5	Purchase advertisements in local outlets	Number of advertisements purchased or provided complimentary for taskforce. Include all types of media purchased or provided free (social, tv, utility inserts, billboards, transportation, etc.)	10
3.1.7	Utilize social media outlets (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)	Number of postings in social media outlets	36
3.1.8	Deploy outdoor public notification signage	Number of deployments per month (if sign remains several months, count as 1 deployment per month)	10
3.1.10	Conduct media outreach, including, public service announcements, press releases, and interviews	Number of outreaches	6
3.2	Strategy 2: Conduct Law Enforcement Training Activities to Educate Officers on Recognition and Apprehension of Stolen Vehicles and Property		

ID	Activity	Measure	Target
3.2.1	Conduct law enforcement training (TCOLE)	Number of classes provided for TCOLE credit	1
3.2.3	Conduct vehicle crimes presentations to law enforcement agencies (non TCOLE)	Number of classes or presentations. Presentations may include electronic roll call documents, shift BOLOs and other written or presented materials based on local practices.	4

Grant Evaluation

4.1 Describe the local method and/or practice used to collect the data for reporting Goals, Strategies, and Activities and to evaluate the grant program effectiveness. Describe management and staff participation. Include descriptions of systems (forms and software) that will be used to ensure reliable and accurate data is collected and reported. Describe any other evaluation methods used in the applicant agency to determine effectiveness or cost efficiency of the program.

The program will be monitored and evaluated both numerically and financially throughout the duration of the grant year in addition to the data collection requirements. The scope of work will look as follows: The program manager and crime analyst will conduct a front-end evaluation of the program to determine prior catalytic converter crime rates. Based on findings, the program manager will meet with Taskforce management to set program goals and strategies accordingly. The Taskforce will work collectively to implement, analyze, and optimize grant activity for maximum program effectiveness. The methods used will include selecting three areas of the highest auto crime rates in the city during the remaining grant term: The target area will be selected at the end of the first month of the quarter. This will allow a time frame of data collection in month one, implementation of a concentrated effort of crime prevention through public awareness and proactive operations in month two, and evaluation of implementation in month three. Using crime mapping technology, the effects of the saturation on target areas and the city as a whole will be used in the evaluation to determine if auto crimes are actually being reduced or displaced to other areas. Data will be analyzed using ArcMap 10-ESRI, ILEADS, Excel and Powerpoint software. Reports will be generated for the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority, Corpus Christi Police Department, City of Corpus Christi and other entities utilizing in house computer systems and software. As the program performs, the rates, goals and strategies will be monitored and recorded on a monthly basis by the crime analyst, investigative intake specialist, and program manager and will be compared to the same time frame of the previous year. Data will be compiled, which will then be validated with CCPD's central records division by means of UCR and NIBRS systems. Once verified, the crime analyst will convert the data into reports that will be regularly shared with Taskforce management and other agency staff as necessary. If any irregularities occur, the Taskforce commander will be notified immediately to determine the best course of action. If goals or strategies will be affected, the Taskforce commander will meet with Taskforce personnel to discuss strategies to redirect program resources that can correct the deficiency identified. Decision making will be validated with the authorized official, program director, and financial officer of the program. To monitor the financial aspects of the program, the program manager will compile monthly expenditure reports that will be compared to the financial data collected by the financial officer and his/her team. The collected data will then be verified by the grants and finance division of the City of Corpus Christi through standard accounting practice measures utilizing software such as Microsoft Excel and Infor Suite. Once validated, the Program Manager will compile the data into a report and share with the Taskforce Management Team. If any irregularities occur, the Taskforce commander will be notified immediately to determine the best course of action. If goals or strategies will be affected, the Taskforce commander will meet with Taskforce personnel to discuss strategies to redirect program resources that can correct the deficiency identified. Decision making will be validated with the authorized official, program director, and financial officer of the program. Throughout the grant term and at the conclusion of the year, the Taskforce will report the summative impact of this program on the citizens of Corpus Christi and the reduction of theft of catalytic converters. This evaluation will focus on two separate aspects of the program: PROGRAM STAFF: Program staff will be evaluated by management and will include ATTF investigators, the direct patrol officer, the NICB special agent and the team of civilians. Evaluations of staff will include the measurement of contributions to objectives documented in case activity sheets (records of activity performed) for investigators and the special agent, contact reports for the direct patrol officer, and public awareness tracker sheets for the civilian staff. Each grant objective is distributed evenly among personnel and evaluated on an individual basis based on job analysis. REACHED OBJECTIVES: Reached Objectives will be evaluated in an objective numerical counting format. Objectives will be monitored every month by the program manager. At the end of each month, the program manager will brief the Taskforce commander on progress towards these goals. If an objective is falling behind, the Taskforce commander will implement a strategy to correct the deficiency. The program cannot be evaluated as effective if performance activities do not meet established criteria. The objectives will be verified by a data analysis conducted by the crime analyst on the effectiveness of each objective in relation to the reduction of catalytic converter cases in that scope. The final report will summarize and include all the collected evaluation data. The information collected to complete the monthly reports is retrieved from our ILEADS confidential reporting management system. Information gathered and reported in ILEADS is validated by our central records division utilizing the NIBRS and UCR reporting guidelines. All financial data is recorded at the City of Corpus Christi Finance Department. Each component of the program works cohesively to meet all goals, strategies, and financial objectives of the program.

4.2 Provide any other suggested measures that would better reflect the law enforcement or prevention work that the proposed program will perform. If the suggested measure fits into one of the stated goals above please indicate.

In coordination with its public awareness efforts, the Corpus Christi Auto Theft Task Force Program Manager will share with other MVCPA taskforces and MVCPA Staff as requested. Though there is no numerical goal associated with this effort, The Corpus Christi ATTF strongly believes that this work will greatly benefit not only its program, but the entire MVCPA agency. Furthermore, CC ATTF will continue its media attachments on quarterly progress reports, honing the previously displayed commended format. The task force will also look to assist other MVCPA agencies that request support on media relations.

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