

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Albert A. Ortiz, Chief of Police

THROUGH: Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

COPIES: Christopher J. Brady, Assistant City Manager; File

SUBJECT: Ordinance Request to Apply to the Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) for a Grant.

DATE: April 29, 2004

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the City Manager or her designated representative to apply to the Texas Automobile Theft Authority (ATPA) for a \$955,590 grant to augment the San Antonio Police Department's effort in reducing auto theft.

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The mission of ATPA is to lower the automobile theft rate by instituting innovative enforcement and theft prevention techniques. The funds from ATPA are attained through a \$1.00 surcharge to insured motorists.

The grant proposal requests continued funding for the current Automobile Theft Prevention Authority Grant. The project is called Regional Auto Crimes Team (ReACT). While this project continues the Police Department's efforts at combating auto theft crimes, the task force will be a multi-jurisdictional unit composed of City, County, and State elements. The SAPD Auto Theft Unit will work as part of the task force, and its General Fund budget will contribute to the in-kind portion of the grant. Other agencies involved include the Bexar County Sheriff's Department, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), and the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB).

Proposed grant funded positions will include the following: one (1) Police Lieutenant; one (1) Police Sergeant; eight (8) Police Detective Investigators; one (1) Administrative Assistant II; one (1) Administrative Assistant I; and two (2) Bexar County Sheriff Detective Investigators. In-kind positions include the following: one (1) Bexar County Sheriff Sergeant, two (2) Bexar County Sheriff Detective Investigators, two (2) DPS Motor Vehicle Theft & Salvage (MVTS) Investigators, and one (1) NCIB agent.

Fiscal Year 2005 is the thirteenth year that this grant will be awarded to the San Antonio Police Department. For FY2005 the total grant budget requested is \$955,590, which is a \$129,316 increase over last year's budget. The grant currently funds a total of fourteen (14) positions (12 City positions and 2 County positions). The FY 2005 proposed grant personnel complement will remain the same. The grant serves the San Antonio Metropolitan area.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This Ordinance continues City Council's policy of seeking intergovernmental financial assistance for City crime prevention and enforcement programs addressing auto crime activity. The program from ATPA will enhance the City's efforts in dealing with auto theft and related property crimes by continuing to recover stolen vehicles and other property through intensified enforcement.

FISCAL IMPACT

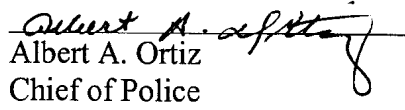
The program budget totals \$3,041,182, including \$1,171,892 of In-Kind from the City. A General Fund cash match of \$504,051 is necessary and will be projected in the FY04/05 budget. The 2003-2004 Budget includes a match for this grant totaling \$451,634. The incremental increase from FY 2004 to FY 2005 totals \$52,417. The cost of the non-city positions funded by the grant will be reimbursed to the appropriate organization in accordance with interlocal agreements developed when the grant is awarded.

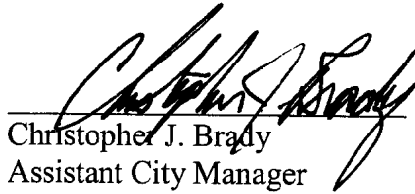
COORDINATION

This ordinance request has been coordinated with the Finance Department, City Attorney's Office, and the Office of Management & Budget.

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS

A Discretionary Contracts Disclosure Form is not required.


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Approved:


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