



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting June 28, 2022  
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting July 12, 2022

**DATE:** June 28, 2022  
**TO:** Peter Zanoni, City Manager  
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**Accepting and appropriating the FY 2023 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Grant  
to continue the Motor Vehicle Theft Unit in the Police Department**

### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority in the amount of \$429,518 to continue the Auto Theft Task Force unit activities in the Corpus Christi Police Department, with a City cash match of \$247,432 and an in-kind match of \$571,895 for a total project cost of \$1,248,845 to fund three sworn officers, two civilians, and operational needs; 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 \$429,518 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 the Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) for salaries, benefits, and overtime of three sworn officers, two civilians, and continuance of the Auto Theft Task Force's public information and education program. The City must apply for these funds each year.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The City of Corpus Christi has been awarded funding from the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) to continue the Motor Vehicle Theft Unit in the Police Department. The MVCPA was established in 1991 due to rising auto thefts and is funded through a monthly fee of \$2 on every insured vehicle in Texas charged to insurance companies who provide vehicle insurance coverage in Texas. The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts collects the fee.

The Unit focuses not only on detection and apprehension of stolen and burglarized vehicles, but also on the salvage yards in the City and County in order 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.

The grant provides funds for one Lieutenant to supervise the Unit, two sworn CCPD officers, and two civilians. The 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.

The General Fund cash match is for vehicle maintenance on nine vehicles and for three sworn officers' and two civilian personnel salary, benefits, and overtime who currently work in the auto theft and auto burglary bureau. The General Fund cash match is used for this grant because CCPD has another Auto Theft Unit that is funded by the General Fund, and the granting authority allows CCPD to use this other Unit's sworn officers as a required cash match.

The grant requires designating the Chief of Police as the authorized official, the Deputy Chief of Police of the Criminal Investigations Division as Program Director, and the Director of Finance, or the Director of Finance's Designee, as financial officer for this grant.

Because these funds are neither Federal nor State, but are collected from an insurance fee, there is no set time limit for the grant to end. The City must reapply each year because the MVCPA requires a very close review of performance and the grantee's ability to utilize the funds efficiently. The grant award period is September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023. The City has received the grant for 23 years. This year's award amount is the same as last year's award amount.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

If the grant is not accepted, CCPD will have to seek other grants and funding resources to continue related activities. This will result in reduced activities related to the Auto Theft Task Force.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The Police General Fund will provide a cash match of \$247,432.00 for sworn officers' fringe benefits, overtime, travel, and supplies and an in-kind contribution of \$571,894.00 for sworn officers' salaries/benefits and supplies. The City cash match for FY 2022 is \$62,181 for one month and is available in the FY 2022 Police Department General Fund. For FY 2023, \$683,996 is included in the proposed FY 2023 Police Department General Fund.

### **Funding Detail:**

#### **FY 2022**

Fund: 1020 General Fund  
Organization/Activity: Criminal Investigation Division 11720  
Criminal Investigation Division Auto Theft 11721  
Mission Element: 152  
Project # (CIP Only): N/A  
Account: 510100  
Amount: \$62,181.00

#### **FY 2023**

Fund: 1020 General Fund  
Organization/Activity: Criminal Investigation Division 11720  
Criminal Investigation Division Auto Theft 11721  
Mission Element: 152  
Project # (CIP Only): N/A  
Fund: 1061 Police Grants Fund 822326S  
Organization/Activity: 822326S  
Account: Various  
Amount: 11720 = \$123,716.00  
11721 = \$123,716.00  
1061 = \$429,518.00

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends accepting and appropriating the item, as presented.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Grant award document