



**Grant
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Approve a resolution authorizing the application for renewal funding from the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority in the amount of \$368,938 in grant funds for the continuation of the Auto Theft Interdiction Project in the Austin Police Department.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$368,938 is available in the grant period September 1, 2005 - August 31, 2006 from the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority. 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 Knee**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: May 6, 2004 grant application for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 funding.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

This action approves a resolution authorizing the City to apply for \$368,938 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) (\$345,848). The grant also funds overtime costs for auto theft crime analysis (\$7,532) and operating costs associated with the program (\$15,558).

An in-kind match is required and will be included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department. The in-kind match includes General Fund salaries and fringe costs associated with 3 detectives, and 50% of the sergeant and lieutenant in the Auto Theft Interdiction Unit (\$421,264) and sworn overtime for enforcement activities (\$5,382). The total in-kind match for this program is \$426,616.

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 including investigation, enforcement, prevention, education and prosecution.

This project is expected to achieve the following performance results:



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Measure	9/01 – 8/02	9/02 – 8/03	9/03 – 8/04	9/04 – 8/05 (Estimate)	9/05 – 8/06 (Target)
% Reduction in reported auto thefts	3,477	-16.4% (2,905)	-.3% (2,896)	2,800	2,800
Number of inspections of salvage yards, etc.	79	63	61	60	60
# of public education and training presentations	174	180	168	140	170
% Reduction in auto theft rates (per 100,000 population)*	520.7	-17.3% (430.8)	-1% (426.7)	-4.5% (407.5)	-1.2% (402.4)

* City of Austin Demographer's Office

RESOLUTION NO. 20050428-XXX

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Austin, to authorize the application of \$368,938 in grant funding from the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority, for the continuation of the Auto Theft Interdiction Project in the Austin Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the proposed application for Texas Department of Transportation grant funds for said project, in the amount of \$368,938 in grant funding from the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority, for the continuation of the Auto Theft Interdiction Project in the Austin Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to provide for the applicable matching funds as required; and

WHEREAS, the City Council designates the Assistant City Manager for public safety as the authorized official who has the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate this grant; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority funds, the City Council assures that the funds will be returned to the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority in full; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Council approves the application for grant funding from the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority, in the amount of \$368,938.

ADOPTED: April 28, 2005

ATTEST:

Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk