

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 9/3/2024	SUBJECT: Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance PUBLIC HEARING AND INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE CITY OF LAREDO FY24 AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE FUND BUDGET BY INCREASING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$116,625.00 TO FUND THE LAREDO AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE, AS AWARDED BY THE TEXAS MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME PREVENTION AUTHORITY. THIS ADJUSTMENT WILL FUND THE LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT OF \$116,625.00 FROM GENERAL FUND. THE GRANT AWARD IS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,401,606.00 WITH A CASH MATCH OF \$599,328.00 FOR A TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT OF \$2,000,934.00. THE PERFORMANCE PERIOD IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2025 CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #2024-R-273.	
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-192 on June 24, 2024.		
BACKGROUND: Established by the 72 nd Texas Legislature in 1991, the Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) became the first statewide effort to reduce auto theft. The 80 th Legislature amended the ATPA mission in House Bill 1887 to also emphasize reducing vehicle burglaries. The resulting agency, the Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA), is in charge with assessing automobile burglary, theft, and economic theft (burglary or theft committed for financial gain) in Texas, analyzing the methods and providing financial support to combat the problems. In 2009, the ABTPA became part of a newly established Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. The name was changed to Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority in 2019. The Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) authorized the issuance of the Fiscal Year 2025 Request for Applications (RFA). MVCPA is authorized in statute to provide grants to local law enforcement to combat motor vehicle theft, burglary from a motor vehicle and/or fraud-related motor vehicle crime. The Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) met on July 19, 2024, and issued the FY2025 Taskforce Grant Award to the City of Laredo in the amount of \$1,401,606. The continued assistance and support from the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority grant make the operations that reduce motor vehicle theft and burglary possible.		
FINANCIAL IMPACT: Funding will be appropriated in the Auto Theft Task Force Fund.		
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:		STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommends the approval of this Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance.

ORDINANCE No. _____

PUBLIC HEARING AND INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE CITY OF LAREDO FY24 AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE FUND BUDGET BY INCREASING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$116,625.00 TO FUND THE LAREDO AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE, AS AWARDED BY THE TEXAS MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME PREVENTION AUTHORITY. THIS ADJUSTMENT WILL FUND THE LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT OF \$116,625.00 FROM GENERAL FUND. THE GRANT AWARD IS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,401,606.00 WITH A CASH MATCH OF \$599,328.00 FOR A TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT OF \$2,000,934.00. THE PERFORMANCE PERIOD IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2025 CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #2024-R-273.

Whereas, under the provisions of the Texas Transportation Code Chapter 1006 and Texas Administrative Code Title 43; Part 3; Chapter 57, entities are eligible to receive grants from MVCPA to provide financial support to law enforcement agencies for economic motor vehicle theft and fraud-related motor vehicle crime enforcement teams; and

Whereas, this grant program will assist this jurisdiction to combat motor vehicle theft, motor vehicle burglary and fraud-related motor vehicle crime; 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; and

Whereas, the City of Laredo has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, the City of Laredo assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

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

Section 1: Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY24 Auto Theft Task Force Fund budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$116,625.00 to fund the Laredo Auto Theft Task Force, as awarded by the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority. This adjustment will fund the local match requirement of \$116,625.00 from General Fund. The grant award is in the amount of \$1,401,606.00 with a cash match of \$599,328.00 for a total grant amount of \$2,000,934.00. The performance period is September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025 contingent upon approval of Resolution #2024-R-273.

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