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City of San Antonio Grant Application for Fiscal Year 2018

Program Title Please enter a short description of the proposed program that can be used as the title.

Modified Grant Application

Which type of grant are you applying for?

○ **Continued Grant** - Only available to agencies that have a 2017 grant. These are annual competitive grants for the program described ir the application. The program must be submitted for substantially the same program as the previous year. The requested funds, match funds, and in-kind match must be within 5% of the previous year but in any event may not go below the 20% minimum cash match requirement. The number of staff positions must be within 5% of the total positions. Awarded activities are funded on a reimbursement basis.

◉ **Modified Continued Grant** - Only available to agencies that have a 2017 grant. The grantee will only enter the portion with a difference more or less than 5% of their current grant. 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

○ **New Grant** - Only available to agencies that are not currently operating under a 2017 grant or they are a participant in an FY17 grant bu 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 categori** 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

☑ Public Awareness, Crime Prevention, and Education

Grant Participation and Coverage Area

☐ **Statewide Coverage**

☑ **Other Coverage** (Describe):

Bexar County to include the 23 incorporated cities (includes San Antonio), the 7 unincorporated communities, and the rural areas in Be> County

☑ **Law Enforcement Grant**

Please add the participating and coverage agencies below. Select and agency in the dropdown and use the Add Participating Agency or Add Coverage Agency button to add to the list.

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 r need to be submitted with the application. Interlocal agreements will need to be executed prior to the first payment being made if selecte 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 not be covered by a grant interlocal agreement but as law enforcement agencies may have jurisdictional coverage agreements unrelate 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.

| Select Agencies ▼ | Add Participating Agency | Add Coverage Agency |

Participating Agencies

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Coverage Agencies

ALAMO HEIGHTS PD (AE)
BALCONES HEIGHTS PD
CASTLE HILLS PD (AE)
CONVERSE PD

Delete Selected   Delete Selected

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

☐ **Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)** Used as Match (Documentation and time certification required.)

☐ **Other State or Federal Agency** (specify:) _____

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 Form

Click on category name to edit budget detail for that category.

Budget Category	ABTPA Expenditures	Cash Match Expenditures	Total Expenditures	In-Kind Match
Personnel	$219,301.00	$54,825.00	$274,126.00	$0.00
Fringe	$115,409.00	$96,401.00	$211,810.00	
Overtime	$10,965.00	$2,741.00	$13,706.00	$0.00
Professional and Contract Services	$273,000.00	$0.00	$273,000.00	$0.00
Travel				
Equipment	$77,041.00	$19,257.00	$96,298.00	$0.00
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE)	$1,958.00	$490.00	$2,448.00	$0.00
Total	$697,674.00	$173,714.00	$871,388.00	$0.00
	80.06%	19.94%		

Description	Subcategory	ABTPA Funds	Cash Match	Total	In-Kind Match
	Personnel				
3 SAPD Detectives	Investigator/LEO	$175,306.00	$43,826.00	$219,132.00	$0.00
1 Crime Analyst	Crime Analyst/LE Professional	$21,461.00	$5,365.00	$26,826.00	$0.00
1 Administrative Assistant II	Administrative / Support	$22,534.00	$5,634.00	$28,168.00	$0.00
Total Personnel		$219,301.00	$54,825.00	$274,126.00	$0.00
	Fringe				
3 SAPD Detectives	Investigator/LEO	$91,708.00	$89,220.00	$180,928.00	
1 Crime Analyst	Crime Analyst/LE Professional	$11,743.00	$3,563.00	$15,306.00	
1 Administrative Assistant I	Administrative / Support	$11,958.00	$3,618.00	$15,576.00	
Total Fringe		$115,409.00	$96,401.00	$211,810.00	
	Overtime				
3 SAPD Detectives	Investigator/LEO	$10,965.00	$0.00	$10,965.00	$0.00
1 Crime Analyst	Crime Analyst/LE Professional	$0.00	$1,341.00	$1,341.00	$0.00
1 Administrative Assistant I	Administrative / Support	$0.00	$1,400.00	$1,400.00	$0.00
Total Overtime		$10,965.00	$2,741.00	$13,706.00	$0.00
	Professional and Contract Services				
3 Bexar County Detectives	Investigator/LEO - personnel	$204,360.00	$0.00	$204,360.00	$0.00
3 Bexar County Detectives	Investigator/LEO - fringe	$68,640.00	$0.00	$68,640.00	
Total Professional and Contract Services		$273,000.00	$0.00	$273,000.00	$0.00
	Travel				
Total Travel					
	Equipment				
Computer Equipment		$4,909.00	$1,227.00	$6,136.00	$0.00
Vehicles		$69,332.00	$17,330.00	$86,662.00	$0.00
IT Maintenance & Equipment		$2,800.00	$700.00	$3,500.00	$0.00
Total Equipment		$77,041.00	$19,257.00	$96,298.00	$0.00

Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE)

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Description	Subcategory	ABTPA Funds	Cash Match	Total	In-Kind Match
Computer Software		$1,958.00	$490.00	$2,448.00	$0.00
Total Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE)		$1,958.00	$490.00	$2,448.00	$0.00

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.

Cash Match

In-Kind Match

Statistics to Support Grant Problem Statement

Use UCR data	2014	2015	2016
Larceny from a motor vehicle	14170	14195	18018
Larceny from a motor vehicle - Parts	5980	5247	5807
Jurisdictions included in totals	Select Jurisdiction ▼		
Theft of a motor vehicle	7140	6176	7233
Recoveries of Motor Vehicles	4247	4073	4482
Jurisdictions included in totals	Select Jurisdiction ▼		

Provide any additional information or limitations about the data provide above

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 Regional Auto Crimes Team (ReACT) Task Force is a multi-jurisdictional, bi-lingual law enforcement unit in the San Antonio Police Department. It is composed of officers from the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD), the Bexar County Sheriff's Office (BCSO), and the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB). Together the task force has 25 law enforcement officers with extensive training in auto theft investigations. Most task force members have attended basic and intermediate auto theft investigation training, including complex crimes training and title fraud training. The ReACT Task Force combines resources, intelligence and conserves both fiscal and investigative resources for the city and the county.

The ReACT Task Force proposes to reduce vehicle crimes throughout Bexar County and the surrounding areas by collaborating with law enforcement agencies within Bexar County and the surrounding counties by conducting covert operations, surveillance, salvage yard and business inspections and sharing intelligence of prolific offenders.

The ReACT Task Force and the National Insurance Crime Bureau agent work closely together by providing intelligence information, leads and working as a liaison for insurance companies.

The REACT Task Force provides assistance to various law enforcement agencies and other departments within the San Antonio Police Department to identify suspects involved in motor vehicle thefts and provide assistance in the recovery of stolen vehicles and stolen property. The task force also provides investigative and technical assistance to agencies within our service area on auto theft, vehicle burglaries and insurance fraud cases.

The ReACT Task Force serves the community needs by combating vehicle crimes through the investigation of motor vehicle

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.

In 2016, the San Antonio Police Department received 18,018 burglary of a motor vehicle reports, a 26.93% increase from 2015.

In 2016, the San Antonio Police Department received 5,807 burglary of motor vehicle parts, a 10.67% increase from 2015

Contributing factors that lead to burglary of vehicles includes vehicle owners leaving valuable items in plain view inside vehicles and leaving their vehicles unlocked. Items stolen during vehicle burglaries are turned into profit at flea markets, pawn shops, garage sales, and online classified ads. Victims leave their keys in the vehicle and their motors running giving criminals the opportunity to steal their car and stripping the vehicle for parts. Each month the ReACT Task Force finds chop shops where the victims' vehicles are found dismantled.

The sophisticated and organized criminals coordinate attacks on car dealerships by removing dozens of tires, rims or parts, such as the 180 wheels stolen from Ancira-Winton Chevrolet, Leon Valley, Texas on November 25, 2015.

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

In 2016, the San Antonio Police Department reported 7233 vehicles stolen. This was an increase of 1057 vehicles or 17.11% from 2015.

Texas has 13 major border crossings. Nine of these are direct routes leading to two primary interstate highways through San Antonio. Commerce from the United States and Mexico use Bexar County and San Antonio as a transportation hub for legitimate industry.

Vehicle crimes are no longer child's play; vehicles are being stolen from rental car agencies, targeted by auto theft rings by using fraudulent credit cards to victimize businesses. Vehicles are stolen from car dealerships and auto auctions by obtaining access to the key or key fob and by fraudulent means.

Vehicle crimes are a rapidly evolving criminal endeavors managed by Mexican cartels, drug rings, and criminal street gangs. Given the fact that the Mexican border is a short distance away, this gives criminals the opportunity to cross into Mexico before the vehicle is reported stolen. Mexican cartels and gangs like the durability of heavy-duty pickups because they allow for escape through rough terrain which law enforcement is unable to pursue through. Stolen vehicles are used as a gateway to execute other crimes. The most popular benefit is transporting illegal contraband. Cartels and criminal gangs continue to transport drugs, weapons, cash, and human cargo between the U.S. and Mexican border. It is becoming an increasingly dangerous endeavor as the violence between rival gangs spills into the United States.

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.

Bexar County has a total area of 1,256 square miles. Bexar County is located in south central Texas approximately 190 miles west of Houston and 140 miles from the US-Mexico border. Bexar County includes San Antonio which is the second largest city in Texas and the 7th largest city in the United States. Bexar County has 23 incorporated cities, 7 unincorporated communities and rural areas. Four (4) Interstate Highways, 4 U.S. Highways, 2 State Highways, and 2 Loops run through San Antonio, making it an ideal transportation hub. In addition, four (4) active military installations and 1 military medical center are located in the city.

The counties adjacent to Bexar County are Kendall County (north), Comal County (north), Guadalupe County (northeast), Wilson County (southeast), Medina County (west), and Bandera County (northwest).

The Regional Auto Crimes Task Force (ReACT) is a multi-jurisdictional law enforcement task force that includes the San Antonio Police Department, the Bexar County Sheriff's Office, and the National Insurance Crime Bureau. Together these agencies are housed under one umbrella located at the San Antonio Police Vehicle Crimes Office. The ReACT goals for this multi-agency collaboration are the same, to reduce vehicle thefts and burglary of a vehicle; to reduce the sale of stolen vehicles or parts through enforcement, the detection and apprehension of criminals, and to conduct public awareness through crime prevention and educational presentations.

The San Antonio Police Vehicle Crimes command structure is as follows:
The Chief of Police, Assistant Chief, Deputy Chief, Captain, Vehicle Crimes Lieutenant, 2 Vehicle Crimes Sergeants, 18 Vehicle Crimes Detectives, and 3 Administrative Assistants.

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 program will cover the community at large.

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 function of the proposed program is to reduce the burglary of motor vehicles through law enforcement investigations, by identifying, arresting, and successfully charging criminals and includes crime prevention techniques through public education/awareness presentations. Task force members will work with surrounding county and local jurisdictions to help identify known burglary of vehicle offenders and will share intelligence as it relates to these criminals. Task force members will monitor both brick and mortar locations known to deal in stolen property and online sites to recovery stolen property before the criminals can profit from their crimes. Problem locations will be targeted for covert operations and multi agency cooperation with be coordinated as a force multiplier. By meeting the goals and strategies stated in this proposal the task force will reduce burglary of motor vehicles by making timely arrests, recovering stolen property thereby reducing the profitability of the crime and clearing cases.

If awarded additional detectives and a crime analyst, the 6 new detectives will focus on proactive investigations as a priority and will direct their focus towards surveillance of known offenders and problem areas as directed by current crime trends and information from the crime analyst. The 6 new detectives will work on a team concept and will cover work hours when the task force is traditionally closed.

The addition of the 6 new detectives will allow for greater inter-agency cooperation and will increase intelligence sharing between local and county agencies.

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

The function of the proposed program is to reduce the theft of motor vehicles through law enforcement investigations, by identifying, arresting, and successfully charging criminals and includes crime prevention techniques through public education/awareness presentations. Intelligence sharing and force multiplying as it relates to covert operations and investigations will be achieved through inter-agency cooperation with surrounding counties and jurisdictions. The monitoring of online sites that sell stolen property and timely implementation of sting operations will lead to an increase in arrests and recovery of stolen property and reduce the profitability of criminal participation in vehicle crimes. By meeting the goals and objectives stated in this proposal the task force will reduce the theft of motor vehicles by making timely arrests, recovering stolen property thereby reducing the profitability of the crime and clearing cases.

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

The function of the proposed program is to reduce the theft of motor vehicles and the burglary of vehicles through crime prevention techniques which include public education/awareness presentations both in person and through social media. The in person presentations are made up of new car buyer clinics, neighborhood association meetings, conventions, static displays at public events, distribution of crime prevention publications and material, VIN etchings, informative citations in public parking lots. The social media outreach will be conducted through multiple Facebook accounts for Bexar County, San Antonio and surrounding agencies that wish to participate. By meeting the goals and strategies stated in this proposal by the task force will reduce the burglary to motor vehicles problem, reduce vehicle theft and increase case clearances.

The addition of a crime analyst will allow for real time trends to be identified and disseminated to the general public and will assist with all crime prevention efforts through social media and public meetings. The crime analyst will help identify potential future victims and thereby allow crime prevention presentations to be focused on those potential crime targets.

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 Regional Auto Crimes Team (ReACT) Task Force is a multi-jurisdictional, bi-lingual law enforcement unit in the San Antonio Police Department. It is composed of officers from the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD), the Bexar County Sheriff's Office (BCSO), and a National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) agent. Together the task force has 25 law enforcement officers with extensive training in auto theft investigations. Most task force members have attended basic and intermediate auto theft investigation training, including complex crimes training and title fraud training. The ReACT Task Force combines resources and intelligence and conserves both fiscal and investigative resources for the city and the county.

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Task Force members regularly participate in Border Intel Webinars that involve multiple jurisdictions along the Mexico border to include Brownsville, Laredo, El Paso, Victoria and Houston to name a few. Surrounding jurisdictions make phone contact with the task force members on a daily basis and task force members assist with their questions, investigations, arrests and recoveries.

San Antonio is the location for the Southwest Texas Fusion Center which is one of 78 fusion centers in the United States. Interagency cooperation allows the task force to act as a conduit for any agency requesting assistance with any number of intelligence related inquiries.

Part II

Goals, Strategies, and Activities

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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.

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.

Success of the program will be measured by the ability to fulfill the agreements set forth in the grant proposal. Meeting each objective as well as submitting the necessary financial and progress reports throughout the grant period will provide both ReACT and ABTPA opportunities to assess the accomplishments and improvement areas within the program. Tracking progress of the grant will be conducted by the ReACT Project Manager and the Project Director and presented in written form to ABTPA. Success of the project will be measured by completion of the specific goals of this grant and by adherence to all financial and programmatic requirements of this proposal.

The achievement of goal objections will be used to measure the project effectiveness.
The end result will determine a percentage decrease or increase of the three goals by comparing previous year statistics.
Goal 1: Reduce the incident of motor vehicle theft through enforcement strategies.
Goal 2: Reduce the incident of theft from motor vehicles through enforcement strategies.
Goal 3: Educate citizens and sworn personnel in prevention of motor vehicle theft, burglary of motor vehicles and theft of vehicle parts and accessories.

Statistical data will be gathered and compiled into a meaningful database from task force daily activity reports. This information will be reported and submitted on the quarterly progress reports to ABTPA.

Monthly and annual reports will detail progress towards meeting goals and objectives and financial information. A comprehensive project review will be provided annually. The final review will provide a full account of the project. The project manager will be responsible for the submission of timely reports. A monthly meeting will be coordinated with the project

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