

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 7/22/2024	SUBJECT: Resolution #2024-R-212 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,741,001.00 FROM THE TEXAS MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME PREVENTION AUTHORITY (MVCPA) FOR THE FY24 SB224 CATALYTIC CONVERTER GRANT FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 18, 2024 THROUGH MARCH 17, 2025. FUNDING WILL BE USED TO PAY FOR THE SALARY OF A FULL-TIME ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, TECHNOLOGY, TRAINING, AND OVERTIME. MVCPA WAIVED THE LOCAL MATCH FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024. FUNDING WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE FUND.	
INITIATED BY: Joseph W. Neeb City Manager		STAFF SOURCE: Miguel A. Rodriguez, Jr. Chief of Police
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: City Council approved the grant application submission with Resolution #2024-R-105 on March 18, 2024.		
BACKGROUND: The Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) has authorized the issuance of the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) 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.		
FINANCIAL IMPACT: Funding will be available in the Auto Theft Task Force Fund.		
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:		STAFF RECOMMENDATION: 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 2024 SB 224 Catalytic Converter Grant Program be operated for the 2024-2025 fiscal year; and

Whereas, the City of Laredo designated the City Manager as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate this grant on behalf of the City of Laredo; 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 in full to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority.

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

Section 1: Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$2,741,001.00 from the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) for the FY24 SB224 Catalytic Converter Grant for the period of March 18, 2024 through March 17, 2025. Funding will be used to pay for the salary of a full-time Assistant District Attorney, technology, training, and overtime. MVCPA waived the local match for fiscal year 2024. Funding will be available in the Auto Theft Task Force Fund.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

DR. VICTOR D. TREVIÑO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARIO I. MALDONADO, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOAQUIN A. RODRIGUEZ
FIRST ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY