

AGENDA



Thursday, May 14, 2009

**Police
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 20**

Subject: Approve an ordinance accepting \$406,000 in renewal grant funds from the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority; and amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Police Department Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No.20080908-002 to appropriate \$20,000 for the Police Department's Auto Burglary and Theft Interdiction Project.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority, for the grant period September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010. A cash match of 20% is required and will be met using the salaries of existing personnel and direct operating expenses. Funding for the program is contingent upon available funding in future APD budgets.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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This grant will provide funds to continue the Police Department's Auto Burglary and Theft Interdiction Project. The goal of this project is to reduce the incidence of auto thefts in the City of Austin. Several strategies are employed to meet this goal including investigation, enforcement, prevention, education and prosecution.

Under this grant, a cash match of 20% is required and this will be met using the salaries of existing personnel and direct operating expenses.

Funding for this grant program is generated by the \$1.00 per motor vehicle fee paid each year by residents when they purchase car insurance. The grant continues 80% funding for two full-time equivalent civilians and three auto theft detectives, as well as, portions of the salaries of a lieutenant, sergeant and detectives with the program. The cash match includes General Fund salaries and fringe costs associated with these budgeted staff, sworn overtime, and program operating costs.