



MEMORANDUM

To: Galveston County Commissioners' Court
From: Betsy Thomas, Grants Administration Manager
Court Date: August 18, 2025
RE: Sheriff's Department - Auto Crimes Task Force
FY 2026 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Grant Award

BACKGROUND

The Galveston County Auto Crimes Task Force (ACTF) was formed in 1993 and since that time the County has seen almost a 70% reduction in auto theft as well as a reduction in burglaries of motor vehicles. The ACTF serves all cities and points within Galveston County as well as surrounding areas.

The ACTF operates public awareness campaigns, LPR (License Plate Reader) patrols, surveillance programs, bait vehicle operations and auto crimes training for licensed peace officers in agencies across the county.

SUMMARY

Each year the County submits a budget proposal to assist in the operation of the Auto Crimes Task Force from the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority. This formula grant allocation endeavors to provide reimbursable activities for the Galveston County Auto Crimes Task Force for FY 2026.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Professional Services requests the Court to consider acceptance of the FY 2026 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority grant award and authorize the Judge's signature on the required documents.

ATTACHEMENTS

Required Documents for wet signature:

- o FY26 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Statement of Task Force Award and Grantee Acceptance Notice



**FY26 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority
Statement of Task Force Grant Award and Grantee Acceptance Notice**

Grant Number: **608-26-0840000**
Grantee: **Galveston County**
Program Title: **Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force**
Grant Award Amount: **\$1,075,096**
Total Cash Match Amount: **\$371,742**
In-Kind Match Amount: **\$48,000**
Reimbursement Percent*: **74.30%**
Grant Term: **September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026**

Grant Budget Summary: Galveston County (App ID: 459)

Budget Category	MVCPA Expenditures	Cash Match Expenditures	Total Expenditures	In-Kind Match
Personnel	\$412,525	\$18,315	\$430,840	
Fringe	\$0	\$126,779	\$126,779	
Overtime	\$20,626	\$0	\$20,626	
Professional and Contract Services	\$508,655	\$196,648	\$705,303	
Travel	\$26,240	\$0	\$26,240	
Equipment	\$50,050	\$30,000	\$80,050	
Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE)	\$57,000	\$0	\$57,000	\$48,000
Total	\$1,075,096	\$371,742	\$1,446,838	\$48,000

*Reimbursement Percent: 74.30% - \$1,075,096 MVCPA amount / (\$1,075,096 MVCPA amount + \$371,742 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 March 4, 2025, to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority, State of Texas, entitled **Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force** and further identified by grant number **608-26-0840000** 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 **08/04/2025** 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 March 4, 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 **Multi-Agency Grant** - The grantee is required to complete and maintain interlocal agreement with all participating subgrantees as required by law and TxGMS. The grantee must complete a process to monitor and ensure grant compliance of subgrantees. The grantee must maintain the process locally and document compliance with that plan.

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

 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