

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	25993	Agenda Number	38.
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Meeting Date:	8/22/2013	Department:	Austin Police Department
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Subject

Approve a resolution authorizing the acceptance of \$406,147 in grant funding from the Texas Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority to implement the Austin Police Department Automobile Burglary and Theft Interdiction Project.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$406,147 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 \$101,537 is approximately 20% of the total project cost (\$507,684) and will be met by accounting for the base salary and fringe benefits of existing City positions.

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
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Prior Council Action:	April 2013 - City Council approved resolution number 20130411-017 authorizing the application to secure grant funding for FY14 through the Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority.
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

This action will provide the resolution required by the Texas Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority to accept \$406,147 in grant funding. The resolution approved by council must be presented to the Authority before September 1, 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 (\$42,039), and supplies (\$6,546). Personnel and items include portions of the following currently funded positions: two civilian FTEs (grant-funded); three Detectives, one Neighborhood Liaison and one Administrative Assistant. The City match is \$101,537 is approximately 20% of the total project cost and will be met by accounting for one percent of a Sergeant's base salary (\$1,462) and 37.7% of seven Detective's base salaries (\$100,075).

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, APD's Auto Burglary and Theft Interdiction Project has successfully implemented a variety of strategies to reduce auto thefts, recover stolen vehicles and prosecute offenders.

Using FY13 ABTPA grant funds, APD's Auto Burglary and Theft Interdiction Project Task Force exceeded each of their goals. There were 2,340 auto thefts with 1,659 recoveries for a total value of \$7,164,873. A recovery rate of 73 % exceeded their goal of a 60-65 % recovery rate. 217 stolen vehicles were located and a 34.75 % clearance rate for auto theft cases achieved a 5.9 % decrease in auto thefts compared to the previous year. 359 arrests were reported. 13,035 motor vehicle burglaries resulted in 311 arrests. 116 gateway crimes were documented. 4,951 cases were assigned and 67 criminal cases filed. 714 vehicles were inspected during 46 salvage inspections and 134 68A inspections were conducted. 57 bait vehicles were deployed at auto theft hotspots within the city. 240 public awareness presentations/public education events reached an audience of 20,783,105 and 82 media coverage events reached an estimated audience of 1,267,742. Training classes totaled 25 with 322 officers trained.