



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 2023

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, 2022 to August 31, 2023. This ordinance authorizes a grant project budget of \$3,784,862.00 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 \$2,256,211.00; an in-kind contribution of \$130,985.00 from the Texas Department of Public Safety, and; program income of \$25,000.00. Acceptance of the grant and appropriation of the City match contribution is contingent upon approval of the FY 2023 Budget.

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 the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) will work in conjunction with the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS). As a task force partner, the DPS will provide two positions and an in-kind matching amount of \$130,985.00. Upon receipt of the award notification the item will be brought before Council A session for acceptance of the grant.

The grant funds 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 2019 - \$792,617.00

FY 2020 - \$800,000.00

FY 2021 - \$800,000.00

FY 2022 - \$815,785.00

The grant was presented to the Public Safety Committee on June 21, 2022 and the Committee approved it to move forward to full City Council for consideration.

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.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should the City not pursue this application, the associated cost with continuing the City's portion of the Regional Auto Crimes Task Force project may require the City to add financial resources to cover the cost.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This ordinance authorizes 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, 2022 to August 31, 2023. The total project budget is estimated at \$3,784,862.00 with grant funding of \$815,785.00, City cash match contribution of \$466,679.00, and in-kind match of \$2,256,211.00, 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, 2022 to August 31, 2023 contingent upon budget approval. Acceptance of the grant and appropriation of the City match contribution is contingent upon approval of the FY 2023 Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.