

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

<b>DATE:</b>  5/05/2025	<b>SUBJECT: Resolution #2025-R-112</b>  <b>A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$1,511,895.00 TO THE TEXAS MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME PREVENTION AUTHORITY (MVCPA) FOR THE FY26 SB224 CATALYTIC CONVERTER GRANT FOR THE FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2026. THE PURPOSE OF THIS GRANT PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE LAREDO AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE/LAREDO POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE DETECTION AND PREVENTION OF CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT. THIS GRANT WILL PAY FOR THE SALARY OF A FULL-TIME ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, TECHNOLOGY, TRAINING, AND OVERTIME. THE CITY'S CASH MATCH WILL BE \$324,659.00 FOR A TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT OF \$1,836,554.00. I FUNDING WILL BE APPROPRIATED IN THE AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE FUND.</b>	
<b>INITIATED BY:</b> Joseph W. Neeb City Manager		<b>STAFF SOURCE:</b> Miguel A. Rodriguez, Jr. Chief of Police
<b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:</b> None.		
<b>BACKGROUND:</b>  The Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) has authorized the issuance of the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Request for Applications (RFA). Senate Bill 224 (SB) 224 provides that "The money deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund for coordinated regulatory and law enforcement activities intended to detect and prevent catalytic converter theft in this state may be appropriated to the Authority for the activities required by this section." To implement SB 224, the MVCPA is providing grants to local law enforcement taskforces and agencies to combat Catalytic Converter Theft.  All applications submitted will be for FY2026. If awarded an FY2025 SB 224 Catalytic Converter Grant, the MVCPA may provide a FY 2026 grant subject to availability of funding and grantees' positive program performance.		
<b>FINANCIAL IMPACT:</b> Funding is available in the Auto Theft Task Force Fund.		
<b>COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:</b>		<b>STAFF RECOMMENDATION:</b> Recommends the approval of this Resolution.

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**Whereas** the City of Laredo finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Laredo that the FY 2026 SB 224 Catalytic Converter Grant Program be operated for the 2025-2026 fiscal year; and

**Whereas**, this grant program will assist this jurisdiction to combat catalytic converter thefts; and

**Whereas**, the City of Laredo has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the grant funds, the City of Laredo assures that the funds will be returned to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority; and

**Whereas**, the City of Laredo has designated Steve E. Landin, Assistant City Manager as the Authorized Official; Francisco J. Mata, Financial Services Director as the Financial Officer; and Chief of Police Miguel A. Rodriguez, Jr. as the Program Director; and

**Whereas**, the Assistant City Manager is designated as the Authorized Official to apply for, accept, decline, modify, or cancel the grant application for the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Grant Program and all other necessary documents to accept said grant.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO THAT:**

**Section 1:** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$1,511,895.00 to the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) for the FY26 SB224 Catalytic Converter Grant for the period of September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026. The purpose of this grant program is to provide additional funding for the Laredo Auto Theft Task Force/Laredo Police Department for the detection and prevention of catalytic converter theft. This grant will pay for the salary of a full-time Assistant District Attorney, technology, training, and overtime. The city's cash match will be \$324,659.00 for a total grant amount of \$1,836,554.00. If awarded, funding will be appropriated in the Auto Theft Task Force Fund.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS THE  
\_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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DR. VICTOR D. TREVIÑO  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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MARIO I. MALDONADO, JR.  
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
DOAHN "ZONE" T. NGUYEN  
CITY ATTORNEY

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JOAQUIN A. RODRIGUEZ  
FIRST ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY