May 22, 2025
Item No. 7.2.
Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority SB 224 Catalytic Converter Grant

Sponsor: Billy Couch

Reviewed By CBC: City Council

Agenda Caption: Presentation, discussion, and possible action granting the authority to apply for the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority SB 224 Catalytic Converter Grant.

Relationship to Strategic Goals:
Good Governance

Recommendation(s): Recommend the City Council approve the resolution allowing the College Station Police Department to apply for FY 26 grant funds from the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) under SB 224 - Catalytic Converter Grant.

Summary: The Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) Grant funds, if awarded, will be used to contract with Flock Safety to have automatic license plate reader cameras installed at major inlets and outlets in the city as well as key points within the city to help reduce crime related to auto thefts. These crimes can include, but are not limited to: stolen vehicles, burglaries, catalytic converter thefts, thefts of accessories from vehicles, the use of vehicles in ATM thefts, etc. The MVCPA grants are funded through insurance fees and are not contingent on tax dollars. The grant is a 1-year grant with the ability to apply for and renew every year.

Budget & Financial Summary: 20% match required. The total project cost is $361,790. The MVCPA funds will cover $301,492. Our 20% match requirement is $60,298. Funds for this grant from the MVCPA are built into legislation which requires insurance companies to charge a fee to all drivers in Texas, which is paid to the MVCPA to fund these grants.

Attachments:
1. MVCPA Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 05-22-25-7.2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE STATION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO EXECUTE APPLICATION NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO SUBMIT TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME PREVENTION AUTHORITY FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME PREVENTION AUTHORITY SB 224 CATALYTIC CONVERTER GRANT PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AND TO ACT ON ITS BEHALF WITH RESPECT TO ANY ISSUES ARISING DURING THE APPLICATION PROCESS.

WHEREAS, the City Council of College Station finds it in the best interest of the citizens of College Station that the College Station Police Department Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention SB 224 Catalytic Converter grant be applied for and administered for FY 2026; and

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 the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority to provide financial support to law enforcement agencies for economic automobile theft enforcement teams and to combat motor vehicle theft, including catalytic converter theft in the jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, this grant program will College Station to combat catalytic converter theft in the City of College Station; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of College Station agrees to provide applicable matching funds for the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Program as required by the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority application; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of College Station agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention funds, the City of College Station assures that the funds will be returned to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority in full; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of College Station designates the Chief of Police as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the City of College Station.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of College Station approves submission of the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention grant application to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority.

PART 1: That the City Council authorizes the Chief of Police as the authorized official to execute documents necessary for the submission of the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention application, to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority on behalf of the City of College Station and to act on its behalf with respect to any issues that may arise during processing of said application.

PART 2: That the Chief of Police as the authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority grant application on behalf of the City of College Station.

PART 3: That Kathryn Reiter, Administrative Lieutenant, is designated as the program Director and Michael D. Dehaven, Assistant Director of Finance, is designated as the Financial Officer for this grant.

PART 4: That the City Council of College Station agrees in the event of loss or misuse of the funds, the City of College Station assures the funds will be returned in full to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority.

PART 5: That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

Tanya Smith

City Secretary

APPROVED:

John P. Nichols

Mayor

APPROVED:

Ann C. Foley

City Attorney