



### MEMORANDUM

To: Galveston County Commissioners' Court  
From: Betsy Thomas, Grants Administration Manager  
Court Date: August 18, 2025  
RE: Sheriff's Department  
FY 2026 Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention Grant Award

### BACKGROUND

The Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 224 that provides funding for law enforcement activities intended to detect and prevent catalytic converter theft. The Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority initiated a grant program for local law enforcement agencies and task forces to implement detection and prevention programs at the local level.

### SUMMARY

Galveston County Sheriff Department's Auto Crimes Task Force was contacted directly about applying for FY 2024 funding at a zero percent match. This allowed for the purchase of required supplies and equipment and begin the hiring process for new positions. The FY 2026 grant cycles is at the usual a 20% match requirement.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Professional Services requests Commissioners' Court consider acceptance of the FY 2026 Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention grant award from the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority and authorize the County Judge to sign required documents.

### ATTACHMENTS FOR WET SIGNATURE

- FY 2026 Catalytic Converter Grant Statement of Grant Award and Grantee Acceptance Notice



**FY26 SB224 Catalytic Converter Grant  
Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority  
Statement of Grant Award and Grantee Acceptance Notice**

Grant Number: **608-26-0840000C**  
Grantee: **Galveston County**  
Program Title: **Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force - Catalytic Converter Unit**  
Grant Award Amount: **\$397,400**  
Total Cash Match Amount: **\$129,886**  
In-Kind Match Amount: **\$7,200**  
Reimbursement Percent\*: **75.36%**  
Grant Term: **September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026**

**Grant Budget Summary: Galveston County (App ID: 547)**

Budget Category	MVCPA Expenditures	Cash Match Expenditures	Total Expenditures	In-Kind Match
Personnel	\$333,286	\$17,280	\$350,566	
Fringe	\$0	\$105,606	\$105,606	
Overtime	\$16,664	\$0	\$16,664	
Professional and Contract Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Travel	\$10,250	\$0	\$10,250	
Equipment	\$0	\$7,000	\$7,000	
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE)	\$37,200	\$0	\$37,200	\$7,200
Total	\$397,400	\$129,886	\$527,286	\$7,200

\*Reimbursement Percent: 75.36%: \$397,400 MVCPA amount / (\$397,400 MVCPA amount + \$129,886 Cash Match)

That whereas, **Galveston County** (hereinafter referred to as Grantee), has heretofore submitted a grant application in response to the Request for Application issued on April 14, 2025 to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority, State of Texas, entitled **Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force - Catalytic Converter Unit** and further identified by grant number **608-26-0840000C** and

Whereas, the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority has approved the grant application as evidenced by this FY26 Statement of Grant Award and certain special requirements from the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority dated **08/01/2025** and

Whereas, the Grantee desires to accept the FY26 grant award and use all funds for purposes and in compliance with the following requirements that are adopted in their entirety by reference:

- Texas Transportation Code Chapter 1006;
- Texas Administrative Code: Title 43; Part 3; Chapter 57;
- Texas Grant Management Standards (TxGMS) as promulgated by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts including TxGMS Standard Assurances by Local Governments and Standards for Financial and Program Management;
- The Request for Applications issued on April 14, 2025;

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

Now, therefore, the Grantee accepts the FY26 Statement of Grant Award under the conditions above including the special requirements in the grant application and the Statement of Grant Award as evidenced by this agreement, executed by the official authorized to sign the original grant application, or the official's designated successor, as presiding officer of and on behalf of the governing body of this grantee; and

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

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

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

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

  X   **Border Security Report Requirement** – This Grantee is designated as a MVCPA Border Security Grant which is located along the United States of America border with the United States of Mexico and those that are adjacent to the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway. This designation requires grantee to provide additional report information required by the General Appropriations Act of the 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session. The Governor or Legislative Budget Board may request additional information regarding the report data during the term of the grant.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED BY:

  
Authorized Official

Mark Henry, Galveston County Judge  
Printed Name and Title

August 18th, 2025  
Date Signed