

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE: August 15, 2008

TO: Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT: Proposal to Accept the Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) Grant Funds

In a memorandum dated February 21, 2008 and presented to the Public Safety Committee at the April 7, 2008 meeting, the Dallas Police Department's Auto Theft Unit sought approval to apply for grant funds from the Texas Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA). The requested amount was \$506,250.00, with a cash match of \$101,250.00, and in-kind match of \$516,681.00. The City Council approved the application process at the meeting conducted on April 23, 2008.

This will be the sixteenth year the Auto Theft Unit's Salvage Unit has received these funds. The grant will provide funding for one Sergeant to supervise the day to day operations, three senior corporals working on grant goals related to arrests, crime prevention activities, identifying of vehicles, case filing, locating legal and illegal repair shops, along with responding to call-back duties. This money will also fund one civilian clerk to assist in the office with clerical duties and one Police Research Specialist to track trends related to auto theft issues. The grant period will be from September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009.

The awarding of the funds was determined and announced on June 18, 2008 at a Grant Review hearing in Austin, Texas. On June 27, 2008, the Dallas Police Department was formally notified by mail of the award in the amount of \$506,250.00. The Dallas Police Department is seeking the support and recommendation of the Public Safety Committee in gaining approval from the City Council to accept these funds. If the Council supports this acceptance, the Auto Theft Unit is prepared to accept this grant and continue the proactive approach to combat the auto theft problem in the City of Dallas.

This item has been placed on the agenda for the August 27, 2008, City Council Meeting.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ryan S. Evans". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ryan S. Evans
First Assistant City Manager