

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 10/28/2024	SUBJECT: Final Reading AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE CITY OF LAREDO FY25 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) POSITIONS LISTING BY ADDING TWO INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT SPECIALIST, TWO RTCC DRONE REMOTE PILOTS, AND ONE PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST AS AWARDED BY THE TEXAS MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME PREVENTION AUTHORITY (MVCPA) FOR THE FY25 SB224 CATALYTIC CONVERTER GRANT FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2024 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025. FUNDING IS 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 accepted the grant award with Resolution #2024-R-290 on September 16, 2024.		
BACKGROUND: The Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) has authorized the issuance of the Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) 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. The Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) met on July 19, 2024, and issued the FY25 SB224 Catalytic Converter Grant Statement of Grant Award to the City of Laredo in the amount of \$1,917,148.00. The continued assistance and support from the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority grants make the operations that reduce motor vehicle theft and burglary possible.		
FINANCIAL IMPACT: Funding is available in the Auto Theft Task Force Fund.		
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:		STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommends the approval of this Ordinance.

ORDINANCE No. 2024-O-214

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND THE CITY OF LAREDO FY25 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) POSITIONS LISTING BY ADDING TWO INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT SPECIALIST, TWO RTCC DRONE REMOTE PILOTS, AND ONE PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST AS AWARDED BY THE TEXAS MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME PREVENTION AUTHORITY (MVCPA) FOR THE FY25 SB224 CATALYTIC CONVERTER GRANT FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2024 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025. FUNDING IS AVAILABLE IN THE AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE FUND.

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

Whereas, the City of Laredo recently received funding from Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) for the FY25 SB224 Catalytic Converter Grant; and

Whereas, the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) will provide funding for two Investigative Support Specialist, and two RTCC Drone Remote Pilots through the FY25 SB224 Catalytic Converter Grant; and

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

Whereas, the City of Laredo has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the grant funds, City of Laredo assures that the grant 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: An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY25 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions listing by adding two Investigative Support Specialist, two RTCC Drone Remote Pilots, and one Public Information Specialist as awarded by the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) for the FY25 SB224 Catalytic Converter Grant for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. Funding is 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