

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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| DATE: 9/15/2025 | SUBJECT: Resolution #2025-R-210 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO RATIFY THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,829,609.00 FROM 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 \$366,548.00 FOR A TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT OF \$2,196,157.00. 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 #2025-R-112 on May 19, 2025. | | |
| BACKGROUND: 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. The Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) met on July 18, 2025, and issued the FY26 SB224 Catalytic Converter Grant Statement of Grant Award to the City of Laredo. 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 Resolution. |

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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 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 ratify the acceptance of a grant award in the amount of \$1,829,609.00 from 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 \$366,548.00 for a total

grant amount of \$2,196,157.00. 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 _____, 2025.

DR. VICTOR D. TREVIÑO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARIO I. MALDONADO, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

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

JOAQUIN A. RODRIGUEZ
FIRST ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY