

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Albert A. Ortiz, Chief of Police  
**SUBJECT:** Ordinance Request to Apply to the Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) for a Grant.  
**DATE:** April 28, 2005

**SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

This ordinance authorizes the Interim City Manager, or his designated representative, to apply to the Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) for a \$1,068,352 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 (ATPA). 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; seven (7) Police Detective Investigators; one (1) Administrative Assistant II; one (1) Sr. Crime Analyst; one (1) Bexar County Sheriff Sergeant, and two (2) Bexar County Sheriff Detective Investigators. In-kind positions include the following: two (2) Bexar County Sheriff Detective Investigators; two (2) DPS Motor Vehicle Theft & Salvage (MVTS) Investigators; and one (1) NICB agent.

Fiscal Year 2006 is the fourteenth year this grant will be awarded to the San Antonio Police Department. For FY2006 the total grant funding requested is \$1,068,352, which is a \$242,078 increase over last year's award. The grant currently funds a total of thirteen (13) positions (11 City positions and 2 County positions). The FY2006 proposed grant personnel complement will

drop an Administrative Assistant I (currently funded), add a Sr. Crime Analyst position (new), and a Bexar County Sheriff Sergeant position (new), increasing the grant personnel complement to fourteen (14). 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**

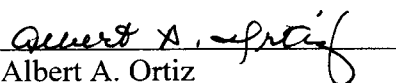
The program budget totals \$3,049,767, including \$1,529,781 of in-kind contributions from the City (\$1,192,382), the Department of Public Safety (\$138,361), Bexar County Sheriff's Department (126,642), and the Nation Insurance Crime Bureau (\$72,396). A General Fund cash match of \$451,634 is necessary and will be projected in the FY2006 budget. The cost of the non-city positions funded by the grant will be reimbursed to the appropriate organization in accordance with an interlocal agreement developed when the grant is awarded.

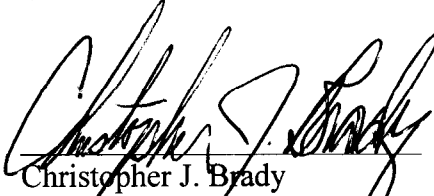
### **COORDINATION**

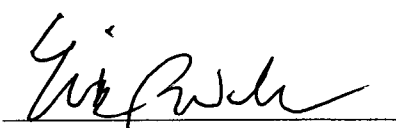
This ordinance request has been coordinated with the Finance Department, the City Attorney's Office, the Office of Management and Budget.

### **SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS**

The Discretionary Contracts Disclosure Form is not required.

  
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