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**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Public Safety  
**AGENDA DATE:** September 27, 2023  
**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):** N/A  
**DEPARTMENT:** Police Department  
**EXECUTIVE:** Jon Fortune

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**SUBJECT**

Authorize **(1)** acceptance of the Commercial Auto Theft Interdiction Squad/30 Grant (Grant No. 608-24-DPD0000) from the Motor Vehicle Crimes Prevention Authority (MVCPA) in the amount of \$1,156,410.00 to provide a specialized proactive automobile theft program for the period September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024; **(2)** the establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$1,156,410.00 in the FY24 MVCPA - Commercial Auto Theft Interdiction Squad/31 Fund; **(3)** the receipt and deposit of funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,156,410.00 in the FY24 MVCPA-Commercial Auto Theft Interdiction Squad/31 Fund; **(4)** a local match in the amount of \$297,929.00; **(5)** an in-kind contribution in an approximate amount of \$495,318.00; and **(6)** execution of the grant agreement and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the grant agreement - Total not to exceed \$1,454,339.00 - Financing: Motor Vehicle Crimes Prevention Authority Grant Funds (\$1,156,410.00) and General Fund (\$297,929.00) (subject to appropriations) (see Fiscal Information)

**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. For the past 29 years, the City has been a beneficiary of the MVCPA Grant, receiving over \$14 million in grant funds.

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 allows the Dallas Police Department to recover stolen vehicles and proactively combat auto theft, burglaries, and auto theft from fraud.

If accepted, this grant will fund one sergeant, five senior corporals, one uniformed police officer, and equipment. The required 20% cash match will be met by utilizing two senior corporals salaries assigned to the unit, totaling \$297,929.00. In-kind contributions in the amount of \$495,318.00 will come from the salaries of the four senior corporals assigned full-time to grant activities. This funding is already programmed into the departmental budget.

**PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)**

On May 22, 2019, the 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, the 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, the 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, the 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, the 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.

On September 14, 2022, the 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, 2022 through August 31, 2023; local match; In-Kind Contribution; and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 22-1373.

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

Fund	FY 2024	FY 2025	Future Years
Motor Vehicle Crimes Prevention Authority Grant Funds	\$1,156,410.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Fund	\$ 793,247.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$1,949,657.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

The General Fund cost consists of a Cash Match contribution (\$297,929.00) and In-Kind Contributions (\$495,318.00).