



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the Council Meeting of August 12, 2014  
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of August 19, 2014

**DATE:** July 18, 2014  
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Appropriating the Texas Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority grant

### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance appropriating \$392,474 from the Texas Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) in the No. 1061 Police Grants, and appropriating \$7,687 in program income match in the No. 1061 Police Grants Fund to continue the motor vehicle theft enforcement grant within the Police Department.

### **PURPOSE:**

Appropriate the funds.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The City of Corpus Christi has received Year 14 funding from the Texas Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) to continue the motor vehicle theft unit in the Police Department. The ABTPA was established in 1991 due to rising auto thefts and is funded through an annual fee on every insured vehicle in Texas charged to insurance companies who provide vehicle insurance coverage in Texas.

The unit focuses not only on detection and apprehension, but also on the salvage 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. Numerous crime prevention programs focusing on reducing auto burglaries and thefts occur during each grant year. Since the inception of the unit in 2001, auto thefts have decreased by 68% 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 also work auto theft and auto burglary.

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 over 15 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

<b>Fiscal Year: 2013-2014</b>	<b>Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Future Years</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
Line Item Budget		614,691		614,691
Encumbered / Expended Amount		0		0
This item		400,161		400,161
BALANCE		1,014,852		1,014,852

Fund(s): Police General Fund, Police Grants Fund

**Comments:** Year 14 of the grant requires at least a 20% match by the City. The match may be cash, in-kind, or program income. The Police General Fund will provide a cash match of \$622,378 for sworn officers' salaries/benefits, in-kind contribution of \$52,045 for office space/operating costs, and program income of \$7,687 for travel and other operating costs. The grant period is 9/01/14 – 8/31/15.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends appropriating the funds.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Grant award letter