

**DEPARTMENT:** Police

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** William P. McManus, Chief of Police

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** City Wide

**SUBJECT:**

Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) Regional Auto Crimes Team (ReACT).  
Grant 2022

**SUMMARY:**

The San Antonio Police Department will provide the Public Safety Committee with a briefing on a grant application to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) for funds from the Regional Auto Crimes Team Project to fund innovative enforcement and theft prevention techniques in the amount of \$815,785.00

This grant is currently scheduled for City Council consideration in “A” Session on October 14, 2021.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The mission of the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) is to lower the automobile burglary and theft rate by instituting innovative enforcement and theft prevention techniques. The funds from MVCPA are attained through a \$4.00 surcharge to insured motorists in the State of Texas.

This program is designed to be a multi-jurisdictional task force and in past years included the Bexar County Sheriff’s Office (BCSO). As of August 13, 2021, the BCSO indicated that they are withdrawing from the task force leaving only the SAPD as part of the program.

Due to this change the SAPD has had to identify a new task force partner to participate in the grant and has entered partnered with the Texas Department of Safety (DPS). As a task force partner the DPS will provide two positions and an in-kind matching amount of \$130,985.00. With the inclusion of DPS as the new task force partner the SAPD has had to renegotiate the terms of the agreement with the MVCPA and submit an updated application. Upon receipt of the award notification the item will be brought before Council A session for acceptance of the grant.

The grant funds are budgeted to pay for 11 positions for the project, of these positions 9 are authorized for SAPD (7 Police Detective Investigators, and 2 Administrative Civilian Positions.) and two (2) are authorized for the DPS (one Investigator and one Crime Analyst.)

The actual program start date will be September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022.

Prior year ReACT Grant awards include:

FY 2018 - \$792,617.00

FY 2019 - \$792,617.00

FY 2020 - \$800,000.00

FY 2021 - \$800,000.00

**ISSUE:**

This proposed ordinance will continue City Council's policy of seeking intergovernmental financial assistance for City crime prevention and enforcement programs addressing vehicle crime activity. The project from MVCPA will enhance the City's efforts in dealing with vehicle theft and related property crimes by continuing to recover stolen vehicles and other property through intensified enforcement.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

This item provides a briefing on a grant application.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total project budget is estimated at \$3,834,313.00 with grant funding of \$815,785.00, City cash match contribution of \$466,679.00, and in-kind match of \$2,305,662.00, program income of \$25,000.00, an in-kind match of \$90,202.00 from the National Insurance Crime Bureau, and an in-kind match of \$130,985.00 from the Texas Department of Public Safety. The grant period beginning September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022 contingent upon budget approval.

Matching are included in the FY 2022 Budget in the amount of \$466,679.00 for grant cash match.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends moving this grant to the full City Council for consideration on October 14, 2021.