



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**In Control:** Public Safety Committee

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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:**

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 for enforcement and theft prevention in the amount of \$1,354,710.

**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 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. Local jurisdictions provide matching funds to operate the Taskforce.

The ReACT was established in 1993 and 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), Guadalupe County Sheriff's Office, and National Insurance Crimes Bureau. Since 2011, the ReACT has helped recovered 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 (NICB). The table below provides a breakdown of the members by participating agency:

| SAPD  | DPS               | GUADALUPE<br>COUNTY | NICB              |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Sergeant (new)<br>9 Detectives (2 new)<br>2 Civilian Admin. Positions | 1<br>Investigator | 1 Investigator      | 1<br>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:

- Conducting salvage yard inspections
- Performing interdiction activities
- Locating chop shops
- Identifying automotive organized crime
- Performing surveillance to apprehend criminals committing vehicle theft and burglary of vehicles
- Conducting operations which target offenders
- Scheduling and performing state required 68-A Inspections
- Performing VIN etching services
- Attending community events to educate the public

The past five years ReACT Grant awards are as follows:

FY 2019 - \$792,617

FY 2020 - \$800,000  
FY 2021 - \$800,000  
FY 2022 - \$815,785  
FY 2023 - \$815,785

**ISSUE:**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**The total project budget is estimated at \$4,774,977 as follows:**

- **Grant Funds: \$1,354,710**
- **COSA cash match: \$479,036 which includes employee benefits, office supplies and vehicle parts/equipment**
- **COSA City in-kind match: \$2,679,711 which includes salary, overtime and employee benefits**
- **Program income: \$30,000**
- **National Insurance Crime Bureau in-kind match: \$97,271**
- **Texas Department of Public Safety: \$134,248 from the Texas Department of Public Safety.**

**The grant period beginning September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024.**

**City matching funds will be submitted as part of the FY 2024 Budget Process and acceptance of this grant will be contingent upon approval of the \$479,036 grant cash match.**

**ALTERNATIVES:**

This item provides a briefing on a grant application.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Public Safety Committee forwards this grant to the City Council for approval and acceptance upon award in “A” Session on May 4, 2023.