



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:

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

SUMMARY:

An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of grant funds not to exceed \$815,785.00 from the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) for the grant year of September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022. This ordinance authorizes a grant project budget of \$3,834,313.00 funded by the grant funds of \$815,785.00; a cash match of \$466,679.00 from the City's General Fund, and \$90,202.00 from the National Insurance Crime Bureau; an in-kind match from the City's Police Department General Fund budget of \$2,305,662.00; an in-kind contribution of \$130,985.00 from the Texas Department of Public Safety, and; program income of \$25,000.00.

This item was presented to the Public Safety Committee on September 21, 2021 and the Committee approved it to move forward to the full City Council for consideration.

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.

The grant proposal requests funding for the MVCPA Grant project called Regional Auto Crimes Team (ReACT) and continues the Police Department's efforts at combating vehicle crimes. The San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) Vehicle Crimes Unit will work as part of a task force, and its General Fund budget will contribute to the in-kind portion of the grant. 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.

Due to this change the SAPD has entered into a partnership with the Texas Department of Safety (DPS) as the new task force partner. As a task force partner the DPS will provide two positions and an in-kind matching amount of \$130,985.00.

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).

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 ordinance continues 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.

This item was presented to the Public Safety Committee on September 21, 2021 and the Committee approved it to move forward to the full City Council for consideration.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should the City not pursue this application, the resources available for the crime auto theft program would be reduced by the amount of the grant impacting the outcomes of the program.

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.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that City Council approve the grant application and acceptance upon award. This approval will continue to enhance efforts to decrease vehicle crimes in the San Antonio Metropolitan Area.