

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	23186	Agenda Number	17.
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Meeting Date:	4/11/2013	Department:	Austin Police Department
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Subject

Approve a resolution authorizing the application for \$628,779 in grant funding from the Texas Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority to implement the Austin Police Department Auto Burglary and Theft Interdiction Project.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$628,779 is available from the Texas Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority for the project period of September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2014. The City match of \$157,195 is approximately 20% of the total project cost \$785,974 and will be met by accounting for the base salary and fringe benefits of existing City positions.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	On August 2, 2012, Council voted to accept \$46,049 from ABTPA (Ordinance 20120802-039).
For More Information:	Troy Gay, Assistant Chief 974-5030
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

This action will provide the resolution required by the Texas Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority to apply for \$628,779 in grant funding. The resolution approved by council must be attached to the City of Austin grant application, which is due May 4, 2013.

The budget for the September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2014 project period includes: personnel (\$347,562), travel costs for training purposes (\$10,000), equipment (\$260,357), and supplies (\$10,860). Personnel and fringe budget items include portions of the following currently funded positions of which the (2) Civilian FTEs are grant-funded: Detectives (3), Neighborhood Liaison (1), and Administrative Assistant (1). The City match of \$157,195 (approximately 20% of the total project cost) will be met by accounting for the base salary and fringe benefits of existing City positions.

The Austin Police Department has partnered with the Texas Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority since the late 1990's. With the assistance of ABTPA grant funding, the APD Auto Burglary and Theft Interdiction Project has been successful in implementing a variety of strategies to reduce auto thefts, recover stolen vehicles, and prosecute offenders. In addition, between September 2012 and February 2013, the grant funded APD Neighborhood Liaison delivered 100 presentations at community events, trained 322 officers and police cadets, and conducted outreach through various local media outlets on 94 occasions.