



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Police Department

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

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

FY 2024 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) Regional Auto Crimes Team (ReACT) Grant

**SUMMARY:**

This Ordinance authorizes the acceptance of grant funds upon award, not to exceed \$1,354,711 from the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority for the grant year of September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2024. This ordinance authorizes a grant project budget of \$ 4,774,977 funded by the grant funds of \$1,354,711; a cash match of \$479,036 from the City's General Fund, and \$97,271 from the National Insurance Crime Bureau; an in-kind match from the City's Police Department General Fund budget of \$2,679,711; an in-kind contribution of \$134,248 from the Texas Department of Public Safety, and program income of \$30,000.

This grant was approved by the Public Safety Committee on April 18, 2023 to move forward to the full City Council for consideration.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Auto Theft Task Force

The San Antonio Regional Auto Crimes Taskforce (ReACT) is partially funded through the State

of Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA). The mission of the 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. Local jurisdictions provide matching funds to operate the Taskforce.

The ReACT was established in 1993 and is a multi-jurisdictional task force. The San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) works in conjunction with the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), Guadalupe County Sheriff's Office, and National Insurance Crimes Bureau. As a task force partner, the DPS provides one position and an in-kind match amount of \$134,248.

Since 2011, the ReACT has helped recover 10,456 vehicles at a total value of \$122,195,430. In 2022 alone, the taskforce recovered 1,042 vehicles valued at \$18.48 million and arrested 350 individuals.

The task force is comprised of four participating agencies - the San Antonio Police Department, Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), Guadalupe County Sheriff's Office, and the National Insurance Crimes Bureau. The table below provides a breakdown of the members by participating agency:

SAPD GF -15: 1 Lieutenant, 2 Sergeants, 11 Detective Investigators, 1 Administrative Assistant I  
SAPD Grant -12: 1 Sergeants (new), 9 Detective Investigators (2 new), 1 Administrative Assistant II, 1 Administrative Assistant I  
DPS: 1 Investigator  
Guadalupe Co.: 1 Investigator  
NICB: 1 Investigator

#### Primary Goals of the Taskforce:

- Reduce auto burglary, auto theft, and related gateway crimes
- Investigate and solve active cases and prosecute offenders
- Educate the public and local businesses on crime prevention strategies

#### Proactive Measures:

- Conduct salvage yard inspections
- Perform interdiction activities
- Locate chop shops
- Identify automotive organized crime
- Perform surveillance to apprehend criminals committing vehicle theft and burglary of vehicles
- Conduct operations targeting offenders
- Schedule and perform state required 68-A Inspections
- Perform VIN etching services
- Attend community events to educate the public

#### Positions

The grant funds 12 positions for the project, 9 are existing (7 Detective Investigators and 2 Administrative Civilian Positions) and three new positions (1 Police Sergeant, 2 Police Detective

Investigators.)

Prior year ReACT Grant awards include:

FY 2019 - \$792,617

FY 2020 - \$800,000

FY 2021 - \$800,000

FY 2022 - \$815,785

FY 2023 - \$815,785

The increase for the FY 2024 grant supports additional staff (1 Sergeant and 2 Detective Investigators).

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#### **ISSUE:**

This Ordinance authorizes accepting a grant in the amount of \$1,354,711 from the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority for the grant year of September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2024. This ordinance also authorizes a grant project budget of \$4,774,977 funded by the grant funds of \$1,354,711; a cash match of \$479,036 from the City's General Fund, and \$97,271 from the National Insurance Crime Bureau; an in-kind match from the City's Police Department General Fund budget of \$2,679,711; an in-kind contribution of \$134,248 from the Texas Department of Public Safety, and program income of \$30,000.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

There are no other grants for this program.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total project budget is estimated at \$4,774,977 with grant funding of \$1,354,711, City cash match contribution of \$479,036 which includes employee benefits, office supplies and vehicle parts/equipment, and in-kind match of \$2,679,711 which includes salary, overtime and employee benefits, program income of \$30,000, a cash match of \$97,271 from the National Insurance Crime Bureau, and an in-kind match of \$134,248 from the Texas Department of Public Safety. The grant period is September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2024, contingent upon budget approval.

Matching funds for the period of October 1 to August 31, 2024 is included in the FY 2024 Proposed Budget.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that City Council approve the acceptance of this grant.