



**FY25 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority
Statement of Taskforce Grant Award and Grantee Acceptance Notice**

Grant Number: **608-25-2200000**
 Grantee: **Tarrant County**
 Program Title: **Tarrant Regional Auto Crimes Task Force**
 Grant Award Amount: **\$2,089,417**
 Total Cash Match Amount: **\$675,346**
 In-Kind Match Amount: **\$0**
 Reimbursement Percent*: **75.57%**
 Grant Term: **September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025**

Grant Budget Summary: Tarrant County (App ID: 265)

Budget Category	MVCPA Expenditures	Cash Match Expenditures	Total Expenditures	In-Kind Match
Personnel	\$464,919	\$0	\$464,919	
Fringe	\$56,241	\$130,290	\$186,531	
Overtime	\$10,559	\$0	\$10,559	
Professional and Contract Services	\$1,248,327	\$545,056	\$1,793,383	
Travel	\$18,750	\$0	\$18,750	
Equipment	\$162,721	\$0	\$162,721	
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE)	\$127,900	\$0	\$127,900	
Totals	\$2,089,417	\$675,346	\$2,764,763	

*Reimbursement Percent: 75.57%

That whereas, **Tarrant County** (hereinafter referred to as Grantee), has heretofore submitted a grant application in response to the Request for Application issued on April 12, 2024, to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority, State of Texas, entitled **Tarrant Regional Auto Crimes Task Force** and further identified by grant number **608-25-2200000** and

Whereas, the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority has approved the grant application as evidenced by this FY25 Statement of Grant Award and certain special requirements from the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority dated **08/05/2024** and

Whereas, the Grantee desires to accept the FY24 grant award and use all funds for purposes and in compliance with the following requirements that are adopted in their entirety by reference:

- Texas Transportation Code Chapter 1006;
- Texas Administrative Code: Title 43; Part 3; Chapter 57;
- Texas Grant Management Standards (TxGMS) as promulgated by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts including TxGMS Standard Assurances by Local Governments and Standards for Financial and Program Management;
- The Request for Applications issued on April 12, 2024;

- The current Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Grant Administrative Manual and forms and subsequently adopted grantee instruction manuals and forms;
- The Final Adopted Application attached to this Statement of Grant Award; and
- The Approved Grant Budget Summary

Now, therefore, the Grantee accepts the FY25 Statement of Grant Award under the conditions above including the special requirements in the grant application and the Statement of Grant Award as evidenced by this agreement, executed by the official authorized to sign the original grant application, or the official’s designated successor, as presiding officer of and on behalf of the governing body of this grantee; and

The Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority has awarded the above-referenced grant subject to the availability of state funds. The approved budget is reflected in the above Approved Grant Budget Summary. This grant is subject to and conditioned upon the acceptance of the MVCPA Grant Administrative Guide promulgated for this specific program fund (referenced above) by the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority. Applicable special conditions are listed below.

Special Conditions and Requirements (MVCPA will only apply special conditions to applicable jurisdictions):

X **Non-Supplanting** - The grantee agrees that funds will be used to supplement, not supplant, funds that would otherwise be available for the activities under this grant. This includes demonstrating that new funded positions will be added to the department and not replacing local funds with state funds.

X **Intelligence Sharing** - The grantee is required to ensure that Law Enforcement personnel funded in whole or in part by this grant actively participate in Law Enforcement intelligence sharing webinars and Motor Vehicle Crime Investigator Virtual Command Centers organized and promoted on behalf of the MVCPA program operation and statewide collaboration.

X **Multi-agency grant** - The grantee is required to complete and maintain interlocal agreement with all participating subgrantees as required by law and TxGMS. The grantee must complete a process to monitor and ensure grant compliance of subgrantees. The grantee must maintain the process locally and document compliance with that plan.

X **Multi-agency Grant Operational Plan** – The grantee is required to provide an operational plan describing the communication process with participating and coverage jurisdictions. The operational plan must include how meetings are held, how often, and whether meetings are held in person or remotely. The grantee must report meetings in quarterly progress reports.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED BY:

Authorized Official

Printed Name and Title

Date Signed

FY25 Final Negotiated Application

Tarrant County Taskforce Grant Negotiation for Fiscal Year 2025

**The Application was submitted by Tim O'Hare at 8/2/2024 9:44:10 AM and is now locked.
The confirmation Number is 2024080200265.**

Primary Agency / Grantee Legal Name: *Tarrant County*
Organization Type: *Law Enforcement*
Organization ORI (if applicable): *TX2200000: TARRANT CO SO*

Program Title Please enter a short description of the proposed program that can be used as the title.
Tarrant Regional Auto Crimes Task Force

Application Category (See **Request for Applications** [RFA] for category details and descriptions RFA Priority Funding Section):
New Grant - 2025 is the first year of the MVCPA Taskforce Grants. All 2025 grant applicants use the new grant category.

MVCPA Program Category (see **RFA** and TAC 43, 3 §57.14). Check all that apply.

- Law Enforcement, Detection and Apprehension
- Prosecution, Adjudication and Conviction
- Prevention, Anti-Theft Devices and Motor Vehicle Registration
- Reduction of the Sale of Stolen Vehicles or Parts
- Education Programs and Marketing

Taskforce Grant Participation and Coverage Area

Provide a General Description of the Participating and Coverage Area of this Grant Application

The TRACTF provides LE assistance to all police agencies in Tarrant, Parker, Wise, Palo Pinto, Somervell, Hood, and Jack counties. The TRACTF provides technical assistance to the Fort Worth Regional DMV office and tax offices of the above listed counties. In addition, the TRACTF supports the Wichita Falls Regional DMV office and tax offices/citizens by providing VIN inspections for Archer, Clay, Montague, Wichita and Young counties.

Define in the tables below the grant relationships and geographic area of the taskforce:

Applicant will add the participating and coverage agencies from the ORI list below. If an agency is not in the ORI list, please include the agency and role in the general description above. Make sure to follow the definitions below and select an agency in the dropdown. Use the *Add as Participating Agency* or *Add as Coverage Agency* button to populate the list.

Participating Agencies are agencies that materially participate in the grant application through the exchange of funds for reimbursement and cash match. Participating agencies are defined after the grant award by interlocal/interagency agreements. Each applicant must select their own agency first. Then select agencies that will receive or provide funding and/or resources. [Note: Interlocal/interagency agreements do not need to be submitted with the application. Interlocal agreements will need to be executed prior to the first payment being made if selected for a grant. Letters of support with the application from the participating agencies are strongly recommended.]

Coverage Agencies are agencies that provided some level of coverage, assistance or support by this grant application but will not materially exchange funds as cash match or reimbursement. The coverage is not supported by an after the award with interlocal/interagency agreements. Coverage agencies as law enforcement agencies may have jurisdictional coverage agreements unrelated to the grant (Ex. City Y is within County X or vice versa). Agencies selected in this list include agencies that will be covered or where the agency indicates that their agency will coordinate or call upon the taskforce. Letters of support with the application from the participating agencies are strongly recommended.

Participating Agencies

Coverage Agencies

TX1840000 PARKER CO SO (IBR)	TX1110000 HOOD CO SO
TX1840100 WEATHERFORD PD	TX1110100 GRANBURY PD
TX2200000 TARRANT CO SO	TX1190000 JACK CO SO (AE)
TX2200100 ARLINGTON PD (MIP)	TX1190100 JACKSBORO PD
TX2200900 EULESS PD	TX1820000 PALO PINTO CO SO
TX2201200 FORT WORTH PD (MIP/IBR)	TX1820200 MINERAL WELLS PD
TX2201300 GRAPEVINE PD (AE)	TX1840300 SPRINGTOWN PD
TX2201400 HALTOM CITY PD	TX1840400 HUDSON OAKS PD
TX2201600 HURST PD	TX1840500 WILLOW PARK PD
TX2201900 LAKE WORTH PD	TX2130000 SOMERVELL CO SO
TX2202900 WHITE SETTLEMENT PD	TX2200200 AZLE PD
TX2490000 WISE CO SO	TX2200300 BEDFORD PD (IBR)
	TX2200400 BENBROOK PD
	TX2200500 BLUE MOUND PD (AE)
	TX2200600 CROWLEY PD
	TX2200700 DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS PD
	TX2201000 EVERMAN PD
	TX2201100 FOREST HILL PD
	TX2201800 LAKESIDE PD
	TX2202100 NO RICHLAND HILLS PD (AE)
	TX2202200 RICHLAND HILLS PD
	TX2202400 SAGINAW PD
	TX2202500 SANSOM PARK VILLAGE PD
	TX2202600 WATAUGA PD
	TX2202700 WESTOVER HILLS PD
	TX2202800 WESTWORTH PD
	TX2203000 KELLER PD (AE)
	TX2203100 PANTEGO PD
	TX2203200 SOUTHLAKE PD (AE)
	TX2203300 UT ARLINGTON PD
	TX2203600 D/FW AIRPORT PD (IBR)
	TX2203700 TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIV PD
	TX2204000 COLLEYVILLE PD
	TX2204800 Pelican Bay PD
	TX2204900 UNT HTH SCI CTR PD (AE)
	TX2205000 TARRANT CO HOSP DIST PD (
	TX2490100 BRIDGEPORT PD (AE)
	TX2490200 DECATUR PD (IBR)
	TX2490800 RUNAWAY BAY PD (AE)
	TX2490900 BOYD PD

• **Other Coverage** (Use if ORI not listed or explanation is necessary.):

Hood CO Constable's Office PCT 1-4 [TX1110800; TX1110600; TX1110700; TX1110500]; Jack CO Constable's Office [TX1190500]; Palo Pinto CO Constable's Office PCT 1-4 [TX1820900; TX1821000; TX1820700; TX1820500]; Reno PD [TX1840700]; Weatherford College PD [TX1840600]; Parker CO Constable's Office PCT 1-4 [TX1840200; TX1841100; TX1841000; TX1841300]; Tarrant CO Constable's Office PCT 1-6 [TX2203500; TX2204100; TX2204200; TX2204300; TX2204400; TX2204500]; Tarrant CO Constable's Office PCT 8 [TX2204700]; Somervell CO Constable's Office PCT 1-2 [TX2130200; TX2130300]; Rhome PD [TX2490300]; Wise CO Constable's Office PCT 1-4 [TX2490400; TX2490500; TX2490600; TX2490700]; The TRACTF supports the Wichita Falls Regional DMV office and tax offices/citizens by providing VIN inspections for Archer, Clay, Montague, Wichita and Young counties.

• **National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB)** Used as Match (Documentation and time certification required.)

Resolution: Complete a Resolution and submit to local governing body for approval. [Sample Resolution](#) is found in the Request for Application or send a request for an electronic copy to grantsMVCPA@txdmv.gov. The completed and executed Resolution must be attached to this on-line application.

Grant Budget Form

MVCPA recommends that the applicant complete the total costs (MVCPA and Cash Match combined) for this program. The applicant can then enter the desired amount of Cash Match (not less than 20% per TAC Title 43, Â§57.36). The system will then calculate the correct grant and match amounts.

Budget Entry Option:

Enter MVCPA and Cash Match Amounts

Budget Category	MVCPA Expenditures	Cash Match Expenditures	Total Expenditures	In-Kind Match
<i>Personnel</i>	\$464,919	\$0	\$464,919	
<i>Fringe</i>	\$56,241	\$130,290	\$186,531	
<i>Overtime</i>	\$10,559	\$0	\$10,559	

Budget Category	MVCPA Expenditures	Cash Match Expenditures	Total Expenditures	In-Kind Match
<i>Professional and Contract Services</i>	\$1,248,327	\$545,056	\$1,793,383	
<i>Travel</i>	\$18,750	\$0	\$18,750	
<i>Equipment</i>	\$162,721	\$0	\$162,721	
<i>Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE)</i>	\$127,900	\$0	\$127,900	
Total	\$2,089,417	\$675,346	\$2,764,763	
Cash Match Percentage		32.32%		

Description	Subcategory	Pct Time	MVCPA Funds	Cash Match	Total	In-Kind Match
Personnel						
Commander	Investigator/LEO	100	\$129,403	\$0	\$129,403	
Auto Crimes Coordinator	Administrative / Support	100	\$65,644	\$0	\$65,644	
Auto Crimes Assistant	Administrative / Support	100	\$57,529	\$0	\$57,529	
Deputy	Investigator/LEO	100	\$88,024	\$0	\$88,024	
ACDA	Legal	100	\$124,319	\$0	\$124,319	
Total Personnel		500	\$464,919	\$0	\$464,919	
Fringe						
Commander	Investigator/LEO		\$11,717	\$35,280	\$46,997	
Auto Crimes Coordinator	Administrative / Support		\$10,595	\$19,060	\$29,655	
Auto Crimes Assistant	Administrative / Support		\$10,453	\$16,995	\$27,448	
Deputy	Investigator/LEO		\$11,848	\$24,968	\$36,816	
ACDA	Legal		\$11,628	\$33,987	\$45,615	
Total Fringe			\$56,241	\$130,290	\$186,531	
Overtime						
Auto Crimes Coordinator	Administrative / Support		\$3,282	\$0	\$3,282	
Auto Crimes Assistant	Administrative / Support		\$2,876	\$0	\$2,876	
Deputy	Investigator/LEO		\$4,401	\$0	\$4,401	
Total Overtime			\$10,559	\$0	\$10,559	
Professional and Contract Services						
Enforcement Team Leader (Sergeant) Hurst	Investigator/LEO - personnel	100	\$114,774	\$0	\$114,774	
Enforcement Team Leader (Sergeant) Hurst	Investigator/LEO - fringe	100	\$11,575	\$31,587	\$43,162	
Enforcement Team Leader (Sergeant) Hurst	Investigator/LEO - overtime	100	\$5,739	\$0	\$5,739	
Eules Detective	Investigator/LEO - personnel	100	\$103,902	\$0	\$103,902	
Eules Detective	Investigator/LEO - fringe	100	\$15,185	\$29,772	\$44,957	
Eules Detective	Investigator/LEO - overtime	100	\$5,195	\$0	\$5,195	
Grapevine Detective	Investigator/LEO - personnel	100	\$102,278	\$0	\$102,278	
Grapevine Detective	Investigator/LEO - fringe	100	\$13,250	\$28,882	\$42,132	
Grapevine Detective	Investigator/LEO - overtime	100	\$5,114	\$0	\$5,114	
Haltom City Detective	Investigator/LEO - personnel	100	\$97,857	\$0	\$97,857	
Haltom City Detective	Investigator/LEO - fringe	100	\$22,778	\$30,159	\$52,937	
Haltom City Detective	Investigator/LEO - overtime	100	\$4,893	\$0	\$4,893	
Lake Worth Detective	Investigator/LEO - personnel	100	\$80,299	\$0	\$80,299	
Lake Worth Detective	Investigator/LEO - fringe	100	\$14,104	\$23,601	\$37,705	

Description	Subcategory	Pct Time	MVCPA Funds	Cash Match	Total	In-Kind Match
Lake Worth Detective	Investigator/LEO - overtime	100	\$4,015	\$0	\$4,015	
Parker County Detective	Investigator/LEO - personnel	100	\$104,853	\$0	\$104,853	
Parker County Detective	Investigator/LEO - fringe	100	\$11,963	\$29,204	\$41,167	
Parker County Detective	Investigator/LEO - overtime	100	\$5,243	\$0	\$5,243	
Weatherford Detective	Investigator/LEO - personnel	100	\$82,243	\$0	\$82,243	
Weatherford Detective	Investigator/LEO - fringe	100	\$9,635	\$22,969	\$32,604	
Weatherford Detective	Investigator/LEO - overtime	100	\$4,112	\$0	\$4,112	
White Settlement Detective	Investigator/LEO - personnel	100	\$67,072	\$0	\$67,072	
White Settlement Detective	Investigator/LEO - fringe	100	\$11,577	\$19,662	\$31,239	
White Settlement Detective	Investigator/LEO - overtime	100	\$3,354	\$0	\$3,354	
Wise County Detective	Investigator/LEO - personnel	100	\$78,500	\$0	\$78,500	
Wise County Detective	Investigator/LEO - fringe	100	\$6,824	\$21,331	\$28,155	
Wise County Detective	Investigator/LEO - overtime	100	\$3,925	\$0	\$3,925	
Arlington Detective	Investigator/LEO - personnel	100	\$105,607	\$0	\$105,607	
Arlington Detective	Investigator/LEO - fringe	100	\$8,380	\$28,497	\$36,877	
Arlington Detective	Investigator/LEO - overtime	100	\$5,280	\$0	\$5,280	
Fort Worth Detective	Investigator/LEO - personnel	100	\$110,779	\$0	\$110,779	
Fort Worth Detective	Investigator/LEO - fringe	100	\$22,483	\$33,315	\$55,798	
Fort Worth Detective	Investigator/LEO - overtime	100	\$5,539	\$0	\$5,539	
NICB Special Agent "Cash in Lieu"	NICB - personnel	100	\$0	\$78,136	\$78,136	
NICB Special Agent "Cash in Lieu"	NICB - fringe	100	\$0	\$56,397	\$56,397	
NICB Field Intelligence Analyst "Cash in Lieu"	NICB - personnel	100	\$0	\$85,166	\$85,166	
NICB Field Intelligence Analyst "Cash in Lieu"	NICB - fringe	100	\$0	\$26,378	\$26,378	
Total Professional and Contract Services		3700	\$1,248,327	\$545,056	\$1,793,383	
Travel						
Administrative In-state	Administrative In-state		\$1,800	\$0	\$1,800	
MVCPA Grant Conference	Training In-State		\$9,500	\$0	\$9,500	
TAVTI Training Conference	Training In-State		\$4,800	\$0	\$4,800	
New Investigator Training	Training In-State		\$2,650	\$0	\$2,650	
Total Travel			\$18,750	\$0	\$18,750	
Equipment						
Computer Monitors			\$4,680	\$0	\$4,680	
Office Furniture			\$33,041	\$0	\$33,041	
Vehicles			\$125,000	\$0	\$125,000	
Total Equipment			\$162,721	\$0	\$162,721	
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE)						
Bonds			\$110	\$0	\$110	
Casualty Insurance			\$14,500	\$0	\$14,500	
Subscriptions			\$28,150	\$0	\$28,150	
Equipment Maintenance			\$5,490	\$0	\$5,490	
Field Supplies			\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	

Description	Subcategory	Pct Time	MVCPA Funds	Cash Match	Total	In-Kind Match
Fuel			\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	
Office/Computer Supplies			\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	
Postage			\$350	\$0	\$350	
Prevention Supplies			\$500	\$0	\$500	
Printing			\$500	\$0	\$500	
Radio Maintenance			\$8,600	\$0	\$8,600	
Telephone Basic			\$3,700	\$0	\$3,700	
Telephone Cellular/Data Access			\$12,000	\$0	\$12,000	
Tuition/Training			\$3,500	\$0	\$3,500	
Vehicle Maintenance			\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	
Wrecker Service			\$3,500	\$0	\$3,500	
Total Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE)			\$127,900	\$0	\$127,900	

Budget Narrative

A. Personnel

Commander - Tarrant County: This sworn position provides monitoring and oversight of all Task Force operations including administrative, investigative, enforcement, intelligence, education, and prevention activities. The position reports directly to the Tarrant County Sheriff and the Board of Governors on all matters. The position is responsible for developing the mission, values, goals and objectives of the grant program and leading project directional change as needed. The position is also responsible for grant application, correspondence, analysis, reporting and monitoring, including facilitating/coordinating with agency departments to accomplish required oversight and application. The position facilitates the Task Force Board of Governors meetings and participates in the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority meetings and ad hoc committees, maintaining effective communication with area law enforcement executives and stakeholders. The Commander position salary is based on a 20% cash match and is coming from MVCPA funds. The position is 100% devoted to the grant. Auto Crimes Coordinator - Tarrant County: This position is an administrative position that functions as the program's grant manager. Responsibilities include (but are not limited to) the oversight and monitoring of daily office operations; preparing and processing budget transactions; preparing the grant budget, adjustments, and projections; coordinating with the county's grant auditor and various other departments; supervising civil seizure protocols; attending the Board of Governors and MVCPA meetings; and preparing and submitting grant documentation in cooperation with the Task Force Commander. Additionally, this position serves as the Prevention Coordinator and is directly responsible for coordinating prevention goals and activities and supervising the support/prevention volunteer and reserve team as manpower permits. The Auto Crimes Coordinator position salary is based on a 20% cash match and is coming from MVCPA funds. The position is 100% devoted to the grant. Auto Crimes Assistant - Tarrant County: This administrative position performs daily clerical duties for the administrative staff and investigators. Duties include (but are not limited to) maintaining office and investigator/asset case files; coordinating JP Court property hearings; assisting with grant and county inventories; preparing training materials; performing computer/phone administration; coordinating seized property tracking; tracking, monitoring and coordinating fleet vehicle maintenance/insurance; preparing and coordinating with county departments for requisitions and acquisitions; submitting maintenance requests, tracking vehicle inspection appointments/field payments; answering phone calls and delivering mail. The Auto Crimes Assistant position salary is based on a 20% cash match and is coming from MVCPA funds. The position is 100% devoted to the grant. Investigator (Enforcement Team) - Tarrant County: This sworn position is responsible for investigating reports of pertinent criminal violations initiated by the Task Force from confidential informants, law enforcement intelligence/assists, and agency referrals. Duties include (but are not limited to) interviews and interrogations; the preparation and execution of search and arrest warrants; recovering stolen property; arresting criminals responsible for offenses; conducting covert operations; assisting with bait operations; gathering and disseminating intelligence; and preparing criminal complaints for prosecution. These positions are on-call 24/7 to assist officers, investigators, and agencies in the program area and assist the prevention coordinator by participating in prevention events. The Deputy Investigator position salary is based on a 20% cash match and is coming from MVCPA funds. The position is 100% devoted to the grant. Prosecutor (Assistant District Attorney) - Tarrant County: This position is a full-time prosecutor dedicated to the indictment and prosecution of auto-crime offenders. The prosecutor is responsible for legal counsel to the Task Forces as well as investigators and agencies within the program area regarding law interpretations, warrant review, case guidance, conflict resolution, and prosecutorial presentation. The prosecutor serves as a liaison between law enforcement and the district attorney's office to resolve issues, strengthen case preparation, and mitigate obstacles preventing the successful prosecution of auto-crime offenders. Assistance will be available to other district attorney offices across the state needing guidance on complex auto crimes cases. The Prosecutor position salary is based on a 20% cash match and is coming from MVCPA funds. This position is 100% dedicated to the grant.

B. Fringe

Narrative: Tarrant County pays certain fringe benefits through payroll to all eligible County employees; law enforcement and administrative staff. These Fringe Benefits include FICA (Social Security and Medicare), Retirement, Health Insurance Premium, Worker's Comp, and in some cases, eligible employees receive Certifications Pay and Longevity. The fringe benefits are based either on percentages set by the Commissioners Court and Federal Government or they are a flat rate each month based on the projected actual costs. The fringe benefits paid to grant personnel are based on a 20% cash match with a portion paid from MVCPA funds and a portion paid with Tarrant County cash match, except the cash match portion of the ACDA fringe that is coming from generated program income. The fringe benefits paid to ACTF grant employees at Tarrant County are as follows: FICA (Social Security and Medicare) - FICA is 7.65% of an employee's salary every pay period. This percentage is set by the Federal Government. Retirement - The Commissioners Court sets the retirement rate each year. Full time employees contribute a mandatory 7% of their earnings each pay period and participate in the Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS). The County's contribution exceeds the employee's contribution at a current employer rate of 19.5%. Health Insurance Premium - The health premium is a flat amount per employee every month. The County pays \$950.00 per employee per month, regardless of what health plan an individual has chosen.

Budget Narrative

The \$950.00 monthly premium was determined by the budget office and approved by the Commissioner's Court at a projection of what the actual, average monthly cost would be for Health Insurance. Unemployment Insurance - Unemployment compensation is a benefit to unemployed workers who have lost their job via no fault of their own to provide income for jobless workers until they can find employment. The current weekly benefit amount is set to minimum (\$73.00) and maximum (\$577.00) Worker's Compensation - The percentage is different for different classes of employees. The County Budget office determines each job's risk classification (for example Law Enforcement is at a higher risk than Auditor's Office employees). ACTF worker's comp rate is either 1.27% (Law Enforcement) or 0.05% (Clerical or Office) or 0.05% (Law office) of employee salary each pay period, depending on position. LE Certification - Tarrant County pays a separate benefit from salary to eligible full-time law enforcement personnel who have obtained certification above what is required for their current position. Eligible personnel must inform and provide human resources proof of attainment to receive this benefit of \$60.00 monthly. Eligible full-time LE personnel receiving this benefit payment are Commander and Deputy Investigator assigned with funds coming from cash match. Longevity - Tarrant County pays a separate benefit from salary to eligible full-time law enforcement personnel for years of service credit. This benefit is paid after twelve (12) months of service (\$5.00 per month for up to and including 25 years of service not to exceed \$125 per month). This benefit increases in increments of \$5 for each year of service. Full-time eligible personnel who have accrued four years of lifetime service credit and are deemed eligible by the CDA are paid \$20 per month for each year of lifetime service credit not to exceed \$5,000 annually. Eligible full-time LE personnel receiving this benefit are Commander, CDA, and Deputy Investigator assigned with funds coming from cash match.

C. Overtime

The personnel overtime budget is used for enforcement duties generated by on-call requests after hours and on weekends. It is also used for special enforcement details planned to target an immediate emerging crime trend. A combination of flex time, compensatory time, and overtime is used for special details. Most public awareness events are conducted during weekends or after normal business hours. Administrative personnel and criminal investigators are required to staff these events in addition to their regular work-week hours. Overtime is necessary if they are unable to flex or accept compensatory time for the additional hours in their work week. Administrative overtime is added for non-scheduled emergencies and support assigned duties. All Task Force personnel overtime including the Deputy Investigator assigned is budgeted at 5% of salary and comes from MVCPA funds. Should any amount exceed the 5% limit, MVCPA Director approval is sought to pay with funds coming from the unit's generated program income.

D. Professional and Contract Services

Enforcement Team Leader (Sergeant) - Hurst PD: This is the unit's first-line supervisor responsible for administering guidance, direction, and supervision to the enforcement team of investigators. Duties include (but not limited to): Monitoring investigators' regular and overtime schedules; serving as the unit's Training Coordinator; supervising the special equipment inventory; planning and executing field operations; and coordinating the regional intelligence network. This position is allowed overtime figured at 5% of salary and reimbursed at 100% with MVCPA funds. Any overtime exceeding the 5% limit is submitted to MVCPA Director for approval. This position is 100% devoted to the grant with an individual ILA. Benefits/Match include Longevity \$1,848.00 annual (\$154.00 per month); Certification Pay \$960.00 annual (\$80.00 per month); Life Ins. Prem. \$412.44 annual (\$34.47 per month); Medical Ins. Prem. \$11,973.72 annual (\$997.81 per month); Dental Ins Premium \$475.80 annual (\$39.65 per month); Long Term Care \$301.56 annual (\$25.13 per month); Long Term Disability \$46.80 (\$3.90 per month); TMRS \$18,363.91 (16.00% salary); Social Security \$7,116.02 (6.2% Salary); Medicare \$1,664.23 annual (1.45% of salary) with funds coming from a portion of MVCPA funds and agency cash match. Investigators (Enforcement Team) - Euless PD, Grapevine PD, Haltom City PD, Lake Worth PD, Parker County SO, Weatherford PD, White Settlement PD, and Wise County SO: These positions are responsible for investigating reports of pertinent criminal violations initiated by the Task Force from confidential informants, law enforcement intelligence/assists, and agency referrals. Duties include (but are not limited to) conducting interviews and interrogations; preparing and executing search and arrest warrants, recovering stolen property; arresting criminals responsible for offenses, conducting covert operations; assisting with bait operations; gathering and disseminating intelligence; preparing criminal complaints for prosecution and conducting vehicle/business inspections. These positions are on-call 24/7 to assist officers, investigators and agencies in the program area and assist the prevention coordinator by participating in prevention events. These positions are 100% devoted to the grant with an individual ILA. Euless PD Benefits/Match include Cert Pay (\$110/monthly); Longevity (\$178.33/monthly); Retirement (18.66%); Workers Comp (\$110/monthly); Disability Insurance (\$71 per \$100 salary); EAP (\$2.54 monthly); Health Insurance (\$1292.34/monthly); Life Insurance (2 1/2 X Salary/1000 X \$.05); OPEB (\$150.00 per month); AD&D (1 1/2 X Salary/1000 X \$.01); Medicare (1.45% Salary). Grapevine PD Benefits/Match include, Cert Pay 1.29% \$1,320.00 annual (\$110.00 month for Master); Longevity 1.17% \$1,200.00 annual (\$4 per completed month service, max \$1,200.00); TMRS \$20,517.00 annual (\$1,709.75 monthly, 20.06% Sal - Mandatory Emp. Contribution 7% Employer Matches 2:1); Workers Comp 1.18% \$1,205.84 annual (\$100.49 monthly); Long Term Disability 0.61% \$620.72 annual (\$51.73 monthly); EAP 0.02% \$25.09 annual (\$2.09 monthly); Health Insurance 13.24% \$13,539.76 annual (\$1,128.31 monthly); Dental 1.03% \$1,049.24 annual (\$87.44 monthly); Vision 0.15% \$156.11 annual (\$13.01 monthly); AD&D 0.51% \$518.25 annual (\$43.19 monthly); Life 0.49% \$496.62 annual (\$41.39 monthly); Medicare 1.45% \$1,483.03 annual (\$123.59 monthly) Haltom City PD Benefits/Match include, Cert Pay \$600.08 annual (\$26.09 bi-weekly); Language \$840.06 annual (\$32.31 bi-weekly); Longevity \$1,440.12 annual (\$55.39 bi-weekly); Medical/Dental/Vision Ins \$12,784.08 annual (\$1,065.34 monthly); Medicare \$1,526.19 annual (\$127.18 monthly); Unemployment \$108.00 annual (\$9.00 monthly); Workers Comp \$7,546.75 annual (\$628.90 monthly); TMRS \$23,292.81 annual (\$1,941.07 monthly); Life \$58.80 annual (\$4.90 monthly); LTD \$195.71 annual (\$16.31 monthly); AD&D \$27.05 annual (\$2.25 monthly); Annual Sick Leave Payout \$4,516.80 (96 accrued hours @ hourly rate once annually in November). Lake Worth PD Benefits/Match include Cert Pay \$2,400.00 annual (2.84% of total salary for TCOLE certification above Basic Peace Officer paid bi-monthly), Vacation/Sick Buy Back \$1,545.00 annual (1.83% of total salary-up to one week of accrued benefit hours; vacation buy back paid in November/sick paid in February); FICA/Medicare \$6,465.00 annual (7.65% Bi-weekly payroll tax deposits are made); TMRS \$14,747.00 annual (17.45% Payments including employee deductions & City matching amounts paid monthly); Workers Comp \$2,671.00 annual (3.16% annual amounts but paid to vendor quarterly); Group Health Insurance \$9035.00 annual (10.69% of total salary); Dental \$149.00 annual (.018% of total salary); Vision \$71.00 (0.08% of total salary); Life Ins. \$119.00 (0.14% of total salary); EAP \$120.00 annual (0.14% of total salary); Group Insurance Coverages provided to all employees of the City; these amounts represent annual amounts, but are paid to vendors monthly. State Unemployment (.3%) \$117.00 annual (0.14% of total salary; only applies to \$9,000 in wages). Parker County SO Benefits/Match include, Cert Pay \$1,800.00 annual (\$69.23 bi-weekly); Insurance \$15,236.66, EE Costs (\$586.025 bi-weekly); FICA/Medicare \$7,467.19 annual (bi-weekly 0.765%); Retirement TCDRS \$14,330.30 annual (.1331% and .0026%); Workers Comp Ins \$1,583.02 annual (bi-weekly .0145%); Longevity (\$750 once annually in November)

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Weatherford PD Benefits/Match include, Cert Pay \$1,800.00 annual (\$69.23 per pay period x26); Longevity (\$4.00 monthly for every year of service paid annually in December or 0.06% of total cost); Health Ins \$10,800 annual (\$900 per month - paid 2x a month); FICA/Medicare \$6,429.00 annual (7.65% Salary/paid per pay period); TMRS \$12,207.00 annual (14.83% salary - paid per period); Workers Comp \$1,026.00 annual (1.25% of salary-paid per period); TEC \$270.00 (3% of salary or a max of \$270.00 - paid quarterly). White Settlement PD Benefits/Match include Longevity \$204 annual (\$4 per month employed); Cert Pay \$600 annual (LE \$50 per month); Medicare/FICA \$5,371.14 annual (7.65%); TMRS \$12,904.78 annual (18.38%); Unemployment \$270.00 (Employer paid annual); Workers Comp \$3,180.56 (5.33%); Health Ins \$8,276.64 (Employer paid annual); Dental Ins \$234.36 (Employer paid annual); Vision Ins \$71.76 (Employer paid annual); Life Ins \$42.00 (Employer paid annual); Long Term Disability Ins \$83.97 (Employer paid annual). Wise County SO Benefits/Match include Health Insurance (\$10,000 annually); Retirement \$10,213.00 (Salary X 0.1301); Life Insurance (1 x \$78.00); Unemployment Insurance \$94.00 annual (Salary X 0.0012); Social Security \$6,005.00 (Salary x 0.0765); Workers Comp \$1,765.00 (Salary X 0.0187) Investigators (Enforcement Team/Bait Operations) - Arlington PD and Fort Worth PD: In addition to the essential duties outlined above for Enforcement Team members, these detective positions are also responsible for coordinating and/or assisting in the operations, maintenance, and deployment of the C.O.B.R.A. bait programs associated with the Task Force as well as within their respective participating agencies. These positions are devoted 100% to the grant with an individual I.L.A. Arlington PD Benefits/Match include Investigator Pay \$600 annual (\$23.08 bi-weekly); Education Pay \$1,320 annual (\$50.77 bi-weekly); Sick Leave sell back \$2,030.91 annually; Stability \$6,336.45 annual (6.00%); Medicare \$1,531.31 annual (1.45% \$58.90 bi-weekly); TMRS Retirement \$11,371.29 annual (10.77% \$437.36 bi-weekly); Disability \$232.34 annual (0.22% \$8.94 bi-weekly); Thrift \$3,168.22 annual (3.00% \$131.85 bi-weekly); Workers Comp \$1,140.56 annual (1.08% \$43.87 bi-weekly); Health Insurance \$9,146.00 annual (\$351.77 bi-weekly). Fort Worth PD Benefits/Match Incentive Pay \$2,880.00 annual (\$240 monthly-Master Peace Officer); Longevity \$848.00 annual (\$4 x Years of service x 12 mths 26 bi-weekly payments); Group Health Insurance \$20,493.00 annual (\$788.19 bi-weekly); FICA/Medicare \$1,589.00 annual (paid @ 1.45% of wages); Civil Svc Retirement \$29,988.00 annual (\$1,153.38 bi-weekly). NICB - Special Agent: This position is a full-time investigator who is responsible for investigating reports of pertinent criminal violations initiated by the NICB and/or the Task Force. Duties include (but are not limited to) coordinating with insurance companies for the tracking and return of recovered vehicles; assisting with or filing criminal cases related to auto-crime offenses. The position also coordinates with bait programs throughout the state providing technical assistance. The position is on call 24/7. Salary and Fringe are in lieu of cash match with no overtime or agency allowance. This position is in 100% support of the grant. Fringe/Match Benefits include Social Security (6.2% salary); Medicare (1.45% salary); Health Insurance 80% Company Paid; Medical Ins. (\$34,123.20 annual proposed \$2,699.60/mo medical, \$134.75/mo dental, \$9.25/mo vision) Basic Life & AD&D (\$487.68 annually proposed Basic Life \$35.19/mo, AD&D \$2.45/mo); Short Term Disability (\$2.35 monthly); Long Term Disability (\$15.46 monthly); Vacation Time Off (5.77% Salary); Holidays (7.69% Salary); 401K match (6.5% Salary). NICB - Field Intelligence Analyst: This position is a full-time civilian analyst who gathers, evaluates, and disseminates intelligence. The FIA works closely with NICB Special Agents, the Task Force and local investigators to provide analytical support to enhance investigations and field operations. The FIA also coordinates resources between investigators and the NICB's HQ including special requests for batch data pulls, link analysis charts, timelines, NetMap studies, and Geotime reports. Salary and Fringe are in lieu of cash match with no overtime or agency allowance. This position is in 100% support of the grant. Fringe/Match Benefits include Social Security (6.2% salary); Medicare (1.45% salary); Insurance \$1,727.88 annual proposed. 80% company paid; (\$134.75/mo dental, \$9.24 mo vision) Basic Life and AD&D \$1,266.66 annual proposed (\$38.41/mo - \$0.23/\$1000 of coverage; AD&D (\$2.67/mo - \$0.016/\$1000 of coverage); Short Term Disability \$25.80 (\$2.15/mo) Long Term Disability \$202.20 annual proposed (\$16.85/mo); Time off benefits Vacation \$7,533.93 (8.85% of salary); Holidays \$6,551.25 annual (7.69% of salary); 401(k) match (3.00% of salary). Each agency is asked for a salary and benefits estimate at the beginning of the process projecting the coming year's salary and fringe cost. 80% of the estimate is charged to the MVCPA and 20% is reserved for cash match (local funds). Overtime is billed and reimbursed at 100% in this category. Overtime is capped at 5% of total salary cost.

E. Travel

Administrative Travel In-State: (MVCPA Board Meetings) - Budgeted for two (2) persons to attend four (4) quarterly Board Meetings that include one night lodging at current year GSA rate \$122 per night for 8 nights at \$976.00 and per diem at \$51.75 first and last day of travel at \$828.00. Task Force fleet vehicles are utilized for this travel and fuel costs are included in the grant's annual budget. Annual cost varies \$1,800.00. Training In-State: (MVCPA Annual Grant Conference) - Budgeted for up to ten (10) staff members to attend 5-day conference in Houston, includes lodging at current year GSA rate of \$122.00 per night for 4 nights at \$6,400.00 and per diem of \$51.75 first and last day of travel overnight and \$69.00 for each day in between at \$3,105.00. Task Force fleet vehicles are utilized for this travel and fuel costs are included in the grant's annual budget. Annual cost varies \$9,500.00. Training in-State: (TAVTI Annual Training Conference) - Budgeted for up to five (5) staff members to attend 5-day conference in Lubbock, includes lodging at current year GSA rate of \$122.00 per night for 4 nights at \$3,200.00 and per diem of \$51.75 first and last day of travel overnight and \$69.00 for each day in between at \$1,552.00. Task Force fleet vehicles are utilized for this travel and fuel costs are included in the grant's annual budget. Annual cost varies \$4,800.00. New Investigator Training - Budgeted for two (2) staff members to attend three (3) new investigator trainings (MVCPA Parts I [2] & II [1]) Lodging and per diem for 3 training classes. Includes lodging at current year GSA rate of \$122.00 per night for 9 nights at \$1,920.00 and per diem of \$51.75 first and last day of travel overnight and \$69.00 for each day in between at \$725.00. Task Force fleet vehicles are utilized for this travel and fuel costs are included in the grant's annual budget. Annual cost \$2,650.00.

F. Equipment

Computer Monitors - This cost is determined by the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office IT Department and selected vendor (CDWG) and approved thru Tarrant County Purchasing Department bid process. The total cost includes two monitors with associated power and connection cords for 13 of the 15 staff workstations for a total of 26 monitors. These monitors will replace equipment that is more than 10 years old, providing updated technology, a larger viewing area, and dual-screen capability to help improve work efficiency. The monitors will work in tandem with the investigator's portable MCTs and one administrator's laptop when connected and used in a desktop capacity. Total request \$4,680.00 Office Furniture - This cost is determined by the Tarrant County Purchasing Department bid process and selected vendor (Plano Office Supply/Blue Box). The request includes the cost of 15 office chairs (\$6,201.15), 10 conference tables, 20 conference chairs, and 11 office desks/components (\$26,839.48). The workstations (chairs/desk components) will provide an upgrade for 11 of the 15 workstations, which currently contain office furniture that is aged, worn, and in various states of functionality. Updated furniture will better equip new offices associated with the Task Force's relocation to a new building (May 2024).

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The conference tables and chairs will accommodate a new conference room that will serve for staff meetings and operational briefings. Total request \$33,040.63. Vehicles - This cost is determined by the Tarrant County Purchasing bid process and covers all Task Force vehicles. The current fleet of vehicles is owned by the Task Force and has been obtained through purchase or seizure. Lease options have not proven fiscally viable over the past several years. This request is to replace admin and spare / floater vehicles that are approaching age and mileage limits and negatively impact maintenance costs. These vehicles serve administrative staff, day-to-day operations, prevention events, and spare drivers. The vehicle estimates include one compact SUV and two mid-size SUVs, the various sizes offering different load capacities and fuel efficiency. The budgeted cost is calculated based on received estimates totaling \$109,008 and includes approximately \$15,000 to accommodate for anticipated fluctuation in vehicle costs that will occur between the original quote date and the intended purchase date. Total Request Cost Varies \$125,000.00

G. Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE)

Bonds - Errors and Omissions bond is requested for the Auto Crimes Assistant position to assist with the unit's notarization of legal documents. The annual cost is approximately \$110. Casualty Insurance - This cost is determined from the Tarrant County bid process and covers all Task Force vehicles and equipment. Tarrant County Vehicle Policy requires all expenses related to grant-purchased vehicles must be paid by the grant including insurance cost. Based on the vehicle's depreciated value is whether the vehicle has full or liability coverage. Annual premium cost under the previous bid was \$12,000. Casualty Insurance is also included in this figure annually to cover internal office contents. Annual premium cost under previous bid was \$2,000. A possible increase is expected next bid. Additional funds of \$500 cover claims deductible. Total costs vary \$14,500.00. Subscriptions - This line item covers existing, recurring annual subscription fees. The recurring subscription fees include: (1) databases that provide officers investigative tools to locate persons, track property, and research assets (\$2,000); (2) an online geo-mapping platform used in tracker and bait operations (\$7,800; 13 devices); (3) annual dues, membership, entry, and registration fees covering participation in associations and/or prevention events (\$50); and (4) the mobile detective phone application for phone access to NCIC/TCIC (\$3,300; 11 devices). In addition to existing subscriptions, a new subscription request for GY25 is for access to the Vigilante (Motorola Solutions) commercial LPR data that has proven instrumental and necessary for auto crime investigations (\$15,000). Annual total \$28,150.00. Equipment Maintenance - The cost for maintenance to the Record Management System (RMS) is \$2,790.00 annually. This equipment is necessary for continued enforcement operations. Vendors and costs are determined by the Tarrant County Purchasing Department Bid Process. Copier Maintenance cost varies at \$200 annually including costs per copy. Equipment maintenance is requested for repair to purchased and seized equipment used by the Task Force \$2,500.00. Annual cost varies dependent upon need or type of repair \$5,490.00. Field Supplies - These costs cover items needed by the officers such as equipment batteries, tie downs, power cords, grease markers, engine cleaner, degreaser, rags, brushes, and mirrors to identify vehicles through confidential VINs. COBRA bait program supplies are included in this category. These costs include extended-life marine batteries, wiring, cameras, and replacement parts. Annual cost varies \$5,000.00. Fuel - Fuel is necessary for unit operations in vehicles assigned to the enforcement and prevention teams. These vehicles are also used for business travel. The cost is based on current and prior year expenses. The Task Force supervisors monitor fuel use closely and measures are taken to hold the cost to a minimum. All supplies and materials are purchased through a vendor determined by the Tarrant County Purchasing Department bid process. Annual cost varies \$25,000.00. Office/Computer Supplies - These expenses are necessary for efficient operations. Office supplies include standard items such as paper, files, markers, calendars, laminating materials, etc. Computer supplies include printer toner, USB drives, replacement cables, etc. The cost is based on current and anticipated expenses. Annual cost varies \$2,000.00. Postage - Postage is necessary for unit operations, legal and public awareness mailings. Costs are determined based on current and prior usage. Annual Cost \$350.00. Prevention Supplies - These expenses are necessary for efficient public awareness operations. They include supplies for community events, outdoor signage, parades, trade shows and promotional handouts. VIN-etch system supply costs vary based on need and include stencil paper, spray, acid markers, glass cleaner and shop towels. Vendors are determined by the Tarrant County Purchasing Department. Annual cost varies \$500.00. Printing - Costs associated with printing materials include business cards, tow cards, forms and documents using Tarrant County's in-house graphics department. Annual Cost \$500.00. Radio Maintenance - This cost is for the infrastructure, as well as routine maintenance for the eighteen (18) radios used by the Task Force full time officers. The cost is established by contract between Tarrant County and the Cities of Fort Worth and North Richland Hills. Annual Cost \$8,600.00. Telephone - Basic/LD- Basic telephone, land line, and long-distance costs Annual Cost \$3,700.00 Telephone Cellular/Data Access - The recurring cost for cell phones and online data is based on an average of \$622 monthly for cell phones assigned to personnel. They are required for communication in the field and outside the office. One phone is dedicated as an "on-call" and rotates between officers. Cost and provider are determined by the Tarrant County Purchasing Department bid process. Cellular data used by the investigators fourteen (14) mobile computer terminals (MCT) included in this cost. Annual costs vary \$12,000.00. Tuition/Training - Tuition is requested for training registrations for the Texas Auto Vehicle Theft Investigators Association (TAVTI) annual training conference in October for up to five (5) investigators at \$225 each. TAVTI Training Cost \$1,125. Tuition for a one-day auto crime class in Weatherford, TX in September for up to five (5) investigators at \$225/each. Weatherford training total cost \$1,125.00. Additional trainings throughout the year assist in employee development, especially trainings that cover warrant writing, interviews and interrogations, and other various topics relative to an investigator position. Tuition annual costs vary based on need \$1,275.00. Annual costs vary \$3,500.00. Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs - These costs are based on current and anticipated expenses for repairs determined by previous year's costs to Task Force vehicles. All vehicles are owned versus leased and cost includes both mechanical repairs and routine maintenance. Annual cost varies \$15,000. Wrecker Service - This service is necessary to transport vehicles and assets to the counties impound yard, maintenance garage, auction and recycling locations. Costs and vendors are determined by the Tarrant County Purchasing bid process. The average cost of light duty tow ranges with distance between \$90.00 to \$125.00. Most tow fees are reimbursed by victims, owners, and insurance companies. Annual cost varies \$3,500.00

Revenue

Indicate Source of Cash and In-Kind Matches for the proposed program. Click on links to go to match detail pages for entry of data.

Source of Cash Match

Tarrant County	Grantee	\$96,303
Total Cash Match		\$675,346

Source of Cash Match

City of Hurst	Subgrantee	\$31,587
City of Euless	Subgrantee	\$29,772
City of Grapevine	Subgrantee	\$28,882
City of Haltom City	Subgrantee	\$30,159
City of Lake Worth	Subgrantee	\$23,601
Parker County	Subgrantee	\$29,204
City of Weatherford	Subgrantee	\$22,969
City of White Settlement	Subgrantee	\$19,662
Wise County	Subgrantee	\$21,331
City of Arlington	Subgrantee	\$28,497
City of Fort Worth	Subgrantee	\$33,315
National Insurance Crime Bureau	NICB	\$246,077
Generated Program Income	Program Income	\$33,987
Total Cash Match		\$675,346

Statistics to Support Grant Problem Statement

Reported Cases	2022			2023		
	Motor Vehicle Theft (MVT)	Burglary from Motor Vehicle (BMV)	Fraud-Related Motor Vehicle Crime (FRMVC)	Motor Vehicle Theft (MVT)	Burglary from Motor Vehicle (BMV)	Fraud-Related Motor Vehicle Crime (FRMVC)
Tarrant County (all LE jurisdictions excluding Mansfield & Kennedale)	6,260	14,470	80	8,321	11,944	112
Parker County (all LE jurisdictions)	222	360	2	193	182	5
Hood County (all LE jurisdictions)	59	88	0	55	47	2
Jack County (all LE jurisdictions)	4	6	0	3	4	0
Palo Pinto County (All LE jurisdictions)	70	28	0	65	28	0
Somervell County (all LE Jurisdictions)	0	6	0	1	3	1
Wise County (all LE jurisdictions)	65	92	3	53	102	2

Application Narrative

Grant Introduction (Executive Summary) and General Information

1.1 Briefly describe the organization and program operation. Provide a high level summary to the application and how it will affect the local community. (500 words or less)

The Tarrant Regional Auto Crimes Task Force's ("Task Force") program area incorporates seven (7) counties serving an estimated 2.4M Texas consumers. Nearly 100 law enforcement agencies, including hospital districts, collegiate/secondary school districts, and constable offices stand to benefit from Task Force resources. The unit also serves five additional non-program counties (180,000 consumers) for VIN inspections required by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TXDMV). The Task Force is comprised of sworn investigators, a special agent (NICB), a field intelligence analyst (NCIB), and administrative staff from Tarrant County. The Task Force enjoys the benefit of a dedicated Tarrant County prosecutor who assists with increasing prosecution rates and navigating the evolving legal complexities related to auto crimes. Additionally, the Task Force has a cooperative working agreement to house four investigators and an assistant chief of investigations from the TXDMV at no cost to the grant.

The Task Force's operational foundation consists of five pillars: (1) investigations, (2) enforcement, (3) intelligence, (4) prevention, and (5) education. The Task Force seeks to accomplish established goals/objectives by leveraging resources, providing subject-matter expertise, coordinating multi-jurisdiction efforts, capitalizing on the use of technology, and employing intelligence-led practices to address auto crimes. The Task Force serves as a force-multiplier for area agencies providing manpower, knowledge, and resources to support various needs. Through its partnerships with the NICB and TXDMV, the Task Force provides administrative and technical resources not commonly known or leveraged by area agencies.

Task Force operations concentrate on identifying/investigating organized criminal rings and prolific offenders involving multiple suspects, vehicles, and jurisdictions. The Task Force collaborates with local, state, and federal partners, including other MVCPA-funded task forces, in enforcement strategies and large-scale investigations with wide-reaching implications. The Task Force

spearheads auto-crime intelligence efforts, managing a regional intelligence network and disseminating information that enables investigators to connect offenses and offenders across Texas. The Task Force also partners with local and regional training academies, the NICB, and the MVCPA to provide specialized auto crime training to recruits, officers, and investigators across Texas.

Our cooperative prevention efforts with local agencies build upon long-established relationships to serve the greatest number of citizens and businesses while carefully balancing enforcement efforts and obligations. The MVCPA's prevention campaigns fuel our prevention efforts and serve as the primary mission and message conveyed to citizens through media outreach and community education programs. The goal is to educate the public, solicit their assistance, and foster positive partnerships to help prevent offenses and mitigate community victimization.

MVCPA funds provide necessary resources to equip Task Force personnel to positively affect community stakeholders on multiple fronts while targeting historic and emerging trends. Coverage agencies would continue to benefit from the Task Force's investigative support, pooled technical resources, and subject-matter expertise. Texas consumers would benefit from prevention efforts, positive police partnerships, public education, crime trend awareness, and access to qualified vehicle inspectors. In concert, these efforts and benefits would contribute to a global approach in identifying, preventing, enforcing, and solving auto-related crime trends across the region.

- 1.2 Describe the taskforce governing, organization and command structures. Include a description of the nature of support and agreements that will be in place if the grant is awarded. Provide any details unique to the taskforce organization or geographical target area. Describe whether any part of this grant will be directed to serve a specific target population (or subset of the community)?

The Task Force, administered by the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office (TCSO), is governed by a 14-member board of governors (Board) with the Tarrant County Sheriff serving as the chair. Current Board members include Chiefs of Police from Arlington, Euless, Fort Worth, Grapevine, Haltom City, Hurst, Lake Worth, Weatherford, and White Settlement; the Parker County Sheriff; the Wise County Sheriff; the NICB Southwest Regional Director; and the Tarrant County District Attorney. The Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS) serves as an ex-officio Board member. The TCSO CID Chief Deputy serves as the Program Director. The Task Force Commander reports to the TCSO Sheriff (internally) and the Board of Governors (externally), overseeing all task force operations. A Hurst PD sergeant serves as the enforcement team leader (supervisor) for the criminal investigators. An auto crimes coordinator from Tarrant County serves as the Program Manager and Prevention Coordinator. The Tarrant County Auditor is the Financial Officer and the Tarrant County Judge is the grant's Authorized Official.

Tarrant County maintains interlocal agreements (ILAs) with all participating law enforcement agencies who receive funds as sub-grantees. The Task Force also has a cooperative working agreement with the TXDMV for five positions (four investigators; one assistant chief) to be housed in the same office. The NICB provides a special agent and field intelligence analyst to the Task Force.

If awarded, this will mark the Task Force's 32nd year of funding through the MVCPA program. Over the course of time, the Task Force has built strong relationships with law enforcement (LE) agencies and a vast network of auto-crime investigators in the program area and across the state. The collaboration, cooperation, and technical expertise of Task Force personnel is sought by numerous agencies. Statewide LE agencies have attended specialized instruction developed by this group. The Task Force provides support and investigative assistance to numerous other local, state, and federal agencies including county tax offices, the Texas Department of Insurance, Texas Department of License and Regulation, TXDMV, DEA, FBI, HSI, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and other MVCPA task forces. The level of inter-agency support and dependence has developed over years of cooperation, face-to-face investigator contact, statewide instruction, and the Task Force's willingness to go above and beyond to assist agencies and consumers, whether covered by the program area or not, in furtherance of the MVCPA's mission and in service to Texas residents and visitors alike.

Grant Problem Statement

- 2.1 Provide an assessment of the burglary from a motor vehicle (including theft of parts) problem in the coverage area of this application. Include loss data consistent with the reported incident numbers above.

Over the past year (2023), the Task Force's program area experienced an 18% decrease in the total number of burglaries from a motor vehicle and theft of parts (12,310), compared to 2022 (15,050) according to statistics reported by the TXDPS (Crime in Texas). When considered separately, vehicle burglaries experienced a one percent increase in reported offenses during the same period (2022=9,578; 2023=9,674), and the theft of parts experienced a significant 52% decrease in reported offenses (2022=5,472; 2023=2,636). Though crime data does not separate the types of parts taken during these offenses, it is safe to assume based on self-reporting from program area agencies and through Task Force experience that the reduction in catalytic converter (CAT) thefts provided the most significant influence on this drastic downward trend in offenses. The two largest jurisdictions in the coverage area (Arlington and Fort Worth) reported a 44% (2022=1,225; 2023=681) and 60% (2022=2,397; 2023=947) decrease in part thefts respectively. Our 12 participating (crime reporting) agencies claimed a one percent increase in vehicle burglaries (2022=8,305; 2023=8,401) and a 53% decrease in thefts of parts over the same period (2022=4,561; 2023=2,141).

Based on the most complete and available data, total combined loss values for vehicle burglary and theft of parts in the program area increased approximately 9% from 2022 (\$20.9M) compared to 2023 (\$22.8M). Vehicle burglary trends have not experienced a significant change in terms of modus operandi (M.O.) over recent years. These burglaries continue to be crimes of opportunity, committed by both amateur and professional thieves, and are often facilitated by vehicle owners who continue to leave their vehicle doors unlocked and valuables inside. Unlike the past few years, vehicle burglaries have resumed as the primary driving factor of auto property crimes versus the thefts of parts, specifically catalytic converters. The values of recycled precious metals have decreased since the record highs reached during and immediately following the pandemic. This, combined with recent legislative changes further regulating catalytic converter sales and criminalizing unexplained catalytic converter possession, has led to a significant decrease in offenses. As a result, the estimated total loss value for thefts of parts decreased 34% in 2023 (\$4.7M) as compared to the previous year (2022 = \$7.4M).

2.2 Provide an assessment of the motor vehicle theft problem in the coverage area of this application. Include loss data consistent with the reported incident numbers above.

According to an April 2024 vehicle theft trends report from the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), vehicle thefts continue to steadily increase nationwide since 2019. More than one million vehicles were reported stolen in the United States in 2023 and overall vehicle thefts increased one percent compared to the previous year. Texas ranked second (115,013), behind California (208,668), in the number of thefts by volume, and the DFW metroplex (defined as Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington) ranked fifth in the country among the top 10 Core-Based Statistical Areas (CBSA) behind the surrounding metropolitan areas of Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, and Houston. On a local level, the Task Force's program area remained the same, experiencing a 0.1% decrease in auto thefts over the past year (2022=8,702; 2023=8,691). When broken down, however, the number of vehicle thefts among the Task Force's participating agencies painted a much different picture, collectively reporting a 32% increase in vehicle thefts from 2022 (5,813) to 2023 (7,660).

The most significant trend experienced in North Texas that contributed to the increase in auto thefts was the use of technology by organized criminal rings to commit their thefts. The introduction of key programming devices as a means to steal vehicles over the past 24 months has significantly changed the auto theft landscape. Once criminals gain entry into a vehicle by using force or a lock-out kit, they are able to program blank key fobs or skip the fob process all-together to start a vehicle with a programming pad plugged into the vehicle's onboard diagnostic (OBD) port. This tool, either purchased online or stolen in locksmith vehicle burglaries (or robberies, at times taken at gunpoint), is portable and relatively easy to use, essentially creating a universal key for all makes and models of vehicles. Because these tools can bypass smart key technology (push-to-start, etc.), newer model vehicles are no longer a match for the experienced auto thief. As a result, the total loss value of stolen vehicles experienced by Texas consumers (and insurance carriers) increased an incredible 69% in 2023 (\$192.2M) compared to 2022 (\$113.5M).

Several other older but consistent trends continue to negatively impact the Task Force's local auto theft rate. Though mostly replaced by key programming devices, some organized groups continue to engage in engine control module (ECM) swaps to commit thefts. The popularity of Mopar products (Dodge, Ram, Chrysler, Jeep) as well as other high-end vehicles (Camaros, Corvettes) continue to sustain the auto theft market on a supply and demand basis, specifically targeted for the high-performance engines to be used, sold, or chopped. The Kia/Hyundai thefts made popular through social media over the past year have become particularly popular among juvenile groups who are less motivated by profit and more interested in joyriding. The theft of vehicles by unmarked (unregulated) wreckers remains a trend that ebbs and flows, and most recently, Toyota pickup trucks have experienced a spike in thefts due to their popularity.

Our rural counties experienced a general decrease in auto thefts (Parker County=13%; Wise County=19%; Palo Pinto County=7%; Jack County=25%), but the types of offenses remain consistent. Heavy equipment, light-duty trailers, and travel trailers remain popular targets for thieves. These areas are more difficult to detect illicit activities because of the open spaces, though several chop shops and storage locations with multiple stolen vehicles have been worked by Task Force investigators, typically involving thefts that originated in the DFW metroplex.

2.3 Provide an assessment of the fraud-related motor vehicle crime problem in the coverage area of this application. Include loss data consistent with the reported incident numbers above.

Over the years, criminals have had to adapt to the different technologies used by manufacturers to protect their vehicles from theft. Unless a criminal can physically obtain a key (theft; deception) or bypass the ignition (ECM swaps, key programmers), they must resort to deception to steal newer-model vehicles. As a result, fraud-related motor vehicle crime (FRMVC) has become the single most critical driving force behind the increases in theft rates in the past three years. When dealerships were forced to halt face-to-face sales and conduct business transactions online resulting from Covid restrictions, it exposed a susceptibility in the dealership industry that criminals continue to exploit today. Currently, there is no effective way to quantify FRMVC rates due to the fact that fraud offenses are lumped together when reported. This makes it difficult to extrapolate specific auto fraud offenses including insurance, title, registration/eTag, inspection, odometer, and dealer. Similarly, crime data does not effectively reflect the frequency that synthetic and traditional identity theft, fictitious documents, illicit title transfers, and the sales of stolen vehicles with tampered identification numbers occur and how these crimes specifically correlate with overall theft numbers. The increase in auto thefts in our program area provides a potentially deceptive outlook on the overall theft problem due to the fact that vehicles stolen by fraud are often reported by agencies as fraud versus vehicle theft. Task Force experience, the increase in number of identified fraudsters/criminal rings, and tracking investigative resources, however, serve to corroborate the claim that the overall number of frauds are increasing, including the fraudulent purchases of motor vehicles.

In GY23, Task Force investigators reported approximately \$3.5M loss in auto fraud to the state, local jurisdictions, insurers, and consumers within the program area as opposed to \$2.2M in GY22. This was a loss associated with criminal investigations directly linked to cases investigated by our Task Force and does not include the total loss associated with similar investigations worked by our coverage agencies. Though these measures have obvious limits in describing the scope of the problem, they provide a clear understanding that the problem is massive and growing.

The TXDMV reported receiving 122 fraud complaints in our program area in 2023, as opposed to 58 in 2022, demonstrating an increase consistent with other types of auto crimes. The fraudulent use of Texas eTags (paper plates), so pervasive that it required the TXDMV to refocus department strategies and efforts in 2022, were associated with nearly all organized crime investigations in our office. With the anticipated transition from paper to hard tags in 2025, task force investigators are already finding and seizing fictitious hard plates. Most recently, odometer fraud (costing US consumers nearly \$1B/year per Carmax) and Texas inspection fraud (clean scans) have been featured in national and local news. Finally, the amount of loss to citizens in the fraudulent sale of stolen vehicles (VIN-flips) and the associated use of fraudulent documents has commandeered the majority of our investigators' time and resources, and it appears that the trend will not be slowing soon.

2.4 Provide an assessment of motor vehicle crime not covered above like insurance fraud, preventing stolen vehicles from entering Mexico, bridge/port stolen vehicle export crime, disruption of cartels and organized criminal enterprises related to motor vehicle crime, etc...

Task Force investigations continued to demonstrate a consistent increase in the number of organized criminal rings and specialized auto thieves involving transnational suspects. For example, one Venezuelan group tied to thefts from Houston to Dallas, were VIN-flipping stolen GM pickup trucks and selling to unsuspecting buyers in TX and at least six other states. The ringleader, identified and arrested by our Task Force, was tied to an FBI terrorism watchlist, wanted by Interpol, and was alleged to be funneling money to the middle east according to our HSI partners. Additional suspects and rings encountered over the past year have been identified as Columbian, Cuban, and Guatemalan. With the surge in immigration resulting from the "open" border, lack of federal control, and difficulty identifying and locating individuals, we suspect an increase in similar organized groups impacting local and national trends in the coming years.

Heavy equipment thefts are prevalent in our program area due to the size and amount of construction projects in North Texas. According to the most recent report (2022) by the National Equipment Register (NER), equipment thefts resulted in an estimated loss of approximately \$400 million. The same report corroborated our local observations when it reported Texas as the number one targeted state and work sites as the number one targeted location by thieves. Thefts in the Task Force's program area continue to reflect historic and national trends of high theft frequency and low recovery rates. In the past three years ('21-'23), the Task Force recovered 26 pieces of heavy equipment valued at an estimated \$1.6M. There is evidence, through informant intel and intel-sharing, that a significant quantity of stolen equipment from North Texas is still making it across the border into Mexico, so the entirety of the heavy equipment theft situation and impact are unknown.

Cargo theft remains a billion-dollar industry in the United States, specifically affecting communities where there are major distribution centers and transportation routes tied to the trucking industry. The Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex meets both of these criteria as cargo is received from the Port of Houston and travels north through DFW on their way to distribution points throughout the country. Amazon and other major retail distribution centers are located in the Task Force's program area, making it a target-rich environment for cargo thieves. Though the grant does not specifically focus on cargo, agencies occasionally reach out to the Task Force for assistance when cargo theft issues arise to help navigate the complexities and reach the crime presents.

Grant Goals and Activities

There are two parts to this section: 1) Functions of Proposed Program and 2) Goals Strategies and Activities (GSA). In the following boxes, describe the functions of the proposed program and then complete a fillable form called GSA.

MVCPA programs must completely describe the actions, methods and tactics that law enforcement and civilian staff will perform for each of the categories below. Describe the reliance on technology or other program elements to solve the problem statement above and goals below. Functions must be detailed and consistent with the requested budget. If a grant is awarded, funds expended towards activities not described in this section will result in the reimbursement being denied.

Part 1

3.1 Functions of the proposed program related to burglary from a motor vehicle (including theft of parts)

The Task Force will continue to approach the vehicle burglaries/thefts of parts in the program area in the same way the vehicle theft problem is approached in regard to intelligence-sharing, enforcement, and investigative assistance. Task Force investigators will continue to (1) adopt cases involving prolific offenders and offenses that are tied to multiple jurisdictions; (2) conduct surveillance operations as needed; (3) monitor businesses commonly associated with stolen parts (business inspections), (4) conduct covert operations involving the sale of suspected stolen parts and property, and (5) use prevention strategies to assist in educating the public on ways to mitigate the effects of vehicle burglary offenses.

The major proactive approach to vehicle burglary enforcement is the use of and cooperation with established bait car programs. The Task Force assists with providing bait vehicles, supplies and equipment, manpower, deployments, arrests, and maintenance by working directly with our participating agencies and assisting coverage agencies when resources permit. By studying "hot spot" areas, communicating with crime analysts and investigators at various agencies and researching historical trends, vehicles can be placed in areas where they may experience the most beneficial effect. Often the suspects who are arrested in bait vehicle operations are found to be prolific offenders with extensive auto crime histories.

Investigators are tasked with serving as a liaison between the Task Force and each of their respective agencies, especially when it comes to identifying prolific vehicle burglary offenders and adopting cases with known suspects. Since vehicle burglaries and thefts of vehicle parts are mostly fueled by opportunity, most offenses have little pattern, correlation, or leads. Task Force investigators, therefore, concentrate on cases with viable leads and known suspects with the hopes of tying them to several offenses and being able to obtain information on other criminal associates, modus operandi (M.O.), or suspect locations to improve enforcement and investigative efficiency.

3.2 Functions of the proposed program related to motor vehicle theft.

The proactive approach as it relates to vehicle theft offenses, similar to vehicle burglary offenses, will continue to involve the use of intelligence, covert operations, multi-jurisdiction cooperation, and technology. The Task Force will continue to locate/recover stolen vehicles, investigate/arrest prolific offenders, file/clear criminal cases, conduct covert operations, and inspect and monitor businesses commonly associated with vehicle thefts. The current staffing model of 11 investigators, a sergeant, and an NICB special agent produce an impressive amount of productivity but is small in comparison to the size of the program area and the anticipated affects that the fraud trend will have on regional vehicle theft rates. The addition of four investigators in GY23 proved to be extremely valuable in terms of service to our agencies and citizens, as evidenced by the increase in agency and citizen assists and

collaborations, recovered altered vehicles, covert operations, inspections, and the like.

The Task Force will continue to serve as the intelligence hub for area agencies, assisting investigators from around the region in identifying offenders, linking suspect vehicles, and connecting offenses that reach across city/county lines. This information will allow Task Force investigators to better direct proactive enforcement operations, identify prolific offenders, and coordinate prosecutorial efforts when offenses and offenders are linked in differing jurisdictions. The two major forms of communicating the intelligence are the distribution of intelligence bulletins and coordinating monthly, face-to-face intelligence meetings for auto crimes investigators across North Texas.

Task Force investigators are often requested by agencies to provide covert operations in the form of undercover meets/buys with potential suspects and surveillance operations since investigators operate in a plain clothes capacity. These operations assist in identifying theft suspects who try to offload stolen vehicles through social media and internet sites under fictitious names. It also contributes to our overall intelligence gathering functions when investigators can monitor locations and offenders, which help direct future investigations.

In addition to covert operations, Task Force investigators are most consulted about criminal investigations, suspect methods, and vehicle identification by various agencies that may lack the level of experience and expertise possessed by Task Force personnel. Task Force investigators can coordinate multi-jurisdictional investigations that can often get dropped, forgotten, or lost in the mix of inexperienced investigators, sophisticated cases, jurisdictional lines, and prosecutorial indifference. Whether adopting cases or simply providing direction through consultation and experience, Task Force investigators will be able to ensure proper charges are pursued, vehicles get correctly identified and cases are placed in the best position possible for successful prosecution.

Technology continues to serve as a major investigative resource in fighting auto crime not only for the Task Force, but for the various agencies it serves. Access and expertise in the use of license plate readers (LPRs) and camera applications and platforms makes the Task Force a valuable resource in locating and identifying stolen vehicles. This often leads to surveillance operations resulting in the identification of suspects or, at minimum, useful leads that can be investigated. Investigators immediately respond to incidents to assist with criminal investigations. Based on the number of multi-jurisdictional and organized criminal activity in MVT, the Task Force has adapted to serve as a coordinator and liaison for connecting large scale investigations in the area. The Task Force holds strategy meetings with agencies involved to (1) link local cases, (2) coordinate case filings in multiple jurisdictions, (3) coordinate interviews, and (4) ensure that all the evidence is processed and shared among the group. The Task Force will also commonly assist program agencies with tracker operations by providing trackers along with the instruction, direction, and expertise required to be successful.

3.3 Functions of the proposed program related to fraud-related motor vehicle crime (such as title and registration fraud)

The most significant impact on Task Force operations over the past two years was the drastic difference in the amount of time and resources required to investigate fraudulent motor vehicle crimes versus "traditional" vehicle theft. A typical traditional vehicle theft case may average 2-4 weeks to investigate where a fraud case may average 4-6 months, or in the case of organized criminal fraud rings, a year or more. The other difficulty is quantifying the amount of work dedicated to a fraud investigation in relation to the productivity or statistics required for grant measures. In GY23/24, two large-scale criminal rings were identified involving fraudulent purchases from dealerships and fraudulent sales of stolen trucks with fake titles. Both investigations required a large some of time and resources over more than 18 months a piece, resulting in a handful of arrests. Though these investigations tend to divert competing resources away from other grant goals and objectives, we will continue to work to identify, investigate, and prosecute fraud suspects in recognition of the major impact fraud-related motor vehicle crimes are having on Texas consumers.

The Task Force often receives case referrals from area agencies or questions from investigators seeking consultation on how to proceed with various fraud investigations. The sophistication of the offenses combined with their frequency tend to cause investigators to rely on the Task Force to handle or assist. Our unique partnerships with the NICB and the TXDMV place the Task Force in a great position to be able to offer more experience, expertise, and resources to these agencies and investigators. Having investigators from the NICB and TXDMV assigned to the Task Force office provides for a more efficient flow of information as well as simplify the prioritization and collaborative efforts on fraud-related investigations that come either through agency referrals or through proactive investigative and enforcement efforts. In GY24, the Task Force included the TXDPS Regulatory Services and the Tarrant County Tax Assessors Office in our list of partnerships, specifically dealing with VIN-mismatch reports (DPS) and the investigation into seized fraudulent titles (tax offices). In the first four months of these collaborations, Task Force investigators were referred 25 vehicles from these two agencies to be inspected. Of those 25 vehicles, 20 were located, inspected, and determined to be stolen resulting from Texas consumers who were defrauded out of money through altered vehicle sales. We will continue to leverage these partnerships in GY25 in an effort to increase vehicle recoveries, arrests, and prosecutions.

In addition to other law enforcement and government agencies, the Task Force will continue to foster our partnership with the North Texas Auto Dealers Association to share non-law enforcement sensitive intelligence bulletins, information on current trends, and requests to watch for identified suspects who are traveling among businesses looking to commit fraud. This partnership has led to a cooperative working arrangement for in-progress fraud calls at dealerships, leading to several arrests, often connecting to larger organized groups. The Task Force will also continue to provide vehicle identification number (VIN) inspections to 11 counties in the North Texas region to prevent fraudulently titled vehicles from being registered by the state. In GY23, the Task Force completed 2,855 of these inspections (19% increase; 2022=2,409) and on multiple occasions recovered stolen vehicles, 79 of which were altered (VIN-flipped) and fraudulently sold to the buyer with fraudulent titles.

3.4 Functions of the proposed program related to preventing motor vehicle crime (motor vehicle theft, burglary from a motor vehicle and fraud-related motor vehicle crime)

Task Force prevention efforts currently rely on both sworn and civilian staff to participate and fulfill our prevention mission. The pandemic negatively affected volunteerism around the country when restrictions on face-to-face community events were imposed. A January 2023 article from The Hill reported that, "From 2019 to 2021, rates of formal volunteering in the United States dropped 7

percentage points, according to new survey results." The Task Force has not been immune to this trend as our previous volunteer team members, for personal reasons, did not return when restrictions lifted and events resumed. A goal for the FY25 grant cycle remains the rebuilding of a volunteer team consisting of community members to help ease the prevention workload on Task Force staff in meeting our goals and objectives.

Our approach to prevention efforts is founded on a well-built support system with our participating and coverage agencies, working in conjunction with their crime prevention and community engagement personnel. Task Force members will continue to work in cooperation with these personnel to provide additional staffing, exposure, and materials to citizens at community events. The Task Force regularly participates in parades, safety events, and employee health and safety fairs. Task Force personnel provide special emphasis on prevention messaging and participation during the months of July ("Watch Your Car" month) and October (National Night Out). The Task Force will continue to seek out partnerships with neighborhood associations, churches, and community centers to find opportunities to provide prevention materials and participation as resources permit.

Our mobile messaging board (box truck) is susceptible to catalytic converter theft; therefore it is no longer able to be left unattended, but will still be used during attended events. The Task Force will research and employ, as feasible, other message boards options in support of our prevention efforts. The Task Force will also continue to partner with the Tarrant County SO's media team for the distribution of prevention messaging on social media and through traditional (television, print) media outlets. Press releases are proven powerful tools to provide prevention alerts as well as fraud/scam alerts as they relate to trending auto crimes.

Continued funding is requested to provide supplies, resources, and registration costs for continued participation in community events. The Task Force will continue to support and promote the public awareness campaigns created and distributed by the MVCPA and its prevention grant recipient, the Insurance Council of Texas.

- 3.5 Functions of the proposed program for other motor vehicle crimes investigations and activities consistent with the statutory requirements (preventing stolen vehicles from entering Mexico, stopping illegal export of stolen vehicle from bridge/ outbound port operations, disruption of cartel or organized criminal enterprises using stolen motor vehicles or fraud related motor vehicle crime, insurance fraud, etc...)

The Task Force will continue to actively seek cases involving organized groups and criminal enterprises that involve multiple suspects, vehicles, victims, and jurisdictions with a positive correlation or nexus to our program area. Most of these cases are brought to our attention through agency referrals, our intelligence group, and networking with investigators across the state. Throughout the years, various investigations have revealed cartel links and informants have provided information on vehicles and/or parts that are headed to or toward Mexico. This information is shared with our federal partners as well as the other MVCPA-funded task forces working in the affected jurisdictions, often involving trans-national actors. Recently, an organized criminal ring with active cases in Tarrant County was also discovered, though our intel group, to be operating in neighboring jurisdictions and it was discovered that the main suspect had possible terrorism ties to South America and money funneled to the middle east, which required federal homeland security involvement. This is just one example of a local case that has far-reaching implications.

The Task Force will continue to leverage our partnerships daily with the TXDMV, NICB, TXDPS, and local tax offices in adopting and pursuing FRMVC cases that are affecting North Texas consumers. These agencies and the resources they provide have been crucial in developing successful cases involving various types of fraud. Most notably, cases involving the fraudulent use of temporary tags and the fraudulent sales of stolen vehicles. The Task Force will continue to conduct an organized effort into curbing these illegal sales in the coming grant year and identify opportunities to partner with neighboring task forces or interested agencies in working related operations.

The Task Force will also continue to assist coverage agencies with cases involving complex crimes that may not directly tie into the scope of our day-to-day operations but has some form of affirmative link to auto crimes. Past examples include organized cargo theft groups, marine craft theft cases and criminal gangs who traffic weapons and/or narcotics, often using stolen vehicles to transport or the sale of stolen vehicles to finance their criminal operations. Task Force investigators will aid with offenses within the program's scope, while coordinating with other specialized units or divisions to address related crimes outside of the grant mandates.

- 3.6 Collaboration Effort -- Describe the taskforce method to collaborate, and not duplicate existing activities. Describe the cross boundaries regional approach to grant activity implementation. Describe how the applicant staff and jurisdiction will coordinate with other taskforces and law enforcement agencies to implement this program.

Created in 1993 as a multi-jurisdictional task force, the Task Force has excelled over the years at developing a collaborative relationship between agencies within the program area. Many outside agencies seek counsel and assistance from the Task Force because of an equally well-developed and earned professional relationship. The collaboration efforts are most clearly visible in our management of the North Texas Auto Crimes Intelligence Network (NTACIN) that meets once per month at a central location in Dallas/Fort Worth. This group shares knowledge and insight and continues to develop a growing network of auto-crime investigators who work tirelessly to assist each other to identify suspects and/or vehicles, link offenses, prepare cases, coordinate field operations, and communicate information regarding evolving trends. In addition to face-to-face meetings, our Task Force manages an intel email distribution list that currently consists of 171 rostered investigators, supervisors, and analysts representing 70 local, state, and federal agencies operating in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex. Due to the popularity of the group and the documented successes, additional personnel and regional fusion centers across the state have requested to participate, leading to an additional 30+ agencies outside of North Texas.

The Task Force possesses access to equipment, resources, and databases that many coverage agencies do not have and, as a result, often request our assistance. Examples of these functions include: (1) vehicle scan reports on license plates through LPR databases; (2) adding suspect vehicles and obtaining quality digital suspect vehicle photographs from the Flock system managed by local partners; (3) obtaining title histories, accessing the WebDealer eTag registration system, and researching licensed dealers through our embedded TxDMV investigators; (4) obtaining insurance company records, providing access to crime analysts and

vehicle identification data, mapping cellphone data and contact with major manufacturers through our NICB agent; (5) supplementing manpower with covert operations and plain clothes surveillance; (6) conducting vehicle inspections and identification; (7) case adoption and filing of large-scale multi-jurisdiction investigations; (8) conducting business inspections; and (9) coordinating field responses across the state with other MVCPA task forces for our local agencies to name a few.

Task Force investigators serve as liaisons between the Task Force and their home agencies, also establishing relationships with non-participating, neighboring agencies so they each have a reliable and knowledge point-of-contact. Likewise, investigators have established partnerships with federal agencies and prosecutors to assist when criminal charges are determined to be more appropriately filed in the federal courts. Our dedicated prosecutor routinely consults with area agencies to help streamline cases, determine successful prosecution strategies, and brainstorm various approaches on case-handling and investigations. Task Force investigators also host local trainings for investigators and patrol officers helping develop an effective workforce, educate frontline officers on current trends/topics, and create a larger network of contacts to help leverage resources among jurisdictions.

As resources permit, the Task Force collaborates with community liaisons in crime reduction efforts in the North Texas region by providing prevention experts, graphic displays, and promotional items. The Task Force has partnered with the North Texas Auto Dealers Association to develop and distribute dealer alerts and to open lines of communication to help improve upon the recognition and apprehension of fraud-related motor vehicle crime suspects.

3.7 If the proposed application requests any exceptions or deviation from any general grant rules, RFA conditions or grant administrative policy, please indicate in the section below. Indicate the section of the specific issue and citation that you are asking the MVCPA to consider and the rationale for the request.

At present, the Task Force requests no exceptions or deviation from any general grant rules, RFA conditions, or grant administrative policy.

Part II

Goals, Strategies, and Activities

Select Goals, Strategies, and Activity Targets for the proposed program.

Click on the link above and select the method by which statutory measures will be collected. Law Enforcement programs must also estimate targets for the MVCPA predetermined activities. The MVCPA board has determined that grants programs must document specific activities that are appropriate under each of the three goals. Applicants are allowed to write a limited number of user defined activities.

ID	Activity	Measure	Target
Statutory Motor Vehicle Theft Measures Required for all Grantees.			
1.1.15	Increase the recovery rate of stolen motor vehicles	Report the number of vehicles recovered by taskforce	
1.1.16	Increase the clearance rate of MVTs	Report the number of MVT cases cleared	
1.1.17	Increase the number of persons arrested for motor vehicle theft	Report the number of persons arrested for motor vehicle theft by taskforce	
Statutory Burglary of a Motor Vehicle Measures Required for all Grantees			
2.1.12	Increase the clearance rate of motor vehicle burglaries	Report the number of BMV including parts cases cleared	
2.1.13	Increase the number of persons arrested for motor vehicle burglary	Report the number of persons arrested for burglary by taskforce	
Statutory Fraud-Related Motor Vehicle Crime Measures Required for all Grantees			
8.1.1	Increase the clearance rate of fraud-related motor vehicle crime cases.	Report the number of fraud-related motor vehicle cases cleared	
8.1.2	Increase the number of persons arrested for fraud-related motor vehicle crimes.	Report the number of persons arrested for fraud-related motor vehicle crimes	
Measures for Grantees. Add Target values for those that you will measure.			
1	Goal 1: Reduce the Incidence of Motor Vehicle Theft through Enforcement Strategies		
1.1	Strategy 1: Conduct Activities that Result in the Arrest, Clearance, and Recoveries of Motor Vehicle Theft		
1.1.1	Identify groups of auto theft offenders through intelligence gathering, crime analysis and the use of informants	Number of MVT groups identified. Include gangs, cartels or other criminal enterprise with two or more members	45
1.1.2	Identify and document/record prolific MVT offenders [Prolific is defined as "linked to MVT offenses three or more times"]	Number identified/documented offenders	60
1.1.5	Conduct inspections of local businesses related to vehicle enterprise (transportation code or occupation code authorized companies such as salvage yard, repair shop, parts recycling center, used car dealership, salvage rebuilder, title service company, other). (see 1.3.3 to report the	Number of businesses inspected	15

ID	Activity	Measure	Target
	number of vehicles inspected in these businesses)		
1.1.6	Conduct bait vehicle operations that target MVT offenders	Number of bait vehicle deployments. Include BMV bait operations here.	350
1.1.8	Deploy license plate readers (LPR)	Number of times LPR deployed. Deploy: If stationary unit then total number of days or partial days unit was operable and on. Mobile unit number of days the unit was on and operable.	0
1.1.9	Respond to taskforce license plate reader (LPR) alert notifications	Number of times investigators responded to taskforce LPR alert notifications regardless of whether vehicle was located	350
1.1.12	Conduct covert operations targeting MVT offenders	Number of covert operations	500
1.1.13	Conduct warrant "round-up" operations targeting motor vehicle crime offenders, including people wanted for MVTs, motor vehicle burglaries, theft of vehicle parts and motor vehicle fraud related crime.	Number of warrant round-up operations performed for MVT, BMV and FRMVC.	20
1.1.20	Number of Altered Vehicles Recovered	Report the total number of vehicles recovered with altered Vehicle Identification Number. Note: Please remember that a vehicle recovered must be reported in 1.1.15	150
1.2	Strategy 2: Conduct Collaborative Efforts that Result In Reduction of Incidents of Motor Vehicle Theft		
1.2.1	Provide Agency Assists for MVT and motor vehicle related fraud	Number of agency assists related to MVT. Assist means responding or answering questions via phone, e-mail, or in person. Providing recommendation, guidance, strategy, support or information that other LEOs will use to resolve their cases. The assist generally does not have the direct responsibility for an investigation nor uses LEO authority. The assist helps another LEO or agency investigate cases. Analysts and civilian employees will record their assists to outside LEOs and agencies met here along with officers.	1500
1.2.2	Collaborate with other units or divisions (i.e. homicide, vice, narcotics, etc.) within the taskforce department(s) where a motor vehicle was used in the commission of the crime (includes identification of vehicles). Include all participating jurisdiction departments here.	Number of times collaborated within departments or SOs participating in taskforce related to MVT. Collaboration means physically using law enforcement resources, tactics and authority to perform activity on cases that draw upon or aid in the investigation intended to further the resolution of any case, identify parties to crime, identify vehicles, interview witnesses/suspects and apprehend suspects. Collaboration will include any help, recommendation, contribution or support requested from or provided to another unit or offered by the taskforce that aids in the furtherance of motor vehicle theft investigations.	150
1.2.3	Collaborate with all other outside LE agencies and other organizations that assist in the reduction of MVTs. Include all coverage jurisdictions here.	Number of times collaborated with coverage area agencies or other law enforcement agencies and organizations that assist in the reduction of MVT. Collaboration means physically using law enforcement resources, tactics and authority to perform activity on cases that draw upon or aid in the investigation intended to further the resolution of any case, identify parties to crime, identify vehicles, interview witnesses/suspects and apprehend suspects. Collaboration will include any help, recommendation, contribution or support requested from or provided to another unit or offered by the taskforce that aids in the furtherance of MVT theft investigations.	800
1.2.5	Conduct intelligence information-sharing (Personal attendance)	Number of intelligence meetings attended (include attending as presenter, participant or attendee)	175
1.2.6	Conduct intelligence information-sharing (Written information)	Crime analysis bulletins disseminated (include information distributed to law enforcement agencies via text, e-mail, or intra-net communications)	400
1.2.7	Collaborate with other MVCPA taskforces	Number of times collaborated with other MVCPA taskforces that assist in the reduction in MVT, BMV and FRMVC.	150
1.3	Strategy 3: Prevent and Reduce the Incidence of Fraud-Related Motor Vehicle Activities		
1.3.1	Collaborate with agencies relating to investigation and enforcement of vehicle insurance fraud and FRMVC	Number of collaborations	250
1.3.2	Conduct confidential 68(A) inspections (for TxDMV assignment or reassignment of VIN required by Tx Trans. Code §501.032)	Number of vehicles inspected to complete a TxDMV 68A inspection form per TxDMV (VIN assignment, reassignment, bonded title)	1500
1.3.3	Conduct VIN verification inspections. (All other reasons except bridge or port)	Number of vehicles inspected by taskforce to identify the vehicles not reported in confidential (68A) or bridge and port sections.	1000
1.3.4	Coordinate with TxDMV/Tax Offices relating to investigation and enforcement of fraudulent titles and registration of stolen vehicles	Number of collaborations with TxDMV HQ, TxDMV Regional Service Centers or County Tax Assessor Collector offices.	75
2	Goal 2: Reduce the Incidence of Theft from Motor Vehicles through Enforcement Strategies		

ID	Activity	Measure	Target
2.1	Strategy 1: Conduct Activities that Result in the Arrest, Clearance, and Recoveries of Burglary of Motor Vehicles and Theft of Vehicle Parts and Accessories		
2.1.1	Conduct bait vehicle operations that target vehicle burglary offenders	Number of bait vehicle burglary deployments	600
2.1.2	Identify "prolific BMV offenders" through informants and intelligence [Prolific is defined as "linked to BMV and theft of vehicle parts and accessories offenses three or more times"]	Number of offenders identified	20
2.2	Strategy 2: Conduct Collaborative Efforts that Result in the Reduction of Incidents of Theft From a Motor Vehicle		
2.2.1	Provide Agency Assists BMV.	Number of agency assists related to BMV or stolen parts. Assist means responding or answering questions via phone, e-mail, or in person. Providing recommendation, guidance, strategy, support or information that other LEOs will use to resolve their cases. The assist generally does not have the direct responsibility for an investigation nor uses LEO authority. The assist helps another LEO or agency investigate cases. Analysts and civilian employees will record their assists to outside LEOs and agencies met here along with officers.	10
2.2.2	Collaborate with other units or divisions within the taskforce department(s) (i.e. homicide, vice, narcotics, etc.) where theft of parts occurred in the commission of the crime (includes identification of vehicle). Include all participating jurisdiction departments here.	Number of times collaborated within departments or SOs participating in taskforce related to BMV or stolen parts. Collaboration means physically using law enforcement resources, tactics and authority to perform activity on cases that draw upon or aid in the investigation intended to further the resolution of any case, identify parties to crime, identify vehicles, interview witnesses/suspects and apprehend suspects. Collaboration will include any help, recommendation, contribution or support requested from or provided to another unit or offered by the taskforce that aids in the furtherance of BMV theft investigations.	0
2.2.3	Collaborate with all other outside LE agencies and other organizations where theft of parts occurred in the commission of the crime (includes identification of vehicle). Include all coverage jurisdictions here.	Number of times collaborated with coverage area agencies or other law enforcement agencies and organizations that assist in the reduction of BMV or stolen parts. Collaboration means physically using law enforcement resources, tactics and authority to perform activity on cases that draw upon or aid in the investigation intended to further the resolution of any case, identify parties to crime, identify vehicles, interview witnesses/suspects and apprehend suspects. Collaboration will include any help, recommendation, contribution or support requested from or provided to another unit or offered by the taskforce that aids in the furtherance of motor vehicle theft investigations.	10
3	Goal 3: Educate/Train Citizens and Qualified Personnel in Detection and Prevention of Motor Vehicle Theft, Burglary of Motor Vehicles and Theft of Vehicle Parts and Accessories		
3.1	Strategy 1: Conduct Public Awareness Related Activities Used to Educate Citizens		
3.1.1	Conduct educational outreach events (include trade show, exhibits, booths at community events, vehicle displays, brochures, etc.)	Number of outreaches	20
3.1.2	Conduct educational presentations to the public	Number of presentations. Presentation means in person, on-line, original written document, article, or webpage.	5
3.1.4	Conduct vehicle identification initiative/event	Number of etching events. Include windows, component parts, VIN stamps and catalytic converters.	8
3.1.4.1	Conduct vehicle identification initiative/event	Number of Participants/Attendees (Vehicles Marked)	50
3.1.5	Purchase advertisements in local outlets	Number of advertisements purchased or provided complimentary for taskforce. Include all types of media purchased or provided free (social, tv, utility inserts, billboards, transportation, etc.). Describe in 6.1.1.	0
3.1.6	Conduct vehicle report card initiatives.	Number report cards issued	0
3.1.7	Utilize social media outlets (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)	Number of postings in social media outlets	25
3.1.8	Deploy outdoor public notification signage	Number of deployments per month (if sign remains several months, count as 1 deployment per month)	10
3.1.10	Conduct media outreach, including, public service announcements, press releases, and interviews	Number of outreaches	5
3.2	Strategy 2: Conduct Law Enforcement Training Activities to Educate Officers on Recognition and Apprehension of Stolen Vehicles and Property		
3.2.1	Conduct law enforcement training (TCOLE)	Number of classes provided for TCOLE credit	25
3.2.3	Conduct vehicle crimes presentations to law enforcement agencies (non TCOLE)	Number of classes or presentations. Presentations may include electronic roll call documents, shift BOLOs and other written or presented materials based	0

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		on local practices.	

Grant Evaluation

4.1 Describe the local method and/or practice used to collect the data for reporting Goals, Strategies, and Activities and to evaluate the grant program effectiveness. Describe management and staff participation. Include descriptions of systems (forms and software) that will be used to ensure reliable and accurate data is collected and reported. Describe any other evaluation methods used in the applicant agency to determine effectiveness or cost efficiency of the program.

The "Crime in Texas" (TXDPS) report provides the most accurate data available to reflect the auto crime rate as well as to measure enforcement impact on the program area. The MVCPA Goals, Strategies, and Activities (GSAs) provide a measure of Task Force productivity throughout the year and is posted in the office for transparency. The Tarrant County Sheriff's Department Records Management System (RMS) is the Task Force's primary reporting system and can provide a statistical analysis on individual investigator productivity. Investigators also complete weekly activity sheets in Microsoft Word and Excel to capture grant activities and to ensure good fiscal stewardship and proper use of state funds. At the end of the month, the enforcement team leader (sergeant) completes a monthly analysis and report of work product by reviewing officer activity, which ensures activity is reported accurately and supported by documentation. The Task Force Commander reviews the unit's efforts with each monthly report and extrapolates the data used to complete the MVCPA quarterly progress reports submitted online via the GMTS. Bi-weekly staff meetings provide an additional measure of unit activity and provide Task Force leadership the ability to guide grant activities. The Auto Crimes Coordinator, designated as the Program Manager, coordinates the budget, spending, and Chapter 59 reporting with Tarrant County's various departments and provides the monthly prevention activity, monitoring, and report.

Internal program oversight is conducted by the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office chain-of-command, which includes monthly Command Staff meetings and periodic status updates. External program oversight is conducted by the Task Force's Board of Governors, which is comprised of law enforcement executives from the participating agencies and executives from the NICB, the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office and the TXDPS. The Task Force Commander submits a monthly Commander's Update email summarizing the unit's activities and providing grant-related news and information. All performance, financial, and audit reports are reviewed and approved by the Board of Governors at an annual (minimum) scheduled meeting.

All non-enforcement oversight functions are maintained in Tarrant County's SAP System and reviewed at several managerial levels within the county's administration. The Tarrant County Budget Office reviews and maintains the budget for the program. Routine inventory and procedural audits are conducted on an annual basis. The Auditor's Office facilitates internal/external audits and reviews all monetary transactions, prepares the quarterly expenditure reports, and prepares all requests for reimbursement from the MVCPA. The Tarrant County District Attorney's Office provides necessary legal review on interlocal agreements, grant stipulations, and contracts. Tarrant County is also subject to the Single Audit Act.

4.2 Provide any other suggested measures that would better reflect the law enforcement or prevention work that the proposed program will perform. If the suggested measure fits into one of the stated goals above please indicate.

The current measures captured by the GMTS are exhaustive and appear to appropriately capture grant goals and activities, in some cases capture the activities twice. Additional measures captured by the Task Force aim at reporting the activities performed by the assigned prosecutor, including number of (1) felony cases, (2) misdemeanor cases, (3) jury trials, (4) convictions, (5) plea agreements, (6) felony incarcerations, (7) misdemeanor incarcerations and (8) offenders sentenced to probation.

TxGMS Standard Assurances by Local Governments

We acknowledge reviewing the [TxGMS Standard Assurances by Local Governments](#) as promulgated by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and agree to abide by the terms stated therein.

Current Documents in folder

[Letter of Support.pdf](#) (5/27/2024 2:43:04 PM)
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Certifications

The certifying official is the authorized official, Tim O'Hare, County Judge.

By submitting this application I certify that I have been designated by my jurisdiction as the authorized official to accept the terms and conditions of the grant. The statements herein are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties.

By submitting this application I certify that my jurisdiction agrees to comply with all terms and conditions if the grant is awarded and accepted. I further certify that my jurisdiction will comply with all applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations in the application, acceptance, administration and operation of this grant.