



AGENDA MEMORANDUM
for the City Council Meeting of April 24, 2012

DATE: March 29, 2012

TO: Ronald L. Olson, City Manager

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Approval to submit a grant application to the Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to submit a grant application in the amount of \$681,248 to the Automobile Burglary Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) to continue the motor vehicle theft enforcement grant within the Police Department for Year 12 with a City cash match of \$503,003, in-kind match of \$14,019, and program income match of \$8,541 for a total project cost of \$1,206,811 and authorizing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The City of Corpus Christi is applying for Year 12 funding from the Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) to continue the motor vehicle theft unit in the Police Department. The ATPA was established in 1991 due to rising auto thefts and is funded through an annual \$1 fee 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, 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; this has included a resurgence of the Operation HEAT program as well as other crime prevention programs focusing on reducing auto thefts. Since the inception of the unit in 2001, auto thefts have decreased by 69% from 1,515 to 467 in 2011.

The grant provides funds for one Lieutenant to supervise the Unit, three 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 in the amount of \$14,019 include office supplies, copy machine, and office space. Cash contributions from program income will cover travel expenses. If the grant is approved in July, it will increase the number of sworn officers paid by the grant by one; the overall sworn strength of the Police Department will be increased from 451 to 452. 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: Not apply for the grant.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS: None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

☐ Not Applicable ☐ Operating Expense ☐ Revenue ☐ CIP

Fiscal Year: 2011-2012	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item				
BALANCE				

Fund(s):

COMMENTS:

RECOMMENDATION: Approval to apply for the grant.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY: This item conforms to City policy.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY: Non-emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

- Finance

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- Grant budget summary