



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the Council Meeting of August 20, 2013
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of August 27, 2013

DATE: July 25, 2013
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Appropriating the Texas Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority grant

CAPTION:

Ordinance appropriating \$392,474 from the Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) in the No. 1061 Police Grants, and appropriating \$7,359 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 13 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 71% from 1,515 to 443 in 2012.

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:

Operating Revenue Capital Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2013-2014	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget		526,257		526,257
Encumbered / Expended Amount		0		0
This item		399,833		399,833
BALANCE		926,090		926,090

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

Comments: Year 13 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 \$474,212 for sworn officers' salaries/benefits, in-kind contribution of \$52,045 for office space/operating costs, and program income of \$7,359 for travel and other operating costs. The grant period is 9/01/13 – 8/31/14.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends appropriating the funds.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Grant award letter