



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the Council Meeting of August 18, 2015
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of August 25, 2015

DATE: August 3, 2015
TO: Ronald L. Olson, City Manager
FROM: Mike Markle, Interim Chief of Police
mikema@cctexas.com
886-2601

Appropriating the Texas Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority grant

CAPTION:

Ordinance appropriating \$527,853 from the Texas Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) in the No. 1061 Police Grants, and appropriating \$6,621 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 15 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 salvages 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 which includes crime prevention programs focusing on reducing auto thefts. Since the inception of the unit in 2001, auto thefts have decreased from 1,515 to 561 in 2014.

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 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 are funded and currently work in the auto theft and auto burglary bureau.

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 20 plus 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

Fiscal Year: 2014-2015	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget		710,997		710,997
Encumbered / Expended Amount		0		0
This item		527,853		527,853
BALANCE		1,238,850		1,238,850

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

Comments: Year 15 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 \$648,391 for sworn officers' salaries/benefits, in-kind contribution of \$55,985 for office space/operating costs, and program income of \$6,621 for travel. The grant period is 9/01/15–8/31/16.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends appropriating the funds.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Grant award letter
Ordinance