

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 9, 2022

TO Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee
Adam McGough (Chair), Cara Mendelsohn (Vice Chair), Tennell Atkins, Jesse Moreno,
Jaime Resendez, Casey Thomas, Gay Donnell Willis

SUBJECT **September 14, 2022, City Council Agenda Item #31; 22-1731 Commercial Auto
Theft Interdiction Squad/30 Grant**

The following agenda item is scheduled to go before City Council on September 14, 2022.

Agenda Item #31; 22-1731

Authorize **(1)** the acceptance of the Commercial Auto Theft Interdiction Squad/30 Grant (Grant No. 608-23-DPD0000) from the Motor Vehicle Crimes Prevention Authority (MVCPA) in the amount of \$797,339.00 to provide a specialized proactive automobile theft program for the period September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023; **(2)** the establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$797,339.00 in the FY23 MVCPA - Commercial Auto Theft Interdiction Squad/30 Fund; **(3)** the receipt and deposit of funds in an amount not to exceed \$797,339.00 in the FY23 MVCPA-Commercial Auto Theft Interdiction Squad/30 Fund; **(4)** a local match in the amount of \$176,785.00; **(5)** an in-kind contribution in an approximate amount of \$824,570.00; and **(6)** execution of the grant agreement and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the grant agreement - Total not to exceed \$1,798,694.00 - Financing: Motor Vehicle Crimes Prevention Authority Grant Funds (\$797,339.00) and General Fund (\$1,001,355.00) (subject to appropriations)

Background

Approval of this item will allow the City to continue to fund a specialized, proactive investigative unit focused on the prevention of automobile theft. The City has been a recipient of the MVCPA Grant for 28 years and has received over \$13.5M in grant funding during that time.

The group targets prolific auto theft offenders who profit from vehicles stolen each year in Dallas, including salvage yards, chop shops, wrecker services, car dealers, and large organized auto theft rings. Work done through this unit allow the Dallas Police Department to recover stolen vehicles and proactively combat auto theft, burglaries, and auto theft from fraud. From 2005 to 2019, the total number of unauthorized use of vehicles reported has decreased from over 14,000 to about 12,000.

If accepted, this grant will fund one sergeant, four senior corporals, one office assistant and equipment, requiring a cash match of \$176,785.00 will be met using one senior corporal assigned. In-kind contributions in the amount of \$824,570.00 and that will include four senior corporals assigned full-time to grant activities. This funding is already programmed into the departmental budget.

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PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On May 22, 2019, City Council authorized the application of the Commercial Auto Theft Interdiction Squad/27 Grant from the Texas Automobile Burglary & Theft Prevention Authority to provide specialized proactive automobile theft project for the period September 1, 2019, through August 31, 2020; local match; In-Kind Contribution; and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 19-0794.

On August 28, 2019, City Council authorized the acceptance on of the Commercial Auto Theft Interdiction Squad/27 Grant from the Texas Automobile Burglary & Theft Prevention Authority to provide specialized proactive automobile theft project for the period September 1, 2019, through August 31, 2020; local match; In-Kind Contribution; and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 19-1281.

On June 10, 2020, City Council authorized the apply and acceptance of the Commercial Auto Theft Interdiction Squad/28 Grant (Grant No. 608-21-DPD0000) from the MVCPA to provide specialized proactive automobile theft program, for the period of September 1, 2020, through August 31, 2021; local match; In-kind Contribution; and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 20-0932.

On August 25, 2021, City Council authorized to apply for and accept, decline, modify, or cancel the grant application for the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Grant Program and all other necessary documents to accept said grant, including execution of a grant agreement.; and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 21-1391.

On September 22, 2021, City Council authorized the acceptance on of the Commercial Auto Theft Interdiction Squad/29 Grant from the MVCPA to provide specialized proactive automobile theft project for the period September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022; local match; In-Kind Contribution; and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 21-1515.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2023	FY 2024	Future Years
Motor Vehicle Crimes Prevention Authority Grant Funds	\$ 797,339.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Fund	\$1,001,355.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$1,798,694.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

The General Fund cost consists of a Cash Match contribution (\$176,785.00) and In-Kind Contributions (\$824,570.00).

Should you have any questions regarding this item, please contact me at (214) 670 5299.

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