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August 8, 2019

The Honorable James Oakley
Burnet County Judge
220 South Pierce
Burnet, Texas 78611
Via e-mail: countyjudge@burnetcountytexas.org

Re: **FY2020 ABTPA Statement of Grant Award and Acceptance Notice**
Grant Number: **608-20-0270000**
Grantee: **Burnet County**
Program Title: **Heart of Texas Auto Theft Task Force**
Grant Award Amount: **\$200,000**
Grant Term: **September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020**

Dear Judge Oakley,

I am pleased to inform you that Burnet County has been approved for a grant award awarded by the Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) [effective September 1, 2019 name change to Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority] in the amount indicated above. The award will be from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020. The grant award must be officially accepted by signing and returning the enclosed Statement of Grant Award and grantee acceptance notice within 30 days from the date received.

We look forward to working with you to combat and reduce motor vehicle theft and burglary. Any questions relating to the administration of this grant should be directed to our office. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further assistance with this matter. I can be reached at Bryan.Wilson@txdmv.gov or (512) 465-4012.

Sincerely,

Bryan E. Wilson
Director

Copy via email: all agency designated grant officials



FY20 Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority

[effective September 1, 2019 name change to Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority]

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 Total Cash Match Amount: **\$122,778**
 Reimbursement Percent*: **60.48%**
 In-Kind Match Amount: **\$0**
 Grant Term: **September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020**

That whereas, Burnet County (hereinafter referred to as Grantee), has heretofore submitted a grant application in response to the Request for Application issued on April 19, 2019 to the Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority, State of Texas, entitled Heart of Texas Auto Theft Task Force, and further identified by grant number 608-20-0270000; and

Whereas, the Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority has approved the grant application as evidenced by this FY20 Statement of Grant Award and certain special requirements from the Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority dated **August 05, 2019**; and

Whereas, the Grantee desires to accept the FY20 grant award and use all funds for purposes and in compliance with the following requirements that are adopted in their entirety by reference:

- Texas Revised Civil Statutes Article 4413(37);
- Texas Administrative Code: Title 43; Part 3; Chapter 57;
- Uniform Grant Management Standards (UGMS) as promulgated by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts;
- The Request for Applications issued on April 19, 2019;
- The current Automobile Burglary and Theft 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;
- The certification of compliance; and
- The Approved Grant Budget Summary:

Approved Grant Budget Summary				
	ABTPA	Cash Match	Total	In-Kind
Personnel	\$115,419	\$11,706	\$127,125	\$0
Fringe	\$0	\$48,718	\$48,718	\$0
Overtime	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Professional and Contract Services	\$84,581	\$45,519	\$130,100	\$0
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses	\$0	\$24,708	\$24,708	\$0
Total	\$200,000	\$130,651	\$330,651	\$0
*Reimbursement Percent: 60.48% - \$200,000-ABTPA Amt. / \$330,651 (ABTPA Amt. plus \$130,651 Cash Match)				

Now, therefore, the Grantee accepts the FY20 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 Automobile Burglary and Theft 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 ABTPA Grant Administrative Guide promulgated for this specific program fund (referenced above) by the Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority. Applicable special conditions are listed below.

Special Conditions and Requirements: N/A

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED BY:



Authorized Official

James Oakley, Burnet County Judge

Printed Name and Title

8/13/2019

Date Signed

Burnet County Grant Application Negotiation for Fiscal Year 2020

The Application was submitted by James Oakley at 8/7/2019 8:29:16 AM and is now locked.

The confirmation Number is 2019080700108.

Program Title Please enter a short description of the proposed program that can be used as the title. *Heart of Texas Auto Theft Task Force*

Which type of grant are you applying for?

New Grant - Only available to agencies that are not currently operating under a 2019 grant or they are a participant in an FY17 grant but desire to make application under their own agency may apply under this section. These are annual competitive grants that require a minimum cash match of 20% for the program described in the application. Awarded activities are funded on a reimbursement basis.

To be eligible for consideration for funding, a program must be designed to support one or more of the following **ABTPA program categories**.

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

Grant Participation and Coverage Area**• Law Enforcement Grant**

Participating and coverage agencies below.

Participating Agencies: agencies that will materially participate in the grant application through the use of interlocal agreements. The agencies selected in this list only includes agencies that will receive or provide funding and/or resources. The interlocal 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: agencies that will be covered by the grant but not materially participating in the grant application. These agencies will not be covered by a grant interlocal agreement but as law enforcement agencies may have jurisdictional coverage agreements unrelated to the grant. The agencies selected in this list only includes agencies that will be covered or where the chief of police or county sheriff indicates that their agency will coordinate or call upon the taskforce. These will not directly receive or provide funding and/or resources. Letters of support with the application from the participating agencies are strongly recommended.

Participating Agencies

Coverage Agencies

TX0270000 BURNET CO SO (AE) TX0270100 BURNET PD (AE)
 TX0500000 CORYELL CO SO (AE) TX0270200 MARBLE FALLS PD (IBR)
 TX1470000 LIMESTONE CO SO TX0270600 BERTRAM PD
 TX0270700 GRANITE SHOALS PD
 TX0271100 HORSESHOE BAY PD (AE)
 TX0500100 COPPERAS COVE PD
 TX0500200 GATESVILLE PD (AE)
 TX0970000 HAMILTON CO SO
 TX0970100 HAMILTON PD
 TX1410000 LAMPASAS CO SO (AE)
 TX1410100 LAMPASAS PD
 TX1470200 GROESBECK PD
 TX1470300 MEXIA PD
 TX1471100 MEXIA ISD PD
 TX1500000 LLANO CO SO
 TX1500100 LLANO PD (NR)
 TX1500500 SUNRISE BEACH PD
 TX1550000 MCLENNAN CO SO (IBR)
 TX1550100 BELLMEAD PD
 TX1550200 BEVERLY HILLS PD (AE)
 TX1550400 HEWITT PD (IBR)
 TX1550500 LACY-LAKEVIEW PD (IBR)
 TX1550600 LORENA PD
 TX1550700 MCGREGOR PD
 TX1551100 ROBINSON PD (AE)
 TX1551200 WACO PD (MIP)
 TX1551300 WEST PD
 TX1551400 WOODWAY PD (IBR)
 TX1551600 MCLENNAN COM COLL PD (AE)
 TX1551700 RIESEL PD (AE)
 TX1551800 TSTC WACO PD
 TX1552500 BAYLOR UNIV PD (AE)
 TX1670000 MILLS CO SO (AE)
 TX2060000 SAN SABA CO SO
 TX2060100 SAN SABA PD (IBR)

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 grantsABTPA@txdmv.gov.

Grant Budget Summary

Budget Category	ABTPA Expenditures	Cash Match Expenditures	Total Expenditures	In- Kind Match
Personnel	\$115,419	\$11,706	\$127,125	
Fringe	\$0	\$48,718	\$48,718	
Overtime				
Professional and Contract Services	\$84,581	\$45,519	\$130,100	

Budget Category	ABTPA Expenditures	Cash Match Expenditures	Total Expenditures	In- Kind Match
Travel				
Equipment				
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE)	\$0	\$24,708	\$24,708	
Total	\$200,000	\$130,651 65.33%	\$330,651	

Description	Subcategory	Pct Time	ABTPA Funds	Cash Match	Total	In-Kind Match
Personnel						
Lt. - Program Manager	Investigator/LEO	100.00%	\$60,046	\$6,090	\$66,136	
Investigator	Investigator/LEO	100.00%	\$55,373	\$5,616	\$60,989	
	Total Personnel		\$115,419	\$11,706	\$127,125	

Fringe						
Lt - Program Manager	Investigator/LEO		\$0	\$24,913	\$24,913	
Investigator	Investigator/LEO		\$0	\$23,805	\$23,805	
	Total Fringe		\$0	\$48,718	\$48,718	

Overtime						
	Total Overtime					
Professional and Contract Services						
Coryell County Investigator	Investigator/LEO - personnel	100.00%	\$42,311	\$23,458	\$65,769	
Limestone County Investigator	Investigator/LEO - personnel	100.00%	\$42,270	\$22,061	\$64,331	
	Total Professional and Contract Services		\$84,581	\$45,519	\$130,100	

Travel						
	Total Travel					

Equipment						
	Total Equipment					

Description	Subcategory	Pct Time	ABTPA Funds	Cash Match	Total	In-Kind Match
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE)						
VEHICLE INSURANCE			\$0	\$1,680	\$1,680	
FUEL AND MAINT			\$0	\$18,500	\$18,500	
CELL PHONES			\$0	\$2,704	\$2,704	
HOT SPOTS			\$0	\$1,824	\$1,824	
	Total Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE)		\$0	\$24,708	\$24,708	

Budget Narrative

Personnel: The Burnet County Lt. Field Supervisor is the project manager. The responsibilities include overseeing daily operations: Field Supervision of Investigators, assists with investigations, reviews reports, assigns cases or give assignments to staff. Duties also include quarterly reporting of progress reports and program updates, performing 68 A Inspections and collaborating with Burnet County Grant Administrator in preparing and administering budget, including approving all expenditure and adjusting budget when required. The project manager is also responsible for providing program updates to the Project Director. This position's salary will be funded with grant funds and cash match coming from the program income fund. Burnet County Lt. will be 100% will be devoted to auto crimes.

Burnet County Investigator is responsible for the recovery of stolen vehicles, investigating vehicle crimes, arresting of offenders in vehicle related crimes, clearing vehicle theft and burglary of vehicle cases, performing 68A inspections, and performing objective/goal activities. This position's salary will be funded with grant funds and cash match coming from the program income fund. Burnet County Investigator will be 100% will be devoted to auto crimes.

Fringe: Burnet County Personnel including Law Enforcement Officers - Fringe includes, FICA and Medicare, Medical and Life Insurance, Retirement, Unemployment, Worker's Comp and Survivor Death Benefits. Both the Lt. - Program Manager and Burnet County Investigator will be funded with cash match coming from the Burnet County Sheriff's Office general funds.

Overtime: Burnet County Investigator travels outside of Burnet County to perform the VTR68A inspections. This travel time can increase the amount of hours worked in a week especially when the investigator is working on a large case. Any overtime and related fringe will be 100% funded with Burnet County General Fund and will be reported as in-kind.

Professional and Contract Services: Interagency agreements between Burnet County, Coryell County, and Limestone County will be executed authorizing Burnet County as the administrative county for the ABTPA grant as well as the agreement of each county to

Budget Narrative

provide fringe benefits for their Investigator.

Investigators are responsible for the recovery of stolen vehicles, investigating vehicle crimes, arresting of offenders in vehicle related crimes, clearing vehicle theft and burglary of vehicle cases and performing objective/goal activities. The positions are 100% devoted to auto crimes. Salary will be funded with grant funds and cash match coming from the program income fund. Program income will fund \$4,292 for Coryell County Investigator and \$4,288 for Limestone County Investigator. Fringe benefits for Coryell County Investigator fringe is \$19,166 and Limestone Investigator is \$17,773 each coming from their county's general fund.

Travel: Occasionally, Burnet County Lt. and Investigator may need to travel overnight outside of Burnet County to investigate motor vehicle theft or burglary. Any travel outside Burnet County needing overnight stay and meals will be 100% funded with Burnet County General Fund and will be reported as in-kind.

Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE): All DOE expenses will be funded as Cash Match by utilizing program income.

DOE expenses include:

Vehicle Insurance for 5 LEO vehicles at \$336 per vehicle, Vehicle Fuel and Maintenance, Hot Spots - \$38 Per month X 12 X 4 and Cell Phones \$52 per month X 12 X 4 LEO = \$2,496 and 4 months for scheduling 68A inspections = \$208 totaling \$2,704. After @4 months the scheduling phone will be eliminated and scheduling will be conducted under the Burnet County Sheriff's Office's new phone system and any expenditures will reported as in-kind.

Revenue

Indicate Source of Cash and In-Kind Matches for the proposed program.

Cash Match		
Source of Cash Match		
Burnet County	Grantee	\$48,718
Coryell County	Subgrantee	\$19,166
Limestone County	Subgrantee	\$17,773
Program Income	Program Income	\$44,994
Total Cash Match		\$130,651

In-Kind Match

Statistics to Support Grant Problem Statement

Use UCR data	2016	2017	2018
Larceny from a motor vehicle	2013	1912	1857

Use UCR data	2016	2017	2018
Larceny from a motor vehicle - Parts	190	214	159
Jurisdictions included in totals	Statistics a combination of Task Force and Jurisdiction		
Theft of a motor vehicle	537	444	628
Recoveries of Motor Vehicles	306	220	408
Jurisdictions included in totals	Statistics a combination of Task Force and Jurisdiction		

Provide any additional information or limitations about the data provide above

Please note that previous applications did not include all of the jurisdictions that are in the coverage area. The following jurisdictions have not reported for the entire calendar year 2018, date after name is last date reported: Hamilton County: 7/2018, Mills County 10/2018, Horseshoe Bay PD: 11/2018, Llano PD - No report for all three calendar years, Lorena PD - 11/2018, McLennan Community College PD 11/2018, Mexia PD - 11/2018, Riesel PD 10/2018, Sunrise Village Beach PD 8/2018.

Application Narrative **Grant Introduction (Executive Summary)**

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

The Heart of Texas Auto Theft Task Force was created in 2001 to provide service to the Waco Region as there were limited specialized investigators that addressed vehicle crimes between the Dallas and Austin Metroplex areas. The Task Force filled a gap and allowed additional resources for law enforcement agencies as well as citizens. Realizing the need in rural areas the coverage was expanded including the Highway 281 corridor. Assigning investigators to Burnet, Coryell, and Limestone Counties allows the Task Force to assist other agencies outside of their home agencies which expands the coverage area of the Task Force. The program's goal is to reduce vehicle crimes utilizing proactive and reactive measures. Techniques acquired from specialized training allows personnel to keep up to date with the trends by recovering stolen vehicles and property and reducing the number of instances of vehicle theft and burglary.

The Heart of Texas Auto Theft Task Force will continue to provide VTR 68A inspections to the citizens of Texas. This service adds experience and expertise in identifying vehicles and trailers. These inspections assist citizens in obtaining titles and proper registration of their vehicles and/or trailers. The program generated revenue from inspections and sale of vehicles have been utilized for budget purposes to benefit the program.

As population increases in the coverage area vehicle crimes are increasing. Task Force investigators can address specific problems both inside and outside coverage area and are willing to assist any agency requesting assistance. Task Force members have assisted in the execution of narcotics search warrants, which often involve stolen vehicles.

Grant Problem Statement

2.1 Provide an assessment of the motor vehicle burglary (including theft of parts) problem in the coverage area of this application.

Many rural residents often exhibit a false sense of security that their vehicles and valuables are safe being left unsecured. Increased rural drug use and/or manufacturing has increased the number of burglary or theft of vehicles to fund or further substance abuse. Coverage area of the Task Force includes I-35 and Highway 281 corridors. I-35 has often been used as an access corridor for drug and human trafficking both which are often committed in a stolen vehicle. With the knowledge of I-35 being heavily covered in law enforcement, as well as the major construction on I-35 travelers as well as traffickers are now utilizing the Highway 281 corridor. The increase in traffic provides opportunity for local criminals as well to commit burglaries on unsuspecting tourists. It is crucial that the Heart of Texas Task Force remain funded in order to have specifically trained investigators in detecting and preventing vehicle crimes.

Much of our coverage areas like Copperas Cove and Waco have large populations due to the location of Fort Hood and Baylor University. With the constant change of military families and college students, it is believed to result in an increased number of cases of burglary of motor vehicles. This may be due to lack of education on how to protect vehicles and belongings which is a priority of the Task Force. Other factors may include criminals preying on areas where families and students are moving their belongings. Education and increased surveillance operations in these areas will let the criminal know that law enforcement is present.

2.2 Provide an assessment of the motor vehicle theft problem in the coverage area of this application

Current trends of motor vehicle theft are being conducted through social media sites where citizens are purchasing vehicles found online and then vehicle transaction is made with cash. The vehicles are not being properly transferred at the time of sale with the Department of Motor Vehicles. Many purchasers take advantage of the original valid registration and do not register and title the vehicles until the expiration of the registration. Purchasers are discovering that the vehicles were actually stolen.

Private companies in our coverage area are providing stolen vehicle license plate readings to Burnet County personnel. Heart of Texas Task Force investigators are responding to the location and recovery of the stolen vehicles. Coverage area law enforcement agencies are collaborating with the Heart of Texas Task Force in order to facilitate the recovery of the vehicles as well as filing criminal cases against the offenders.

There is an increase in theft of motor vehicles and recreational vehicles during the winter months when the summer properties are not occupied and vehicles are being stored on location.

Rural citizens tend to be more relaxed and less likely to secure their vehicles and

valuables. Rural and remote areas within the Task Force are also locations for owners to hide or conceal vehicles to falsely report stolen vehicles in an effort to collect insurance money.

The Task Force coverage area provides an alternative route: the Highway 281 corridor which opens roadway areas for criminal activities as well as numerous State Parks and recreational areas that are in isolated areas which can be targeted by criminals. Because of the isolated areas, criminals can easily take recreational vehicles and trailers without being detected or apprehended. During tourist season, the increase in visitors increases the number of vehicles as well as the number of potential thieves looking for easy targets including campers, RVs, boats, utility trailers, and all-terrain vehicles. Visitors traveling outside of recreational areas for supplies and to attend events also increases the chance of criminal activities.

- 2.3 Describe the geographical target area intended for this application. Include information about the taskforce governing and command structure. Include a description of the coverage area(s) and the nature of support and agreements supporting this application.

The Heart of Texas Auto Theft Task Force coverage area is over 8,350 sq miles that includes the Sheriff Offices from Burnet, Coryell, Limestone, Hamilton, Lampasas, Llano, McLennan, Mills and San Saba Counties as well as many police departments from cities, towns and colleges within the coverage area. The Task Force is directed by the Burnet County Sheriff with a Burnet County Lieutenant acting as the program manager. Each participating county, Burnet, Coryell, Limestone, McLennan and Mills provides an investigator to be a part of the task force and will receive financial support for salaries and commit to cash match for the project. A financial memorandum of understanding will be executed between the five participating counties identifying the financial responsibilities and grant benefits for participating in the program. The investigators will provide assistance and additional resources to the other counties, cities and college police departments within the service areas. Non-financial memorandums of understanding will be executed between the Task Force and the other counties, towns and university police departments. Letters of support have been received from many of the coverage departments as well as the local district attorney offices and are included in the application documents.

The Administrative Assistant will be changed to be supplied as a Burnet County employee and will be housed in the Burnet County Sheriff's Office. That position will be responsible for coordinating the collection and submission of inspection fees, assisting with documentation of all task force employees investigating paperwork and working with the Burnet County Auditor's Office to submit quarterly reports.

- 2.4 Will the program described in the application cover the community(ies) at large or will all or any part of this program be directed to serve a specific target population? **If No or Both, please describe the problem supporting the need for a special target population.**

The Heart of Texas Task Force coverage area is outside the participating counties as well as close to larger metropolitan areas. The Task Force recovers vehicles from these areas that are dumped in rural locations after being stripped for parts. The Task Force will collaborate with all agencies in an effort to recover stolen vehicles and prosecute offenders.

The Task Force will provide 68A inspections in Burnet County and McLennan County. These sites will provide service for the entire coverage areas as well will accept citizens outside of the coverage area or are unable to connect with task forces closer to their residence. We do not require that the citizen live strictly in our coverage area and will assist anyone who requests service.

Grant Goals and Activities

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

ABTPA programs must completely describe the functions they will perform in implementing the program. If 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 of a Motor Vehicle

The Heart of Texas Task Force participating counties have a low rate of burglary of motor vehicles. This allows our investigators to assist the McClennan County Sheriff's Office and City of Waco Police Department which have larger amount of burglaries occurring due to the population and multiple college campus.

Educating citizens is the most successful in reducing motor vehicle related crimes. Motor vehicle crimes are most often a crime of convenience. Personal belongings in sight in an unlocked car is the perfect opportunity for criminal activity. Educating citizens to hide their belongings and locking their cars is the best practice for reducing motor vehicle crimes. The Heart of Texas Task Force has promoted this message since the Task Force's inception.

3.2 Functions of the Proposed Program Related to Theft of a Motor Vehicle

The Heart of Texas Task Force's largest function concerning theft of a motor vehicle is receiving stolen vehicle notifications through license plate readers on commercial vehicles repossession and tow truck companies.

The Heart of Texas Auto Theft Task Force works continually with other agencies throughout the state to become a connection point for combatting vehicle crimes. Working with law enforcement departments throughout the coverage area prepares officers to be proactive in all aspects of vehicle crimes. We are willing to work with and assist other ABTPA task forces and non-grant funded departments in the state. Working together is an essential part of solving vehicle crimes as cases often cover

multiple territories.

Offering our basic training courses to other departments has been a successful program. This course provides insight to patrol officers who are often the first contact with a stolen vehicle. Our goal would be to have as many officers in our coverage area trained with the basic points of vehicle crime prevention. Training law enforcement officers in the detection and identification of stolen motor vehicles and educating citizens with steps to protect their property will increase awareness and assist in our goal of decreasing the number of incidents of motor vehicle theft and burglary.

Ongoing inspections of salvage yards and scrap metal yards has given the Task Force opportunities to locate stolen vehicles and increases the arrest of offenders while decreasing the number of thefts in the area. Last year, the Heart of Texas Auto Theft Task Force was responsible for finding over \$3 million in fraudulent sales and recovery of 17 stolen vehicles due to investigation of a Waco area salvage dealer.

VTR 68 A inspections will continue to provide identification of stolen vehicles and trailers before they are on the road. Task Force members will continue to grow their relationships with the Tax Assessors and Department of Motor Vehicles to keep abreast of suspicious activities.

3.3 Functions of the Proposed Program Related to Motor Vehicle Burglary and Theft Prevention

Participating in community events and providing public service announcements that prioritize preventative measures will further the goal of reducing motor vehicle theft and burglary. Working with other departments and offering our support and expertise with their cases will continue. Highlighting cases and sharing on social media will increase during the summer months and holiday season when the increase of motor vehicle crimes are present. Citizen involvement is crucial for decreasing the number of motor vehicle crimes. Citizens must be constantly reminded of the simple fact of hiding their belongings and locking their doors to decrease the numbers of motor vehicle crimes by decreasing the opportunity to commit these crimes.

Alert signs to educate citizens on the importance of hiding their belongings and locking their vehicle doors when unattended are continuing to be posted. Task Force members had approached city and county officials with request to post these signs in parking lots, roads and streets. Gated community residents have a false security and are continuing to keep their vehicles unlocked. Contact with citizen groups such as POA and HOA for assistance in posting these signs will continue. Parking lot interdiction projects will continue in order to detect and deter the threat of motor vehicle crimes. The Task Force will work with local patrol officers to determine high crime volume areas and identify persons of interest.

During the VTR68A inspections, investigators take the opportunity to advise the applicant on ways of securing their vehicle or trailer. FY18 there were over 610 inspections performed. Based on the current monthly average FY19 is expected to be more than FY18 with approximately 625 inspections performed. The high number of inspections helps to circulate the seriousness of motor vehicle crimes to friends and

family of the applicant.

Heart of Texas Auto Theft Task Force offers our services to any citizen of Texas. We will not turn anyone away who is willing to make an appointment and drive to any of our five(5) weekly inspection locations.

ABTPA Task Forces are required to collaborate across judicial boundaries and to develop regional strategies to implement funded activities. Describe how the applicant staff and jurisdiction will coordinate with other agencies and jurisdictions in the implementation of this program.

3.4 Collaboration Effort

The Heart of Texas Auto Theft Task Force collaborates with Travis, Blanco, Williamson and Llano Counties for larger organized criminal activity occurring in the different jurisdictions by the same offenders. Assistance is being provided to Tax Assessor Collector Offices and is proven successful as the Task Force has become a resource in areas with few or no investigators trained in motor vehicle crimes.

We have expanded our coverage area and are working with each jurisdiction and making sure that the jurisdictions realizes that our resources are available if needed. We have assisted in search warrants from our coverage agencies so that our investigators can attend to vehicles or trailers on the property while other officers take care of business related to the warrant.

The Heart of Texas Task Force receives a large amount of 68A inspection customers from the populated areas of Travis, Willison and Bell Counties. We do not require citizenship within the participating counties in order to receive 68A inspection services.

3.5 Functions of the proposed program for other motor vehicle crimes investigations related to motor vehicle burglary or theft such as motor vehicle fraud related crime, insurance fraud, preventing stolen vehicles from entering Mexico, bridge/port crime, cartel or organized criminal enterprises etc...

The Heart of Texas Auto Theft Task Force is willing to expand beyond the current activities as well as work with other task forces and local departments to reduce motor vehicle fraud related crime, insurance fraud and other organized criminal enterprises. Ongoing inspections of salvage yards and scrap metal yards has given the Task Force opportunities to locate stolen vehicles and increasing the arrest of offenders while decreasing the number of thefts in the area. Last year, the Heart of Texas Auto Theft Task Force was responsible for finding over \$3 million in fraudulent sales and recovery of 17 stolen vehicles due to investigation of a Waco area salvage dealer. This year the Task Force has also worked on a Houston based organized crime group who stole three construction vehicles from McLennan County and transported them to Oklahoma. The construction vehicles were recovered and the McLennan County suspect involved was arrested and is serving jail time.

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 ABTPA predetermined activities. The ABTPA 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
Mandatory 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	<i>Mandatory. Reporting for Combination of TF and Jurisdiction</i>
1.1.16	Increase the clearance rate of motor vehicle thefts	Report the number of motor vehicle theft cases cleared	<i>Mandatory. Reporting for Combination of TF and Jurisdiction</i>
1.1.17	Increase the number of persons arrested for motor vehicle theft	Report the number of persons arrested for motor vehicle theft	<i>Mandatory. Reporting for Combination of TF and Jurisdiction</i>
Mandatory 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 burglary cases cleared	<i>Mandatory. Reporting for Combination of TF and Jurisdiction</i>
2.1.13	Increase the number of persons arrested for motor vehicle burglary	Report the number of persons arrested for burglary	<i>Mandatory. Reporting for Combination of TF and Jurisdiction</i>

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

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|-------|--|-----------------------------|
| 1.1.1 | Identify groups of auto theft offenders through intelligence gathering, crime analysis and the use of informants | Number of groups identified |
|-------|--|-----------------------------|

1.1.2

ID	Activity	Measure	Target
	Identify and document/record prolific motor vehicle theft offenders [Prolific is defined as "linked to MVT offenses three or more times"]	Number identified/documented offenders	
1.1.3	Collaborate with the District Attorneys' offices regarding sentencing, case packets or addressing repeat offenders	Report the total number of cases where LEOs collaborated with prosecutors	
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 for number of vehicles inspected in these businesses)	Number of businesses inspected	25
1.1.6	Conduct bait vehicle operations that target motor vehicle theft offenders	Number of bait vehicle deployments	
1.1.8	Deploy license plate readers (LPR)	Number of times LPR deployed	
1.1.9	Respond to license plate reader (LPR) alert notifications	Number of times investigators responded to LPR alert notifications	
1.1.12	Conduct covert operations targeting motor vehicle theft offenders	Number of covert operations	
1.1.13	Conduct warrant "round-up" operations targeting auto crimes offenders, including those wanted for motor vehicle thefts, vehicle burglaries and the theft of vehicle parts	Number of operations	
1.2	Strategy 2: Conduct Collaborative Efforts that Result In Reduction of Incidents of Motor Vehicle Theft		
1.2.1	Provide Agency Assists	Number of agency assists	50
1.2.2	Collaborate with other units or divisions (i.e. homicide, vice, narcotics, etc.) where a motor vehicle was used in the commission of the crime	Number of times collaborated within departments or SOs participating in taskforce	5

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	(includes identification of vehicle).		
1.2.3	Collaborate with LE agencies and other organizations that assist in the reduction of motor vehicle thefts	Number of times collaborated with coverage area agencies or other law enforcement agencies	5
1.2.4	Collaborate on investigations regarding stolen parts and other property	Number of cases investigated	5
1.2.5	Conduct intelligence information-sharing	Number of intelligence meetings attended	6
1.2.6	Conduct intelligence information-sharing	Crime analysis bulletins disseminated	6
1.3	Strategy 3: Prevent and Reduce the Incidence of Motor Vehicle Related Fraud Activities		
1.3.1	Collaborate with agencies relating to investigation and enforcement of vehicle insurance fraud	Number of collaborations	
1.3.2	Conduct 68(A) inspections (for TxDMV assignment or reassignment of VIN)	Number of vehicles inspected to complete a serialized 68A inspection form per TxDMV (VIN assignment, reassignment, bonded title)	600
1.3.3	Conduct VIN verification inspections. (All other reasons except bridge or port)	Number of vehicles inspected	
1.3.4	Coordinate with TxDMV/Tax Offices relating to investigation and enforcement of fraudulent titles and registration of stolen vehicles	Number of collaborations related to MVT	12
2	Goal 2: Reduce the Incidence of Theft from Motor Vehicles through Enforcement Strategies		
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	
2.1.2	Identify "prolific BMV offenders" through informants and intelligence [Prolific is defined as "linked to BMV and theft of vehicle parts and	Number of offenders identified	

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	accessories offenses three or more times"]		
2.1.3	Collaborate with the District Attorneys' offices regarding sentencing, case packets or addressing repeat offenders	Report the total number of cases where LEOs collaborated with prosecutors	
2.1.4	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).	Number of businesses inspected (see Goal 5 for number and value of parts recovered)	25
2.1.5	Conduct warrant "round-up" operations targeting auto crimes offenders, including those wanted for motor vehicle thefts, vehicle burglaries and the theft of vehicle parts	Number of "round up" operations	
2.1.7	BMV related cases presented to prosecutor	Report the total number of BMV related cases presented to prosecutor(s) where there was an incidence of theft from motor vehicles (includes criminal complaints for BMV, Theft, theft of parts or other cases directly tied to ABTPA statute of motor vehicle burglary and economic motor vehicle theft as defined in ABTPA statute)	
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	Number of agency assists	50
2.2.2	Collaborate with other units or divisions (i.e. homicide, vice, narcotics, etc.) where a motor vehicle was used in the commission of the crime (includes identification of vehicle).	Number of times collaborated within departments or SOs participating in taskforce	
2.2.3	Collaborate with LE agencies and other organizations that assist in the reduction of thefts from a motor vehicle	Number of times collaborated with coverage area agencies or other law enforcement agencies.	

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2.2.4	Investigate cases regarding stolen parts and other property	Number of cases investigated	12
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	5
3.1.2	Conduct educational presentations to citizens	Number of presentations	2
3.1.4	Conduct vehicle identification number (VIN) etchings	Number of etching events	
3.1.5	Purchase advertisements in local outlets	Number of advertisements purchased	
3.1.6	Conduct vehicle report card initiatives.	Number report cards issued	
3.1.7	Utilize social media outlets (FaceBook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)	Number of postings in social media outlets	30
3.1.8	Deploy outdoor public notification signage	Number of deployments per month (if sign remains several months, count as 1 deployment per month)	20
3.1.10	Conduct media outreach, including, public service announcements, press releases, and interviews	Number of outreaches	
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	2
3.2.2	Conduct law enforcement training (TCOLE)	Number of participants	20
3.2.3	Conduct vehicle crimes presentations to law enforcement agencies (non TCOLE)	Number of classes	10
3.2.4	Conduct vehicle crimes presentations to law enforcement agencies (non TCOLE)	Number of participants	60

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Grant Evaluation

- 4.1 Describe the method and practice of evaluating the program activities. Including management and staff participation and systems (forms and software) used to ensure reliable and accurate data is collected and reported.

Each member of the Task Force is informed of the goal/objectives of the grant at the beginning of each grant cycle. Weekly reports document activities and are compiled into a monthly report. Additional back up documents can include: recovery reports, case logs, interdiction reports, assist reports and public awareness reports. Each report gives detailed information of the activity including make and value of the recovered vehicle with an explanation on how the vehicle was recovered and if any arrests were made. Monthly reports are submitted to the program manager for review and approval with emphasis on trends or issues and are compiled for the required reporting process. Monthly activities are compiled to monitor progress and information is provided to each investigator. Reports are also forwarded to the participating counties supervisors and sheriffs.

Information is reviewed to identify any change of criminal activity within the coverage area. Annual meetings with participating Sheriff's and authorized officials provide information on how the program is benefiting the local jurisdictions. This allows conversation on what is working and not working so that changes can be made.

The Heart of Texas Auto Theft Task Force collaborates with Tri-County Task Force and Sheriffs Combined Task Force and share forms for logging stats and activity to include collaborating with the tax offices, salvage yard inspections and stolen vehicle recoveries. These documents are then reported to the ABTPA website for quarterly statistics.

- 4.2 Provide suggested measures that your think would better reflect the law enforcement or prevention work that your grant will perform. If the suggested measure fits into one of the goals 1-3 in the goals list above please indicate. If the suggested measure is a new kind of goal please suggest what best fits your measure.

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Certifications

The certifying official is the authorized official, James Oakley, 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.