

**Interlocal Agreement**  
**State of Texas**

This Agreement is entered into by and between the **County of Galveston**, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as “**County**” and the **County of Brazoria**, a political subdivision of the State of Texas situated in Brazoria County, Texas, hereinafter called “**Brazoria County**” pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 791.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the **County of Galveston** and **County of Brazoria** have the objective to participate in a combined task force funded by the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) of the State of Texas, in the amount of \$1,482,071.00 for the Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force, and,

WHEREAS, the **Brazoria County** has agreed to contribute the total of \$78,098.00 in matching funds if said grant application is approved; and,

WHEREAS, the source of funds would not normally be used for this purpose; and,

WHEREAS, the **County** and **Brazoria County** believe it to be in their best interests to continue a multijurisdictional MVCPA Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the **County** and **Brazoria County** agree to each accept the responsibility and to adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws or regulations

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE

1 .01 The purpose of this Agreement is to allow the **County** (Grantee) to file an application for a grant with the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (Agency), which application is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and made a part hereof for all purposes.

ARTICLE II. TERM

2 .01 The term of this Agreement is to commence on September 1, 2024 and to end August 31, 2025.

ARTICLE III. CONSIDERATION

3 .01 As consideration for this Agreement, the **Brazoria County** (sub-grantee) agrees to contribute a total of \$78,098.00 in matching funds for the enhancement of the funded grant program in the amounts and methods as follows:

<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Method (Cash Paid/In Lieu of/In kind)</b>
Agent Benefits (2 Brazoria County employees)	\$73,298.00	Fringe paid by Brazoria County in lieu of match (Professional and Contractual Services)
Fuel for Agents’ Vehicles (2 Brazoria County employees)	\$4,800.00	In-Kind Match by Brazoria County (Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses)

ARTICLE IV. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

4 .01 The specific allocation of the **County** and **Brazoria County** fund is set out in the attachment to this Agreement, marked as Exhibit “A”, and made a part hereof for all purposes.

## ARTICLE V. EQUIPMENT

5 .01 Upon termination of this Agreement, equipment including vehicles, hardware, and other non-expendable items will revert to the applicant. The Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority of the State of Texas will be notified and inventory records will be updated.

## ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS

6 .01 This Agreement may be amended by the mutual agreement of the parties hereto in writing to be attached to and incorporated into this agreement.

## ARTICLE VII. LEGAL CONSTRUCTION

7 .01 In the event any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

## ARTICLE VIII. UNIFORM ASSURANCES

8 .01 In accordance with §783.005 of the Texas Government Code Grantee and sub-grantee shall comply with the following uniform assurances:

Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment- Grantee certifies that no federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress on its behalf to obtain, extend, or modify this contract or grant. If non-federal funds are used by Grantee to conduct such lobbying activities, the prescribed disclosure form shall promptly be filed. In accordance with 31 U.S.C. § 1352(b)(5), Grantee acknowledges and agrees that it is responsible for ensuring that each sub-grantee certifies its compliance with the expenditure prohibition and the declaration requirement.

Child Support Obligation- Grantee represents and warrants that it will include the following clause in the award documents for every sub-award and subcontract and will require sub-recipients and contractors to certify accordingly: Under Section 231.006 of the Family Code, the vendor or applicant certifies that the individual or business entity named in this contract, bid or application is not ineligible to receive the specified grant, loan, or payment and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate. A bid or an application for a contract, grant, or loan paid from state funds must include the name and social security number of the individual or sole proprietor and each partner, shareholder, or owner with an ownership interest of at least 25 percent of the business entity submitting the bid or application.

Clean Air Act & Federal Water Pollution Control Act- Grantee represents and warrants that it will comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387).

Compliance with Laws, Rules and Requirements- Grantee represents and warrants that it will comply, and assure the compliance of all its sub-recipients and contractors, with all applicable federal and state laws, rules, regulations, and policies in effect or hereafter established. In addition, Grantee represents and warrants that it will comply with all requirements imposed by the awarding agency concerning special requirements of law, program requirements, and other administrative requirements. In instances where multiple requirements apply to Grantee, the more restrictive requirement applies.

Contract Oversight- Grantee represents and warrants that it will maintain oversight to ensure that contractors perform in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications of their contracts or purchase orders.

Contract Work Hours & Safety Standards Act- Grantee represents and warrants that it will comply with the requirements of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708).

Cybersecurity Training Program- Grantee represents and warrants its compliance with § 2054.5191 of the Texas Government Code relating to the cybersecurity training program for local government employees who have access to a local government computer system or database. If Grantee has access to any state computer system or database, Grantee shall complete cybersecurity training and verify completion of the training program to the Agency pursuant to and in accordance with § 2054.5192 of the Government Code.

Davis-Bacon Act and the Copeland Act- Grantee represents and warrants that it will comply with the requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141- 3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”) and the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874).

Debarment and Suspension- Grantee certifies that it and its principals are not suspended or debarred from doing business with the state or federal government as listed on the State of Texas Debarred Vendor List maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and the System for Award Management (SAM) maintained by the General Services Administration.

Debts and Delinquencies- Grantee agrees that any payments due under the contract or grant shall be applied towards any debt or delinquency that is owed to the State of Texas.

Disaster Recovery Plan- Upon request of Agency, Grantee shall provide copies of its most recent business continuity and disaster recovery plans.

Disclosure of Violations of Federal Criminal Law- Grantee represents and warrants its compliance with 2 CFR § 200.113 which requires the disclosure in writing of violations of federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, and gratuity and the reporting of certain civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings to SAM.

Disclosure Protections for Certain Charitable Organizations, Charitable Trusts & Private Foundations- Grantee represents and warrants that it will comply with Section 2252.906 of the Texas Government Code relating to disclosure protections for certain charitable organizations, charitable trusts, and private foundations.

Dispute Resolution- The dispute resolution process provided in Chapter 2009 of the Texas Government Code is available to the parties to resolve any dispute arising under the agreement.

Excluded Parties- Grantee certifies that it is not listed in the prohibited vendors list authorized by Executive Order No. 13224, “Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions with Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism”, published by the United States Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Executive Head of a State Agency Affirmation- Under Section 669.003 of the Texas Government Code, relating to contracting with an executive head of a state agency, Grantee represents that no person who served as an executive of Agency, in the past four (4) years, was involved with or has any interest in the contract or grant. If Grantee employs or has used the services of a former executive of Agency, then Grantee shall provide the following information in the Response: name of the former executive, the name of the state agency, the date of separation from the state agency, the position held with Grantee, and the date of employment with Grantee.

Funding Limitation- Grantee understands that all obligations of Agency under the contract or grant are subject to the availability of grant funds. The contract or grant is subject to termination or cancellation, either in whole or in part, without penalty to Agency if such funds are not appropriated or become unavailable.

Governing Law & Venue- This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, without regard to the conflicts of law provisions. The venue of any suit arising under this agreement is fixed in any court of competent jurisdiction of Travis County, Texas, unless the specific venue is otherwise identified in a statute that directly names or otherwise identifies its applicability to the contracting state agency.

Indemnification- to the extent permitted by law Grantee shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the state of Texas and agency, and/or their officers, agents, employees, representatives, contractors, assignees, and/or designees from any and all liability, actions, claims, demands, or suits, and all related costs, attorney fees, and expenses arising out of, or resulting from any acts or omissions of Grantee or its agents, employees, subcontractors, order fulfillers, or suppliers of subcontractors in the execution or performance of the contract and any purchase orders issued under the contract. The defense shall be coordinated by Grantee with the office of the Texas Attorney General when Texas state agencies are named defendants in any lawsuit and Grantee may not agree to any settlement without first obtaining the concurrence from the office of the Texas Attorney General. Grantee and agency agree to furnish timely written notice to each other of any such claim.

Law Enforcement Agency Grant Restriction- Grantee on behalf of Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force is a law enforcement agency regulated by Chapter 1701 of the Texas Occupations Code, Grantee represents and warrants that it will not use appropriated money unless the law enforcement agency is in compliance with all rules adopted by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE), or TCOLE certifies that it is in the process of achieving compliance with such rules.

Legal Authority- Grantee represents that it possesses legal authority to apply for the grant. A resolution, motion or similar action has been duly adopted or passed as an official act of the Grantee's governing body, authorizing the filing of the Response, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directing and authorizing the person identified as the official representative, or the designee of Grantee to act in connection with the Response and to provide such additional information as may be required.

Lobbying Expenditure Restriction- Grantee represents and warrants that Agency's payments to Grantee and Grantee's receipt of appropriated or other funds under the contract or grant are not prohibited by Sections 403.1067 or 556.0055 of the Texas Government Code which restrict lobbying expenditures

No Conflicts of Interest State- Grantee represents and warrants that performance under the contract or grant will not constitute an actual or potential conflict of interest or reasonably create an appearance of impropriety. Further, Grantee represents and warrants that in the administration of the grant, it will comply with all conflict of interest prohibitions and disclosure requirements required by applicable law, rules, and policies, including Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code. If circumstances change during the course of the contract or grant, Grantee shall promptly notify Agency.

No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity- The Parties expressly agree that no provision of the grant or contract is in any way intended to constitute a waiver by the Agency or the State of Texas of any immunities from suit or from liability that the Agency or the State of Texas may have by operation of law.

Open Meetings- Grantee represents and warrants its compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code which requires all regular, special or called meeting of a governmental body to be open to the public, except as otherwise provided by law.

Texas Public Information Act- Information, documentation, and other material in connection with this Solicitation or any resulting contract or grant may be subject to public disclosure pursuant to Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code (the "Public Information Act"). In accordance with Section 2252.907 of the Texas Government Code, Grantee is required to make any information created or exchanged with the State pursuant to the contract or grant, and not otherwise excepted from disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act, available in a format that is accessible by the public at no additional charge to the State.

Reporting Compliance- Grantee represents and warrants that it will submit timely, complete, and accurate reports in accordance with the grant and maintain appropriate backup documentation to support the reports.

Records Retention State Grant- Grantee shall maintain and retain all records relating to the performance of the grant including supporting fiscal documents adequate to ensure that claims for grant funds are in accordance with applicable State of Texas requirements. These records will be maintained and retained by Grantee for a period of four (4) years after the grant expiration date or until all audit, claim, and litigation matters are resolved, whichever is later. Agency reserves the right to direct a Grantee to retain documents for a longer period of time or transfer certain records to Agency custody when it is determined the records possess longer term retention value. Grantee must include the substance of this clause in all subawards and subcontracts.

Reporting Suspected fraud and Unlawful Conduct- Grantee represents and warrants that it will comply with Section 321.022 of the Texas Government Code, which requires that suspected fraud and unlawful conduct be reported to the State Auditor's Office.

State Auditor's Right to Audit- The state auditor may conduct an audit or investigation of any entity receiving funds from the state directly under the contract or indirectly through a subcontract under the contract. The acceptance of funds directly under the contract or indirectly through a subcontract under the contract acts as acceptance of the authority of the state auditor, under the direction of the legislative audit committee, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Under the direction of the legislative audit committee, an entity that is the subject of an audit or investigation by the state auditor must provide the state auditor with access to any information the state auditor considers relevant to the investigation or audit.

Sub-award Monitoring- Grantee represents and warrant that it will monitor the activities of the sub-grantee as necessary to ensure that the sub-award is used for authorized purposes, in compliance with applicable statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the sub-award, and that subaward performance goals are achieved.

#### ARTICLE IX. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

9.01 In accordance with §783.006 of the Texas Government Code Standard Financial Management Conditions the prescribed are applicable to all grants and agreements executed between affected entities:

Financial reporting- Accurate, current, and complete disclosure of the financial results of grant related activities must be made in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the grant.

Accounting records- Grantee will maintain records, which adequately identify the source and application of funds, provided for grant related activities. These records will contain information pertaining to grant awards and obligations, unobligated balances, assets, liabilities, outlays or expenditures, and income.

Internal control- Effective control and accountability will be maintained for all grant cash, real and personal property, and other assets. Grantee will safeguard all such property and assure that it is used for authorized grant purposes.

Page Budget control- Actual expenditures will be kept within budgeted amounts for each grant.

Allowable cost- Applicable cost principles, agency program regulations, and the terms of grant agreements shall be followed in determining the reasonableness, allowability, and allocability of costs.

Source documentation- Accounting records must be supported by such source documentation as checks, paid bills, payroll records, receipts, timesheets, travel vouchers, and other records, etc. These source documents must be retained and made available for MVCPA staff when requested.

Cash management- Grantee will establish reasonable procedures to ensure the receipt of reports on cash balances and cash disbursements in sufficient time to enable them to prepare complete and accurate cash transactions reports to the awarding agency.

Reimbursement Grant- All expenditures reported will be based on actual amounts paid and documented. Reporting budgeted amounts or estimated costs as expenditures are not permitted and if used may result in payment suspension and possible termination of the grant.

Costs Incurred outside the Program Period- Grant funds may not be obligated prior to the effective date without written permission of the MVCPA director or subsequent to the termination date of the grant period. All obligations must be consistent with the Statement of Grant Award and used for statutorily authorized purposes.

#### ARTICLE X. COMPLIANCE

10 .01 Grantee and subgrantee will comply with state law, program rules and regulations and the Statement of Grant Award. In addition, Grantee and sub-grantee represents and warrants that it will comply with all requirements imposed by the awarding agency concerning special requirements of law, program requirements, and other administrative requirements. Information, guidance and program rules can be found in the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Grant Administrative Manual and if not found in the administrative manual then grantee and subgrantee must follow the Texas Grant Management Standards maintained under the authority of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. These grant management standards are used by the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority in the administration of the MVCPA grant program.

Sub-grantee Monitoring and Management- The local government must monitor the activities of the sub-grantee as necessary to ensure that sub-award performance goals are achieved and the sub-award is used for authorized purposes, in compliance with state law, rules, and the terms and conditions of the sub-award. Monitoring of the sub-grantee must include:

- (1) Reviewing financial and performance reports required by the local government.
- (2) Following-up and ensuring that the sub-grantee takes timely and appropriate action on all deficiencies pertaining to the sub-award provided to the sub-grantee from the local government detected through audits, on-site reviews, and other means.
- (3) Issuing a management decision for audit findings pertaining to the sub-award provided to the sub-grantee from the local government as required.

#### ARTICLE XI. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

11 .01 This Agreement supersedes any and all other agreements, either oral or in writing, between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof, and no other agreement, statement, or promise relating to the subject matter of this Agreement which is not contained herein shall be valid or binding upon all parties.

**EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE ORIGINALS, EACH OF WHICH SHALL HAVE THE FULL FORCE AND EFFECT OF AN ORIGINAL, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2024.**


County of Galveston by:

  
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Mark Henry, County Judge

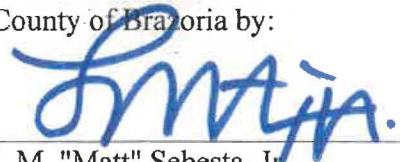
**November 12, 2024**  
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Date Signed

ATTEST:

  
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Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk




County of Brazoria by:

  
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L.M. "Matt" Sebesta, Jr.  
Brazoria County Judge

**10/22/24**  
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Date Signed

ATTEST:

  
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Joyce Hudman, Brazoria County Clerk

Galveston County Taskforce Grant Application for Fiscal Year 2025

Request for Application (RFA) (need link to rfa)

Primary Agency / Grantee Legal Name: *Galveston County*

Organization Type: *Law Enforcement*

Organization ORI (if applicable): *TX0840000: GALVESTON CO SO*

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

Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force covers Galveston, Brazoria, Matagorda, and Southern Harris County areas including participating agencies Galveston and Brazoria County Sheriff's Offices, Galveston and La Marque Police Departments. We conduct 68-A inspections, respond to complaints and assist on investigations for all coverage areas. The geographical area has a population growth during the summer time. Our analyst offers support not only statewide, Federal Agencies and internationally upon request.

**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.

<b>Participating Agencies</b>	<b>Coverage Agencies</b>
TX0200000 BRAZORIA CO SO (MIP)	TX0200100 ALVIN PD
TX0840000 GALVESTON CO SO	TX0200200 ANGLETON PD
TX0840400 GALVESTON PD	TX0200300 CLUTE PD
TX0840700 LA MARQUE PD	TX0200400 DANBURY PD
	TX0200500 FREEPORT PD



TX0200800 LAKE JACKSON PD  
 TX0200900 MANVEL PD  
 TX0201000 PEARLAND PD(MIP)(IBR)  
 TX0201100 RICHWOOD PD  
 TX0201200 SWEENEY PD (AE)  
 TX0201400 WEST COLUMBIA PD  
 TX0201700 ALVIN COMMUNITY COLL PD  
 TX0201800 BRAZORIA PD  
 TX0201900 BROOKSIDE VILLAGE PD  
 TX0202700 JONES CREEK PD (AE)  
 TX0202800 SURFSIDE BEACH PD  
 TX0202900 OYSTER CREEK PD  
 TX0203200 ALVIN ISD PD  
 TX0203300 ANGLETON ISD PD (AE)  
 TX0203500 COLUMBIA-BRAZORIA ISD PD  
 TX0840200 DICKINSON PD  
 TX0840300 FRIENDSWOOD PD (AE)  
 TX0840500 HITCHCOCK PD  
 TX0840600 KEMAH PD  
 TX0840800 LEAGUE CITY PD  
 TX0840900 TEXAS CITY PD  
 TX0841000 UTMB-GALVESTON PD  
 TX0841200 TX A&M GALVESTON PD (AE)  
 TX0841900 JAMAICA BEACH PD (AE)  
 TX0842100 SANTA FE PD  
 TX0842200 BAYOU VISTA PD  
 TX0842300 COLL OF THE MAINLAND PD  
 TX0842800 Santa Fe ISD PD  
 TX0843100 GALVESTON ISD PD

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

*Galveston Port Police Department ORI TX0842400, University of Texas UTMB TX0841000, Port of Freeport (Vehicle exports moved to Freeport from Galveston, Equipment imports/Exports remain in Galveston) No ORI*

**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](mailto: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
Personnel	\$423,048	\$25,500	\$448,548	
Fringe	\$0	\$152,540	\$152,540	
Overtime	\$42,305	\$0	\$42,305	
Professional and Contract Services	\$370,272	\$152,941	\$523,213	
Travel	\$22,960	\$0	\$22,960	
Equipment	\$162,805	\$45,000	\$207,805	
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE)	\$84,700	\$0	\$84,700	\$55,200
Total	\$1,106,090	\$375,981	\$1,482,071	\$55,200
Cash Match Percentage		33.99%		

Description	Subcategory	Pct Time	MVCPA Funds	Cash Match	Total	In-Kind Match
<b>Personnel</b>						
Lt/Commander (Position # 401)	Investigator/LEO	100	\$99,395	\$8,330	\$107,725	
Investigator (Position # 404)	Investigator/LEO	100	\$89,095	\$4,620	\$93,715	
Investigator (Position # 405)	Investigator/LEO	100	\$83,945	\$5,890	\$89,835	
Investigator (Position # 402)	Investigator/LEO	100	\$83,945	\$4,660	\$88,605	

Description	Subcategory	Pct Time	MVCPA Funds	Cash Match	Total	In-Kind Match
Analyst (Position #403)	Crime Analyst/LE Professional	100	\$66,668	\$2,000	\$68,668	
Total Personnel		500	\$423,048	\$25,500	\$448,548	
<b>Fringe</b>						
Lt/Commander (Position # 401)	Investigator/LEO		\$0	\$34,675	\$34,675	
Investigator (Position # 404)	Investigator/LEO		\$0	\$31,453	\$31,453	
Investigator (Position # 405)	Investigator/LEO		\$0	\$30,521	\$30,521	
Investigator (Position # 402)	Investigator/LEO		\$0	\$30,263	\$30,263	
Analyst (Position #403)	Crime Analyst/LE Professional		\$0	\$25,628	\$25,628	
Total Fringe			\$0	\$152,540	\$152,540	
<b>Overtime</b>						
Lt/Commander (Position # 401)	Investigator/LEO		\$9,940	\$0	\$9,940	
Investigator (Position # 404)	Investigator/LEO		\$8,910	\$0	\$8,910	
Investigator (Position # 405)	Investigator/LEO		\$8,394	\$0	\$8,394	
Investigator (Position # 402)	Investigator/LEO		\$8,394	\$0	\$8,394	
Analyst (Position #403)	Crime Analyst/LE Professional		\$6,667	\$0	\$6,667	
Total Overtime			\$42,305	\$0	\$42,305	
<b>Professional and Contract Services</b>						
Galveston PD- Sr Police Officer	Investigator/LEO - personnel	100	\$95,888	\$5,496	\$101,384	
Galveston PD- Sr Police Officer	Investigator/LEO - fringe	100	\$0	\$40,045	\$40,045	
Galveston PD-Sr Police Officer	Investigator/LEO - overtime	100	\$9,589	\$0	\$9,589	
La Marque PD- Investigator	Investigator/LEO - personnel	100	\$72,521	\$7,602	\$80,123	
La Marque PD- Investigator	Investigator/LEO - fringe	100	\$0	\$26,500	\$26,500	
La Marque PD- Investigator	Investigator/LEO - overtime	100	\$7,252	\$0	\$7,252	
Brazoria County Sheriff's Office	Investigator/LEO - personnel	100	\$84,101	\$2,105	\$86,206	
Brazoria County Sheriff's Office	Investigator/LEO - fringe	100	\$0	\$34,544	\$34,544	
Brazoria County Sheriff's Office	Investigator/LEO - overtime	100	\$8,410	\$0	\$8,410	
Brazoria County Sheriff's Office - 2nd investigator	Investigator/LEO - personnel	100	\$84,101	\$2,105	\$86,206	
Brazoria County Sheriff's Office - 2nd investigator	Investigator/LEO - fringe	100	\$0	\$34,544	\$34,544	
Brazoria County Sheriff's Office - 2nd investigator	Investigator/LEO - overtime	100	\$8,410	\$0	\$8,410	
Total Professional and Contract Services		1200	\$370,272	\$152,941	\$523,213	
<b>Travel</b>						
MVCPA Meetings & Workshop	Administrative In-state		\$1,640	\$0	\$1,640	
Advanced/Specialized Auto Theft Training	Training In-State		\$4,920	\$0	\$4,920	
TAVTI/	Training In-State		\$6,560	\$0	\$6,560	
MVCPA Conference	Training In-State		\$6,560	\$0	\$6,560	
Other Investigative Training	Training In-State		\$820	\$0	\$820	
Other Investigative Training	Training Out-of-State		\$820	\$0	\$820	
Investigations	Law enforcement In-State		\$820	\$0	\$820	
Investigations	Law enforcement Out-of-State		\$820	\$0	\$820	
Total Travel			\$22,960	\$0	\$22,960	
<b>Equipment</b>						

Description	Subcategory	Pct Time	MVCPA Funds	Cash Match	Total	In-Kind Match
Trucks (4)			\$150,000	\$45,000	\$195,000	
Computer			\$3,280	\$0	\$3,280	
Printer (for vehicles)			\$625	\$0	\$625	
Docking station (for vehicle)			\$1,700	\$0	\$1,700	
Cell Phone			\$1,200	\$0	\$1,200	
800 MHz Radio			\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000	
Total Equipment			\$162,805	\$45,000	\$207,805	
<b>Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE)</b>						
Service Contracts (Hardware/Software) (3)			\$17,500	\$0	\$17,500	
Fuel (8)			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$21,600
Vehicle Maintenance (14)			\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$9,600
Wireless Communications (3)			\$8,100	\$0	\$8,100	
Administrative Supplies (2)			\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	
Operating Supplies (2)			\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000	
Training (3)			\$3,600	\$0	\$3,600	
Vehicle Make Ready (4)			\$44,000	\$0	\$44,000	
Towing (1)			\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	
Utilities/Building Maintenance/Alarm (1)			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$24,000
Total Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE)			\$84,700	\$0	\$84,700	\$55,200

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#### A. Personnel

Personnel: Lt/Commander (Galveston County Sheriff's Office): Commander supervises daily operations of the Task Force including strategy development and case assignment/review. Maintains communication with the Project Director, investigators, and office personnel. The Unit Commander stays in contact with the County Auditor and Purchasing Agent to ensure compliance with the appropriate state and county regulations. Commander provides both tactical and strategic analytical support to all local, county, state, and federal agencies. Commander coordinates with the Analyst concerning appointments, travel, training, and monitoring grant and financial records. Attends and conducts peace officer training and public awareness programs as needed. 100% assigned to Auto Crimes Task Force. Investigators (Galveston County Sheriff's Office): Conduct investigations, both pro-active (self-initiated) and reactive; operates both overtly and covertly as deemed necessary by the Commander. Attends and conducts peace officer training. Conducts public awareness programs as directed. Serve as liaison to assigned districts sharing and gathering information related to motor vehicle crimes. Assist all local, county, state, and federal agencies when requested related to Auto Crimes Task Force stated mission assignments. 100% assigned to Auto Crimes Task Force. Analyst (Galveston County Sheriff's Office): Performs intelligence analysis including research, crime mapping, link analysis, VIN decoding, secondary identification methods, and any other vehicle related requests for local, state, and federal investigators. 100% assigned to Auto Crimes Task Force. Personnel not listed in funding tables includes 1 part time reserve deputy assigned to the Auto Crimes Task Force. Their duties may include: conducting investigations, both pro-active (self-initiated) and reactive; operating both overtly and covertly as deemed necessary by the Commander. Attends and conducts peace officer training. Conducts public awareness programs as directed. Serve as liaison to assigned districts sharing and gathering information related to motor vehicle crimes. No grant funds requested for salaries; nor matches used in grant application; however, some costs may be incurred to provide training or equipment necessary to conduct ACTF business. Note: Salaries listed are based on current amounts with a 3% buffer included to account for any potential COLAs or increases for the coming fiscal year. Salary Cash Matches include Law Enforcement Career Path Program costs (for sworn personnel) as follows: Certification Pay (based on level of certification as follows: \$75 per month for intermediate certification; \$100 per month for advanced certification; and \$150 per month for master certification); and Longevity Pay: \$10.00 per each year of time in service per month. Also included is a one-time bonus of \$2,000 per employee typically given to County employees in the second pay period in November if approved for FY2025.

#### B. Fringe

Fringe: Amounts reflected above include the following benefits for all county employees at their current rates with a 3% buffer for potential COLAs for FY 2025 plus overtime: Pension -Texas County District and Retirement System (TCDRS) at 11.91%; Alternate Plan (County does not participate in Social Security) at 7.84675%; Medicare at 1.450%; Unemployment Insurance at 0.14%; Health Insurance at \$795/month.

#### C. Overtime

Overtime funds requested were calculated at 10% of current base pay plus a 3% buffer for potential COLAS per employee for FY 2025. Overtime funds would be used to conduct special operations and activities and would be approved by the Commander on a case by case basis. These funds could offset some of the time off and man-power shortages frequently experienced due to comp time accrual overages.

#### D. Professional and Contract Services

Galveston Police Department (Sr Police Officer): Conduct investigations, both pro-active (self-initiated) and reactive; operates both overtly and covertly as deemed necessary by the Commander. Attends and conducts peace officer training. Conducts public awareness programs as directed. Serve as liaison to assigned districts sharing and gathering information related to motor vehicle crimes. Assist all local, county, state, and federal agencies when requested related to Auto Crimes Task Force stated mission

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assignments. 100% assigned to Auto Crimes Task Force. GPD Salary total calculated at current base with a potential 3% COLA; Salary Cash Match shown for the following incentive pay: Certification Pay (based on TCOLE certification - Intermediate: \$100/month; Advanced: \$167/month; and Masters: \$208/month); Longevity Pay (\$50 /month); and Education Pay (based on degree held from nationally accredited college or university - Associates: \$75/month; Bachelors: \$200/month; Masters: \$250/month). Cash Match for GPD Benefits/Fringe include: Pension (18%); Social Security (6.20%); Medicare (1.450%); Health Insurance (\$926/month); Dental Insurance (\$24/month); and Life Insurance (\$15/month). GPD overtime requested for FY 2025 calculated at 10% of the projected base pay and are included in Fringe amounts. La Marque Police Department (Investigator): Conduct investigations, both pro-active (self-initiated) and reactive; operates both overtly and covertly as deemed necessary by the Commander. Attends and conducts peace officer training. Conducts public awareness programs as directed. Serve as liaison to assigned districts sharing and gathering information related to motor vehicle crimes. Assist all local, county, state, and federal agencies when requested related to Auto Crimes Task Force stated mission assignments. 100% assigned to Auto Crimes Task Force. LMPD Salary total calculated at current base rate plus 6% as negotiated in their Collective Bargaining Agreement for FY 2025; Salary Cash Match shown for the following incentive pay: Certification Pay: up to \$205/month; Longevity Pay: \$642 one-time annual payment received in November; an Equipment Allowance: \$85/month; Investigator Pay: \$200/month; and a phone stipend of \$90/month. Cash Match for LMPD Benefits/Fringe include: Pension (14.29%); Social Security (6.20%); Medicare (1.450%); and Health Insurance (\$598.72/month). LMPD overtime requested for FY 2025 calculated at 10% of the projected base pay and are included in Fringe amounts. Brazoria County Sheriffs Office (Investigator): Conduct investigations, both pro-active (self-initiated) and reactive; operates both overtly and covertly as deemed necessary by the Commander. Attends and conducts peace officer training. Conducts public awareness programs as directed. Serve as liaison to assigned districts sharing and gathering information related to motor vehicle crimes. Assist all local, county, state, and federal agencies when requested related to Auto Crimes Task Force stated mission assignments. 100% assigned to Auto Crimes Task Force. BCSO Salary total calculated at current base rate plus 3% for potential COLAS or pay increases for FY 2025. Salary Cash Match shown for the following incentive pay: Certification Pay: \$138.46/month; and Longevity Pay: \$36.92/month. Cash Match for BCSO Benefits/Fringe include: Pension (13.27%); AUL alternate to SSN (6.017%); Medicare (1.45%); Health Insurance: \$1,000/month; Health Clinic for employees: \$20/pay period; 401-H (2.4%); and Unemployment (.14%). BCSO overtime requested for FY 2025 calculated at 10% of the projected base pay and are included in Fringe amounts. For FY 2025 we are asking for a second investigator position from the Brazoria County Sheriffs Office. Having the first investigator assigned here for FY 2024 we now see how great a need there is for further coverage there. We have identified multiple chop shops and theft rings there with the first investigator, and Brazoria County has shown an interest in increasing their participation with the task force. If approved, the 2nd Brazoria County Investigator would: Conduct investigations, both pro-active (self-initiated) and reactive; operates both overtly and covertly as deemed necessary by the Commander. Attends and conducts peace officer training. Conducts public awareness programs as directed. Serve as liaison to assigned districts sharing and gathering information related to motor vehicle crimes. Assist all local, county, state, and federal agencies when requested related to Auto Crimes Task Force stated mission assignments. 100% assigned to Auto Crimes Task Force. The amounts reflected above are calculated at the same rates for the current Brazoria County Sheriffs Office Investigator.

### E. Travel

Galveston County adopted new per diem rates and updated their travel policy in FY 2024. The mileage rate is in conjunction with the IRS standard mileage rate. Each investigator assigned by contract will follow the travel policies of their home agencies respectively and will invoice ACTF for reimbursement of travel costs incurred. An average general per diem of \$55 per day used in below calculations. Administrative (In-State): ACTF anticipates travel to MVCPA Board Meetings and/or grant workshop quarterly for Commander and Analyst. Estimated total \$1,640: (calculated as an overnight stay 4 times per year: \$150/night x 2 people - \$1,200 hotel; plus per diem: \$55/day x 2 people x 4 times = \$440). Training: Travel expenses following are listed schools and others as yet to be announced to expand the level of training and knowledge of personnel assigned to Auto Crimes Task Force. Advanced/Specialized Auto Theft (In-State) \$4,920: (locations not determined yet for FY 2024 but calculated for 3 employees to attend each: \$150/night x 3 people x 4 nights x 2 classes = \$3,600; plus per diem: \$55/day x 3 people x 4 nights x 2 classes = \$1,320). TAVTI -Texas Association of Auto Theft Investigators (In-State) \$6,560: (Dallas, FY 2024 estimated funds include: 8 hotel rooms at \$150/night for 4 nights - \$4,800; per diem: \$55/day x 4 days x 8 people = \$1,760). MVCPA Conference (In-State) \$6,560 (location not yet determined for FY 2024 but calculated for 8 hotel rooms at \$150/night for 4 nights - \$4,800; per diem: \$55/day x 4 days x 8 people = \$1,760). Investigative Training (In-State) \$820: (could include New Detective and Criminal Investigator Training; Interview and Interrogation Training, etc. and will be scheduled locally where available. Calculated at 2 hotel rooms for \$150 twice per year; per diem \$55/day x 2 people x 2 classes = \$220 in case non-local travel necessary for investigative training opportunities). Investigative Training (Out-of-State) \$820: (not determined at this time but calculated at 2 hotel rooms for \$150 twice per year; per diem \$55/day x 2 people x 2 classes = \$220 in case non-local travel necessary out-of-state such as NICB or other training opportunities). Investigative (In-State) \$820: (not determined at this time but calculated at 2 hotel rooms for \$150 twice per year; per diem \$55/day x 2 people x 2 times = \$220 in case of in-state travel needed to conduct investigation or follow up on leads (non-training funds). Investigative (Out-of-State) \$820: (not determined at this time but calculated at 2 hotel rooms for \$150 twice per year; per diem \$55/day x 2 people x 2 times = \$220 in case of out-of-state travel needed to conduct investigation or follow up on leads (non-training funds) in Louisiana or in another state.

### F. Equipment

Trucks (4): requesting to replace 3 existing agents' vehicles and purchase one new vehicle for the newly applied-for detective position. Three trucks to be replaced are older, high mileage trucks. Estimated cost of \$45,000 per truck with trade for 4x4 pickups to be able to tow and access difficult terrains, including beaches; requesting \$60,000 for the new truck (with no trade). We request permission to use \$45,000 Program Income as cash match for the purchase of one the replacements. If our new detective position is approved, we will also need: Computer (1) estimated cost of \$3,280; Printer for truck (1): \$625 to allow for investigator to be able to issue 68A forms from the field; a Docking Station for the computer while in the truck: \$1,700; a Cell Phone (1) estimated at \$1,200 to include a ruggedized case for the new detective; and an 800 MHz radio (\$6000) to be installed in the new truck for communications.

### G. Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE)

Service Contracts: \$17,500 for Software Licensing and Maintenance costs - \$11,500 to renew annual contract with Vigilant Solutions for Law Enforcement Archival and Reporting Network (LEARN) and National Vehicle Location System (NVLS) access to LPR data (including private data) and Facial Recognition System; Software Licensing and Maintenance costs of \$3,000 to CovertTrack to renew annual contract to access mapping for tracking devices; Hardware Maintenance Contract annual renewal with Vigilant Solutions for \$3,000 to provide upgrades to the existing License Plate Reader camera system. Fuel: The county and cities provide fuel for ACTF

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vehicles including investigator vehicles and LPR. All amounts shown as in-kind match are based on estimate of \$200/month and include the potential new Brazoria County investigator position. Quarterly expenditure reports will document actual match by each entity. Vehicle Maintenance: \$3,000 to cover any cost for maintenance or repair to bait vehicles (bait car, cargo trailer, all-terrain vehicles and personal water craft); License Plate Reader vehicle; ACTF Polaris UTV; and ACTF crime prevention trailer; and \$8,400 In-Kind from the County and Cities to repair and maintain agent's vehicles (8 total including the newly applied-for Brazoria County position) estimated at \$1,200/agent. Wireless Communications: \$8,100 including cell phones used by ACTF staff \$55/month for 9 lines totaling \$5,940; Also includes costs of Insight app to be added to each phone to allow ability to TCIC/NCIC data from cell phones in the field at \$20/phone per month totaling \$2,160. Administrative Supplies: \$1000 for Routine office supplies, paper, batteries for electronics, audio/videotapes, and blank CDs/DVDs, etc. These items assist personnel to perform efficiently and professionally. Operating Supplies \$6,000: Estimated \$3,000 for Departmental Supplies such as cleaners and degreasers for use in identifying vehicles/parts, small hand tools, VIN etching supplies; finger print supplies; and other items used by Auto Crimes Task Force Agents in the course of their assigned duties; and \$3,000 for Crime Prevention Supplies to allow the purchase and replenishment of popular give-away promotional items. Training: \$3,600 to allow for training opportunities to attend Texas Association of Vehicle Theft Investigators (TAVTI) conference at \$200/person for 8 people; one person to attend a local arson investigation training at \$500; and \$1,500 to allow for any other investigative training opportunities that may arise. Vehicle Make Ready: \$44,000 - estimated at \$11,000 each for installing 4 new agent vehicles with lights, sirens, antennas, tint, tool boxes, pep-link etc. and de-installation costs of current equipment from the 3 existing vehicles to be traded. Towing \$1,500 Auto Crimes Task Force utilizes our car hauler for most recoveries, however, some circumstances necessitate the use of a contract wrecker service. It is estimated that these instances should not exceed \$1,500 in towing fees. Utilities/Building Maintenance/Alarm: In-kind match shown for County provided utility services (electrical, water, sewer, garbage disposal, etc.) and maintains/repairs the building for the Auto Crimes Task Force. 24-hour monitoring and call-out service for our office building (alarm systems) are also provided by Galveston County. Cost of utilities estimated at \$2000/month, however quarterly expenditure reports will document actual utility bill amounts.

**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**

Galveston County	Grantee	\$178,040
City of Galveston	Subgrantee	\$45,541
City of La Marque	Subgrantee	\$34,102
Brazoria County	Subgrantee	\$73,298
Program Income	Program Income	\$45,000
<b>Total Cash Match</b>		<b>\$375,981</b>

**Source of In-Kind Match**

Galveston County	Grantee	\$40,800.00
City of Galveston	Subgrantee	\$3,600.00
City of La Marque	Subgrantee	\$3,600.00
Brazoria County	Subgrantee	\$7,200.00
<b>Total In-Kind Match</b>		<b>\$55,200.00</b>

**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)
Galveston County including cities	704	1,447	8	686	1,409	13
Brazoria County including cities	495	1,452	6	470	621	9

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**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)

*Galveston County is the grantee and is governed by county commissioners' court. The court appointed Galveston County Sheriff to oversee this project. Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force command structure has a Director (appointed by Sheriff), Commander, Assistant Commander, Analyst and four Investigators. The task force follows the command structure of the Sheriff's Office. Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force is a multi-agency/multi-county and multi-jurisdictional task force with extensive training in auto theft and vehicle financial fraud. The task force coordinates responses both pro-actively and re-actively to multifaceted motor vehicle crimes throughout the region. Motor vehicle crimes are often tied to organized crime and patterns of crime that require the task force to proactively communicate across jurisdictional boundaries. Economic enterprises and individuals sustaining illegal behavior, including*

*theft by fraud, are causing harmful losses to Texas communities. Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force proposes to reduce auto crimes throughout Galveston and Brazoria counties and the surrounding areas by collaborating with law enforcement agencies within Galveston/Brazoria counties and the surrounding counties by conducting covert operations, surveillance, vehicle identification, agency assistance, and intelligence sharing. Crime mapping and analytical research is an integral part of fighting the varied array of criminal enterprises across multiple jurisdictions. We develop strategies and utilize crime statistics to assign personnel to operations to proactively combat thefts and burglaries of motor vehicles/parts. We utilize available resources (license plate reader, bait vehicles, and covert/undercover equipment) to target and reduce the rate of burglaries of motor vehicles/parts and thefts of motor vehicles. Investigators also work re-actively, investigating assigned follow up cases from participating agencies to help identify prolific offenders and potential suspects and/or actors. We further conduct vehicle inspections for port operations and DMV 68-A forms. Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force will conduct vehicle theft/burglary of a vehicle/Catalytic converter public education/awareness events that will influence the community to safeguard their vehicles and personal property through the use of practical prevention methods. Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force provides an Analyst who assists officers from any requesting Local, County, State, or Federal Agency. Task Force funding is crucial to combat, burglary of motor vehicles/parts, theft of motor vehicles, boat theft, boat trailer theft, and heavy equipment crimes within the coverage areas and the Port of Galveston and Port of Freeport in Brazoria county.*

- 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)?

*Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task force is governed by Galveston County Commissioners' Court which has assigned Galveston County Sheriff as being responsible for task force operations. Galveston County Sheriff has designated a Galveston County CID Captain as Director of the task force. The Director assigned a Galveston County Sheriff's Office CID Lieutenant as the Commander of the task force. Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force is a multi-agency/multi-county task force which has interlocal agreements with participating agencies. These agencies agreed to set conditions in the agreement to participate. Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force covers all of Galveston County law enforcement agencies including State, and Federal agencies. We further cover southern Harris County agencies, Brazoria County agencies and Matagorda County by request. We also include the Port of Galveston (Galveston County) and Port of Freeport in Brazoria County. Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force provides an Analyst who is 80% funded by MVCPA. The remaining 20% funding is carried by the Sheriff's Office to allow analytical assistance to other divisions in the Galveston County Sheriff's Office outside the realm of auto theft/burglaries to automobiles. It should be noted that while not fully dedicated to GCACTF or MVCPA, due to funding shortages statewide, this analyst is also providing assistance to other MVCPA funded task forces as well as to any requesting Local, County, State or Federal Agency. Some of the operational costs listed in this grant application are used to provide this statewide assistance as well. Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force only targets criminal populations and/or hotspots and areas as identified through crime mapping and analysis, or upon request by law enforcement agencies within our coverage area.*

#### **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.

*Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force provides full service to Galveston County (population 362,556 per reports for 2022) Brazoria County (population 388,181 per reports for 2022). (Note: Summer population triples in Galveston and Brazoria Counties). Additionally, Southern Harris and Matagorda counties are served on a request basis. Brazoria County Sheriff's Office is requesting to join Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force and have been included on the FY24 application to make Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force multi-Agency and multi-County for the region. Two areas in the counties have seen dramatic increases in burglaries of motor vehicles, jugging, which we intend to address. The north end of Galveston County and eastern Brazoria County is ever-growing in population and retail businesses creating a target rich environment; and the tourist industry in the southern part of Galveston County and Brazoria County has seen record increases since the growth of the economy. Both areas have increased incidents of violence associated with motor vehicle crimes due to inflation. Galveston County and Brazoria County suffered losses of 7.5 million dollars in 2022 due to motor vehicle burglaries and catalytic converter thefts. Victims also suffer an array of losses well beyond economic, such as lost time, lost business, and lost wages and overall diminishment of community well-being. In CY 2022, there were (Galveston County) 1,687 (Brazoria County 1452) burglaries of motor vehicles/catalytic converters/thefts of other parts with a total value loss of \$7,583,824 and an average loss \$2,416.00 (FBI) per incident. Since 2022 (3,139) compared to 2021 (2,814) there has been a 10.91% increase in vehicle burglaries/theft of parts and catalytic converter thefts in Galveston and Brazoria Counties, but Northern parts of the counties have drastically increased. These increases are attributed to lack of public awareness. Joining forces and collaborating with other state and local law enforcement agencies can help significantly. Providing local law enforcement training may assist in the decline of vehicle part thefts and burglaries. Galveston and Brazoria Counties have experienced incidences of violence associated with motor vehicle crimes. Much of this is due to increased gang activity throughout the region. There are multiple trends occurring which involve motor vehicle burglaries/parts (Catalytic converters), including victim assisted crime; organized crime; gang crime, firearms being stolen; drug related; assorted frauds and vehicle thefts from dealerships.*

- 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.

*Since 1993 GCACTF has provided full service targeting vehicle thefts in Galveston County (population 362,556 per reports 2022). Brazoria County (population 388,181 per reports 2022) Additionally, Brazoria, Southern Harris and Matagorda counties are served on a request basis. Recently there has been an increase in requests from Brazoria County agencies which has them requesting to join Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force. Galveston, Southern Harris, Brazoria, and Matagorda Counties have reported increases in motor vehicle thefts. There are multiple trends occurring which involve motor vehicle thefts including victim assisted crime; organized crime; drug related; trafficking in humans and narcotics; theft of rental cars through fraud; gang motor vehicle thefts, chop shops; internet scams; and dealership burglaries and theft of vehicles. In CY 2022 there were 731 Galveston County vehicle thefts totaling \$6,495,666.00 and Brazoria County motor vehicle thefts 581 totaling \$5,162,766.00, with an average loss of \$8,886.00 (FBI) bringing the total loss due to motor vehicle theft, burglary of motor vehicles, and Catalytic converters in Galveston and Brazoria Counties to \$11,658,432.00. The City of Galveston and southern Brazoria County typically experience a significant increase in motor vehicle*

thefts in the summer months (Summer population increases in both counties). This can almost surely be attributed to the increase in visitors due to the beaches and tourism industry combined with schools being on summer break. The international seaport in Galveston/Freeport has increased vehicle import/export traffic involving human trafficking, narcotics, and U.S. Currency. We have seen a increase in stolen heavy equipment being hauled to the southern border to be taken out of the United States of America. Galveston and Brazoria Counties reported approximately 1,312 incidents of motor vehicle thefts. in 2022. While 2021 MVT (1,251) compared to 2022 (1,312) a 4.76% increase for 2022, current trends so far for CY 2022 are showing spikes in thefts in Galveston and Brazoria counties. The auto theft issue defies all boundaries: jurisdictional, political, geographical or administrative. Because of the changing trends and complexity of the issue, the auto theft fight requires the cooperation, collaboration, and involvement of many stakeholders including the State of Texas. As the vehicle theft landscape continues to evolve, so must the search for innovative solutions to combat the activities of determined vehicle thieves.

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.

*Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force has always worked assorted frauds involving vehicles. Certain types of fraud are increasing like title fraud from vehicles being stolen from dealerships which are then vin switched to sell with a bogus title. The vehicle is listed on various social media sites and a sale is made for thousands of dollars. The targeted victims are usually immigrants due to them dealing in cash. We have seen financial fraud from wrecker services selling vehicles, Insurance fraud, Odometer fraud, and Identity fraud and synthetic identity sales.*

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...

*Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force has worked operations involving various gang organizations conducting thefts at numerous motor vehicle dealerships throughout Galveston and surrounding counties. The actors will go look at a vehicle and either copy keys or switch out key fobs to later return and steal the vehicle. Once they steal the vehicle they will list it on social media for sale and sell it before the dealership even knows it is stolen. They may also use it to go across the southern border for human smuggling or narcotic transport, commit other crimes, strip it for parts, or conduct a vin switch on it to resell. We have conducted inspections and recovered vin switches at the international ports on vehicles and heavy equipment. These vin switches are also related to insurance fraud cases involving vehicles.*

#### **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)

*Through increased communication and collaboration with law enforcement agencies and interaction directly with citizens and civic groups, along with increased visibility through the LPR and crime prevention displays, we shall see a renewed reduction in the numbers of motor burglaries. Increased TCOLE training for officers should increase awareness of burglary interdiction to have a positive impact. Approaches Functions Of Proposed Project Operations and services are provided to all law enforcement agencies and citizens of Galveston County, and to areas outside of Galveston County on a request basis. Since 2007, GCACTF has continually thought outside the box to enact new and innovative programs to combat motor vehicle burglary/parts. Investigators are specially trained in vehicle identification and investigations, cell phone examinations and standard and electronic surveillance measures, in addition to traditional burglary investigation methods. Our experience originated before the first task force was ever formed. The ABTPA concept originated in Galveston County and we were one of the first projects in 1993. GCACTF was the first to have a stripped vehicle display, crime prevention trailer, and has hosted five grantee conferences. We have also hosted four International Law Enforcement Conferences with a focus on vehicle and marine theft. GCACTF was one of the first programs to initiate bait vehicle operations. We also operate a highly successful LPR program. GCACTF strives to be at the forefront of technical advances in vehicle theft interdiction and have incorporated crime analysis and crime mapping to streamline operations and resources effectively. Actions Gulf Coast Auto Crimes uses various combinations of the following eight methods to combat burglary of motor vehicles and parts: 1) Investigation: Officers funded under MVCPA generally operate in specialized units that require both proactive and reactive experience in motor vehicle burglary/parts investigative skills. The officers examine reports, review intelligence, develop leads and witnesses, identify offenders, identify and track criminal organizations, and develop sources of information from victims, informants and community members. 2) Analysis: Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force employs an Analyst who provides analytical support to investigators and assists officers from any requesting Local, County, State, and Federal Agencies. She utilizes available resources to provide crime mapping, analytical research, strategies and statistics to identify trends and areas with high rates of burglaries of motor vehicles/parts and assists investigators with research to identify prolific offenders and potential suspects and/or actors involved with burglaries of motor vehicles. 3) Identification: Motor vehicle burglary and theft investigators receive specialized training to identify vehicles and parts of vehicles. Certain title transactions require these specially trained officers to certify the proper vehicle identification number prior to completion. This skill is critical to not only establishing the elements of motor vehicle crime for prosecution purposes but also in recovering vehicles/parts and clearing cases. The specialized skill in vehicle identification is often used to assist other departments and agencies in critical moments. The specialized training and skill set promoted by MVCPA allows task force officers the means to identify most manufactured vehicles and trailers and their parts. 4) Collaboration: GCACTF*

collaborates across local, state and federal departments and jurisdictions to identify criminal enterprises. Additionally, task forces are seeing motor vehicle burglary/parts with highly organized criminal networks using illegal methods to convert the vehicles into economic value through title fraud, insurance fraud, or exportation. The MVCPA funded task force works across all levels of government and across all boundaries to be effective in reducing motor vehicle burglary/parts. 5) Motor Vehicle Business Support: Task force conducts inspections of salvage yards, recycling centers, rebuilders and other motor vehicle related businesses. When vehicle parts are identified the task force works with local businesses to identify and interrupt the criminal network that brought the stolen items into the system. The task force also works to shut down illegal operations that render stolen motor vehicle parts, which are often referred to as "chop shops". These illegal operations undermine legitimate businesses throughout the state. 6) Port Coordination: GCACTF coordinate efforts along the port of Galveston to interdict criminal networks moving stolen vehicles and parts to and from the country. The port (HAMOC) monthly team meetings discussions coordinated by Homeland Security, have increased the communication between jurisdictions where vehicles are stolen and/or parted out for international transport through ports. Not all stolen vehicles are taken to Mexico. The coordination promoted by GCACTF/Homeland Security has helped agencies think more regionally to solve motor vehicle theft/parts. 7) Technology: Task force Investigators have developed sophisticated techniques to identify and arrest offenders who burglarize and steal motor vehicles/parts. The task force uses bait cars and trailers, license plate readers, surveillance equipment, and tracking equipment when authorized by courts. This technology and the expertise needed to successfully utilize it is critical to GCACTF task force to decrease incidents of thefts/burglaries and meet the statutory measures to increase recoveries of stolen vehicles/parts; increase clearance of cases; and increase arrests. 8) Identify Prolific Offenders: The task force works diligently to identify prolific offenders. Many motor vehicle burglary/parts and theft cases are committed by the same individuals or groups. GCACTF works with Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Office of Inspector General and other law enforcement agencies and utilizes a law enforcement confidential system, FUGINET (a database of inmate and parolee information) to conduct roundups of parolees convicted of motor vehicle burglary/parts and theft. FUGINET provides special coordinated access to incarcerated persons, and intelligence gathering specially crafted for motor vehicle burglary/parts and theft. 9) Communication and collaboration: GCACTF spends a great deal of effort in communicating with each other, other law enforcement agencies, vehicle manufacturers, and our communities. We work with command structures and regional DPS Crime Information Centers on receiving and providing intelligence. The task force issues BOLOs (be-on-the-lookouts) through the TCIC/NCIC centers and direct communications. The task force uses all communication means necessary, including social media platforms, to clear cases, arrest offenders and recover vehicles and property. The following services are provided to participating agencies within Galveston County, as well as to the agencies in our coverage area when requested: Conduct investigations regarding auto burglaries, including stripped vehicles/parts, salvage switch parts, insurance fraud, and assorted fraud cases. Provide direct and indirect investigative assistance to all law enforcement agencies regarding burglaries of vehicles/parts. Provide assistance regarding patterns of criminal activity relating to burglaries of motor vehicle/parts. Provide investigative assistance in any criminal activity committed in conjunction with burglaries of motor vehicles/parts to include gang activity, narcotics trafficking, etc. Provide assistance to citizens and law enforcement agencies concerning complaints regarding burglaries of motor vehicles (this may include implementing operations, conducting surveillance and/or using bait to combat the activity) Conduct inspections of vehicle related businesses (recycling facilities, storage facilities, tow yards, salvage dealers, etc.) to ensure compliance with appropriate state and federal statutory and regulatory laws/rules. Additionally, ACTF will provide assistance in the investigation of citizen complaints involving Vehicle Storage Facilities in coverage area. Assist requesting law enforcement agencies in coverage area regarding the execution of search warrants, arrest warrants, motions to revoke probation, and parole revocations regarding burglaries of motor vehicles. Provide analytical assistance to all requesting law enforcement agencies pertaining to burglaries of motor vehicles. Provide instructors and/or speakers to area civic organizations, school districts, Citizen Police Academies, In-service training, and Basic Police Academies, and law enforcement agencies in the areas of crime prevention and probable cause development regarding burglaries of motor vehicles. Provide electronic and technical equipment and assistance to requesting law enforcement agencies relating to burglaries of motor vehicles. Assist in processing of recovered stolen evidence/parts related to burglaries of motor vehicles and/or provide assistance/training to requesting agencies regarding the processing of recovered evidence/parts. Provide On-Call Agent 24 hours a day/7 days a week to assist law enforcement agencies in coverage area regarding burglaries of motor vehicles.

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

Changing trends in our area dictate that we must place a higher priority on crime prevention education and training initiatives, combined with crime analysis and mapping to reinforce operations targeting vehicles left with keys in them. Partnerships and presentations to apartments and neighborhood watch associations; homeowners associations; local businesses; and citizens police and sheriff's academy associations are made to educate and assist in crime prevention. Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force will increase communication and training of crime prevention to law enforcement personnel. We will continue the increased visibility through static display of stripped vehicle displays. Approaches Functions Of Proposed Project Since 1993 the GCACTF has continually thought outside the box to enact new and innovative programs to combat motor vehicle theft. Currently ACTF agents are specially trained in vehicle inspections/investigations, cell phone examinations and standard and electronic surveillance measures, in addition to traditional auto theft investigative methods. Operations and services are provided to all law enforcement agencies and the citizens of Galveston County as well as the counties serviced on a request basis. Our experience originated before the first task force was ever formed. The ABTPA concept originated in Galveston County and we were one of the first projects in 1993. GCACTF was the first to have a stripped vehicle display, crime prevention trailer, and has hosted four grantee conferences. We have also hosted four International Law Enforcement Conferences with a focus on vehicle and marine theft. GCACTF was one of the first programs to initiate bait vehicle operations. We also operate a highly successful LPR program. GCACTF strives to be at the forefront of technical advances in vehicle theft interdiction and has incorporated Crime analysis and crime mapping to streamline operations and resources effectively. Members of our task force remain vigilant in the fight against motor vehicle theft. Actions The task force uses various combinations of the following eight methods to combat motor vehicle theft: 1) Investigation: Officers funded under MVCPA generally operate in specialized units that require both proactive and reactive experience in motor vehicle theft investigative skills. The officers examine reports, review intelligence, develop leads and witnesses, identify offenders, identify and track criminal organizations, and develop sources of information from victims, informants and community members. 2) Analysis: Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force employs an Analyst who provides analytical support to investigators and assists officers from any requesting Local, County, State, and Federal Agencies. She utilizes available resources to provide crime mapping, analytical research, strategies and statistics to identify trends and areas with high rates of vehicle thefts and assists investigators with research to identify prolific offenders and potential suspects and/or actors involved with motor vehicle thefts and associated gateway crimes. She regularly assists other MVCPA task



forces and DPS auto theft investigators with secondary VIN locations, VIN decoding, rebuilding VINs and cross-referencing vehicles and components for positive identification of altered, burned, stolen and partially identified vehicles for investigations and 68A inspections. 3) Identification: Motor vehicle burglary and theft investigators receive specialized training to identify vehicles. Certain title transactions require these specially trained officers to certify the proper vehicle identification number prior to completion. This skill is critical to not only establishing the elements of motor vehicle crime for prosecution purposes but also in recovering vehicles and clearing cases. The specialized skill in vehicle identification is often used to assist other departments and agencies in critical moments. The specialized training and skill set promoted by MVCPA allows task force officers the means to identify most manufactured vehicles and trailers as well as ATVs, boats, and heavy equipment. 4) Collaboration: GCACTF collaborates across local, state and federal departments and jurisdictions to identify criminal enterprises. Additionally, task forces are seeing motor vehicle theft cases with highly organized criminal networks using illegal methods to convert the vehicles into economic value through title fraud, insurance fraud, or exportation. The MVCPA funded task force works across all levels of government and across all boundaries to be effective in reducing motor vehicle theft. 5) Motor Vehicle Business Support: Task force conducts inspections of salvage yards, recycling centers, rebuilders and other motor vehicle related businesses. When stolen vehicles are identified the task force works with local businesses to identify and interrupt the criminal network that brought the stolen items into the system. The task force also works to shut down illegal operations that render stolen motor vehicles and parts, which are often referred to as "chop shops". These illegal operations undermine legitimate businesses throughout the state. 6) Port Coordination: GCACTF coordinate efforts along the port of Galveston to interdict criminal networks moving stolen vehicles to and from the country. The port (HAMOC) monthly team meetings discussions coordinated by Homeland Security, have increased the communication between jurisdictions where vehicles are stolen. Not all stolen vehicles are taken to Mexico. 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The following services are provided to participating agencies within Galveston County, as well as to the agencies in our coverage area when requested: Conduct investigations regarding commercial auto theft in coverage area to include stripping operations, salvage switch operations, and insurance fraud cases. Provide direct and indirect investigative assistance to requesting law enforcement agencies regarding carjacking and vehicle arson incidents. Provide assistance regarding patterns of criminal activity relating to vehicle crimes including unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, theft of motor vehicles including trailers, ATVs, 4 wheelers, boats/personal watercraft, and heavy equipment. Provide investigative assistance in any criminal activity involving the use of stolen vehicles to include gang activity, narcotics trafficking, smuggling of persons and/or property, etc. Assist citizens and law enforcement agencies concerning complaints regarding new and used car dealers in coverage area inspect vehicle related businesses (recycling facilities, storage facilities, tow yards, salvage dealers, etc.) to ensure compliance with appropriate state and federal statutory and regulatory laws/rules. Additionally, ACTF will provide assistance in investigation of citizen complaints involving vehicle related business inspect in-bound and out-bound vehicles and heavy equipment at Port of Galveston and Port of Freeport in cooperation with the US Customs Service. Inspections will include Cargo Containers and RORO ships being used to export vehicles through the Port of Galveston and Port of Freeport. Assist law enforcement agencies in coverage area regarding execution of search warrants, arrest warrants, motions to revoke probation, and parole revocations regarding vehicle crimes and other violations involving persons with a history of engaging in vehicle crimes. Provide analytical assistance to all requesting law enforcement agencies pertaining to vehicle crimes, organized criminal activity, and crimes involving serious bodily injury/death or the potential for serious bodily injury/death to any person [i.e. sexual assaults, kidnapping, murder, and serial offenses] Provide instructors and/or speakers to area civic organizations, school districts, and law enforcement agencies in the areas of crime prevention, probable cause development regarding vehicle crimes, citizen police academies, in-service training, and basic police academies. Provide electronic and technical equipment and assistance to requesting law enforcement agencies relating to vehicle crimes. Assist in processing of recovered stolen vehicles for evidence recovery where the recovering agency does not have sufficient personnel or additional circumstances exist limiting available personnel. ACTF will provide training to requesting agencies regarding the processing of recovered vehicles. Provide on-call agent 24 hours a day / 7 days a week to assist requesting law enforcement agencies with investigating auto theft and/or surveillance of located vehicles, interviewing and processing of persons arrested in motor vehicle crimes, Lo-Jack tracking of stolen vehicle

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

Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force will continue taking referrals of title fraud, registration fraud, Insurance fraud, Odometer fraud, Vin fraud including vin switches and vin cloning, and Identify fraud sales and synthetic identity sales cases. We will also work with TxDMV Investigators in reference to fraudulent cases which are referred to GCACTF. Approaches 1) Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force will contact the surrounding tax offices and assist them in any fraud related crimes reported. 2) We will pursue title and registration fraud cases which come in on 68-A inspections which leaves unsuspecting victims due to dealing in cash sales. 3) Vin switches and vin cloning will be pursued which are located in 68-A inspections. 4) Identify fraud and synthetic fraud cases reported will be investigated. 5) Odometer fraud cases will be investigated which are referred by Tax offices. Actions All fraud cases will be investigated by Investigators which are referred or reported.

### 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)

*Stunning Theft Trends Continue To Close In On Near Record Highs* Vehicle theft data, provided by the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and analyzed by NICB, indicates over 745,000 vehicles have been stolen in the first three quarters of 2022, with over 250,000 having been reported to law enforcement since the end of June. This is a 24% increase compared to this same time period in 2019. If this trend continues, totals could exceed one million stolen vehicles nationally by the end of the year and surpass pre-pandemic highs by more than 100,000 stolen vehicles. (NICB, DES PLAINES, IL, November 2, 2022) To reduce motor vehicle crime the task force will spend a great deal of time and effort conducting prevention and public awareness programs. We communicate with citizen and neighborhood groups and home owners associations, make appearances and presentations with our LPR, stripped vehicle display or crime prevention trailer at stock shows, county fairs, civic organizations, racing events, social media, and other public events; and provide public service announcements all in an effort to harden citizen targets against motor vehicle crimes through increased education and awareness. The task force provides brochures, give-aways and other printed material with MVCPA logos and Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force identifiers for reference.

- 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/ outboard port operations, disruption of cartel or organized criminal enterprises using stolen motor vehicles or fraud related motor vehicle crime, insurance fraud, etc...)

*The techniques utilized will be as follows: Investigation: Investigators will conduct investigations into proactive and reactive crimes by writing reports, examine reports, review and provide intelligence briefings, develop leads and witnesses, identify offenders and networks, identify and track organize criminal organizations, inform prosecutors and other agencies, develop sources of information from victims, informants and community members. These methods will result in recovered motor vehicles, arrest of actors, and clearance of active cases. Identify vehicles: Specialized trained auto theft investigators will use contacts and databases through the National Insurance Crime Bureau to identify vehicles which have been altered and unidentifiable. This collaborative effort will help in title transactions, motor vehicle crime prosecution, and recovery of stolen vehicles where criminals have worked to remove, conceal or change the vehicles identity. Communicate and collaborate across jurisdictions: Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force perform investigations across local, state, jurisdictions. Investigators collaborate with local, state, federal law enforcement agencies, vehicle manufactures, industry professionals, and TxDPS crime information centers. If crime patterns or suspects are identified the information is shared through intelligence briefings. Communication and Collaboration through the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators and Texas Association of vehicle theft Investigators, and Auto Burglary Theft prevention Authority has improved the effectiveness of the Task Forces to identify new trends by criminal enterprises. Identify prolific offenders: Prolific offenders are identified through analyzing data and offense reports, witness statements and intelligence briefings. Once identified it is found that prolific offenders commit a large proportion of thefts or burglaries of motor vehicles. Through collaboration with other agencies it can reduce thefts and burglaries of motor vehicles. Technology: Advancement in technology for bait vehicles, trailers, computer systems, and GPS trackers have giving the edge to law enforcement with this specialized surveillance equipment. These systems have increase the clearance rate of cases, recoveries of vehicles, and arrest of actors. Port Enforcement: Port inspections are crucial part of reducing auto theft from crossing international borders. Vehicles are transported to the international sea ports to be exported by Criminal organizations. These vehicles can be stolen containing U.S. Currency, weapons, and narcotics. Coordination and collaboration with Customs and U.S. Coast Guard have reduced the impact of such crimes by stopping the export of such items. Public awareness and crime prevention Educational and informational classes are put on throughout the year to educate the consumers on auto theft and motor vehicle burglary prevention.*

- 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.

*Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force investigators are assigned liaison areas throughout Galveston County and into surrounding and adjacent territories. Each area has several cities in the assignment. We conduct daily briefings to evaluate the current trends of motor vehicle burglary/parts and motor vehicle theft cases. We will collaborate with participants including detectives and crime analysts from virtually each agency in our coverage area, and further covering the entire southeast region of Texas. ACTF and other MVCPA task forces and auto theft units in our region utilize this media to communicate activities in adjacent coverage areas, share intelligence, overlapping investigations, 68-A's for all adjacent counties and any requests for assistance. This collaboration method is invaluable in the fight against motor vehicle burglary/parts and motor vehicle theft. We further have periodic briefings with our in-house NICB Agent. They notify us of activities and trends they see/work in surrounding areas which may cross into our coverage areas. They coordinate meetings, conference calls, and other communications with all affected jurisdictions in order to keep us all notified and corroborating efforts. Additionally, we participate in monthly meetings with Homeland Security (HAMOC) in LaPorte, Texas in reference to port activities involving motor vehicle, heavy equipment, imports and exports. We will continue to follow up with reporting agencies and recovery agencies when working investigations where vehicle theft/burglaries were reported and/or recovered by another agency. These collaborations are vital to successfully investigate and prosecute. Our analyst receives requests and provides assistance to other auto theft task forces, investigators, patrol officers, commercial vehicle enforcement officers, US marshals, federal agents, DPS troopers and other local, state, and federal agencies on a daily basis. These Analyst contacts/collaborations are invaluable due to receiving emerging motor vehicle theft trends found though out the State of Texas an beyond. To prevent overlapping of contiguous taskforces to Galveston county we coordinate and collaborate with the area of jurisdictions. This is done by email, two way radio, phones and in person meetings. These activities are done on a daily, weekly, monthly basis as needed. We have collaboration meetings in reference to strategies for working complex cases which overlap in other jurisdictions so that overlapping does not occur.*

- 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 rational for the request.

*None*

**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
<b>Statutory Motor Vehicle Theft Measures Required for all Grantees.</b>			
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	
<b>Statutory Burglary of a Motor Vehicle Measures Required for all Grantees</b>			
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	
<b>Statutory Fraud-Related Motor Vehicle Crime Measures Required for all Grantees</b>			
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	
<b>Measures for Grantees. Add Target values for those that you will measure.</b>			
1	<b>Goal 1: Reduce the Incidence of Motor Vehicle Theft through Enforcement Strategies</b>		
1.1	<b>Strategy 1: Conduct Activities that Result in the Arrest, Clearance, and Recoveries of Motor Vehicle Theft</b>		
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	6
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	13
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 rebuilders, title service company, other). (see 1.3.3 to report the number of vehicles inspected in these businesses)	Number of businesses inspected	0
1.1.6	Conduct bait vehicle operations that target MVT offenders	Number of bait vehicle deployments. Include BMV bait operations here.	20
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.	60
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	100
1.1.12	Conduct covert operations targeting MVT offenders	Number of covert operations	12
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.	2
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	10
1.2	<b>Strategy 2: Conduct Collaborative Efforts that Result In Reduction of Incidents of Motor Vehicle Theft</b>		
1.2.1	Provide Agency Assists for MVT and motor vehicle related fraud	Number of agency assists related to MVT. <b>Assist means responding or answering questions via phone, e-mail, or in person. Providing recommendation, guidance, strategy, support or information that other</b>	1000

ID	Activity	Measure	Target
		<b>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.</b>	
1.2.2	Collaborate with other units or divisions (i.e. homicide, vice, narcotics, etc.) <b>within the taskforce department(s)</b> 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.	350
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 MVTtheft investigations.	500
1.2.5	Conduct intelligence information-sharing (Personal attendance)	Number of intelligence meetings attended ( <b>include attending as presenter, participant or attendee</b> )	50
1.2.6	Conduct intelligence information-sharing (Written information)	Crime analysis bulletins disseminated ( <b>include information distributed to law enforcement agencies via text, e-mail, or intra-net communications</b> )	15
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.	35
1.3	<b>Strategy 3: Prevent and Reduce the Incidence of Fraud-Related Motor Vehicle Activities</b>		
1.3.1	Collaborate with agencies relating to investigation and enforcement of vehicle insurance fraud and FRMVC	Number of collaborations	100
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)	150
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.	990
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.	50
2	<b>Goal 2: Reduce the Incidence of Theft from Motor Vehicles through Enforcement Strategies</b>		
2.1	<b>Strategy 1: Conduct Activities that Result in the Arrest, Clearance, and Recoveries of Burglary of Motor Vehicles and Theft of Vehicle Parts and Accessories</b>		
2.1.1	Conduct bait vehicle operations that target vehicle burglary offenders	Number of bait vehicle burglary deployments	20
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	4
2.2	<b>Strategy 2: Conduct Collaborative Efforts that Result in the Reduction of Incidents of Theft From a Motor Vehicle</b>		
2.2.1	Provide Agency Assists BMV.	Number of agency assists related to BMV or stolen parts. <b>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.</b>	150
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).	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	70

ID	Activity	Measure	Target
	Include all participating jurisdiction departments here.	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.	
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.	120
<b>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</b>			
<b>3.1 Strategy 1: Conduct Public Awareness Related Activities Used to Educate Citizens</b>			
3.1.1	Conduct educational outreach events (include trade show, exhibits, booths at community events, vehicle displays, brochures, etc.)	Number of outreaches	12
3.1.2	Conduct educational presentations to the public	Number of presentations. Presentation means in person, on-line, original written document, article, or webpage.	10
3.1.4	Conduct vehicle identification initiative/event	Number of etching events. Include windows, component parts, VIN stamps and catalytic converters.	10
3.1.4.1	Conduct vehicle identification initiative/event	Number of Participants/Attendees (Vehicles Marked)	6
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	6
3.1.8	Deploy outdoor public notification signage	Number of deployments per month (if sign remains several months, count as 1 deployment per month)	0
3.1.10	Conduct media outreach, including, public service announcements, press releases, and interviews	Number of outreaches	4
<b>3.2 Strategy 2: Conduct Law Enforcement Training Activities to Educate Officers on Recognition and Apprehension of Stolen Vehicles and Property</b>			
3.2.1	Conduct law enforcement training (TCOLE)	Number of classes provided for TCOLE credit	2
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 on local practices.	50

#### 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.

*An overall monthly report will be compiled and sent to the Sheriff to be available to the commissioners' court. This will be provided to MVCPA on a quarterly basis. We maintain an in-house electronic long term calendar which we tentatively schedule operations, crime prevention activities, training events, 68-A Inspections and special projects outlined in our grant activities. We compile numbers of auto thefts and auto burglaries/parts monthly from each agency in our direct project area. These numbers are added to an excel spreadsheet that documents the historical rise and fall of auto theft trends since 1991 and burglary trends since 2007. In FY22 we will be adding assorted frauds to this tracking method. We will continue to use this method to instantly evaluate whether we are meeting our goals to reduce auto theft and burglary, and also to note rising trends in specific areas. We will use our goals, strategies and activities for monthly progress reports to evaluate if we are reaching our projected target activities. This will allow monthly assessment as to whether our activities are effective in our goal so that we can re-evaluate how we target the auto theft, assorted fraud, and burglary problems in our area. The data collected will be evaluated so criminal activity can be targeted so we can be more effective in crime reduction. The GCACTF will continue to document vehicle theft and burglary statistics to allow for easy and quick identification of statistical trends and comparisons to previous time periods and/or locations.*

- 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.

*Our analyst is called upon by officers and investigators with other agencies on a regular basis. As one of the last auto theft analysts in the state, she is many times a last resort left to help identify vehicles, trailers, equipment, ATVs, boats and component parts. Although*

*the assists provided do not directly affect the burglary and theft rates, they do sometimes help with the recovery rates and returning stolen property to rightful owners. Assists leading to recoveries is tracked through quarterly progress reports in the narrative sections. Other data being tracked pertains to the types of assistance calls received; for what kinds of agencies; and whether they are MVCPA funded. However a more targeted reporting method may be considered if more analysts become available with more funding, or if the data could prove useful to MVCPA administration.*

#### **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**

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#### **Certifications**

The certifying official is the authorized official, Mark Henry, 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.

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