



Grant
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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SUBJECT: Authorize the application for renewal funding from the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority in the amount of \$354,976 in grant funds for the continuation of the Auto Theft Interdiction Project in the Austin Police Department.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority for the grant period September 1, 2004 - August 31, 2005. An in-kind match is required. Funding for the continued operation of this program is contingent upon available funding in the future budgets.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Police
DEPARTMENT:

DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION: Stan Kne

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Coy, Assistant Chief/974-5021

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: March 24, 2003 grant application for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 funding.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

This action authorizes the City to apply for \$354,976 in grant renewal funding from the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA), to continue the Auto Theft Interdiction Project within the Austin Police Department. Funding for this grant program is generated by the \$1.00 per motor vehicle fee paid each year by residents as they purchase car insurance.

The grant application continues funding for two full-time equivalent civilian positions (2 civilian FTEs) and three full-time detective positions (3 sworn FTEs). The grant also funds overtime costs for auto theft crime analysis and part of the operating costs associated with the program.

An in-kind match is required and will be included in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Proposed Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department. The in-kind match includes General Fund salaries and fringe costs associated with six detectives, and 50% of the sergeant and lieutenant in the Auto Theft Interdiction Unit (\$431,471); sworn overtime for special operations (\$5,000); and program operating costs (\$8,000). The total in-kind match for this program is \$444,471.

The goal of the Auto Theft Interdiction Project is to reduce the incidence of auto thefts in the City of Austin. Several strategies are employed to meet this goal: investigation, enforcement, prevention, education and prosecution.

This project is expected to achieve the following performance results:



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<u>Measure</u>	<u>Actual</u> 9/01-8/02	<u>Actual</u> 9/02-8/03	<u>Estimate</u> 9/03-8/04	<u>Target</u> 9/04-8/05
<u>% reduction in reported auto thefts</u>	+14% (3,477)	-16.4% (2,905)	-3.0% (2,800)	0% (2,800)
<u>Number of inspections of salvage yards, etc</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>65</u>
<u># of public education//training presentations</u>	<u>174</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>180</u>
<u>% reduction in auto theft rates</u> <u>*(# auto thefts per 100,000 population**)</u>	+12.3% (520.7)	-16.9% <u>2,905/671,462</u> (432.6)	-5.5% <u>2,800/685,784</u> (408.3)	0% <u>2,800/688,000</u> (406.9)

*population per FBI UCR data