



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting September 7, 2021
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting September 14, 2021

DATE: September 7, 2021
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<p>Accepting and appropriating the FY 2022 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Grant to continue the Motor Vehicle Theft Unit in the Police Department</p>
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CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority in the amount of \$429,518.00 to continue the Motor Vehicle Theft Unit activities in the Police Department with a City cash match of \$247,432.00 and an in-kind match of \$571,894.00 for a total project cost of \$1,248,844.00 to fund three sworn officers' and two civilians' salaries, benefits, and overtime; designating the Chief of Police as Program Director and Director of Finance as financial officer for this grant; and appropriating \$429,518.00 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 salary, benefits, and overtime of three sworn officers, two civilians, and continuance of the 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 \$2.00 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 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 of \$247,432.00 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.

Because these funds are neither Federal nor State but collected 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 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, 2021 – August 31, 2022. The City has received the grant for 21 years. The amount awarded last year was the same as the amount awarded this year.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to accept the grant. If the grant is not accepted, the Police Department will have to seek other grants and funding resources in order to continue related activities.

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 2021 is \$62,181.00 for one month and is available in the FY 2021 Police Department General Fund and \$683,996.00 is included in the proposed FY 2022 Police Department General Fund.

Funding Detail:

FY 2021

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

FY 2022

Fund:	1020 General Fund
Organization/Activity:	Criminal Investigation Division 11720
	Criminal Investigation Division Auto Theft 11721
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A
Account:	510100
Amount:	\$683,996.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting and appropriating the item, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Grant award document