

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
AGENDA ITEM  
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

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**DEPARTMENT:** Police

**AGENDA DATE:** May 28, 2019

**CONTACT PERSON/PHONE:** Assistant Chief Patrick Maloney, 212-4309  
Assistant Chief Victor Zarur, 212-4307

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All

**STRATEGIC GOAL: NO. 2: Set the Standard for a Safe and Secure City**

**SUBJECT:**

That the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to submit an Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority FY2020 grant application and to alter, decline, modify, terminate and/or execute all necessary documents related to the grant. The grant period will be from September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020. Requesting grant funding in the amount of \$1,816,730.73.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

The ABTPA FY20 grant will fund personnel salaries, fringe benefits, professional and contractual services, travel, supplies, equipment, direct operating expenses and a truck for the Police Department's Auto Theft Task Force. El Paso Police Department has received this grant since 1991; under the New Grant Category, the cash match for the Police Department is 20%, as compared to 40% in FY19.

**SELECTION SUMMARY:** N/A

**PROTEST** N/A

- ☐ Protest Received
- ☐ No Protest Received

**COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE BRIEFING:**

Was a briefing provided? No / Routine  
If yes, select the applicable districts.

- ☐ District 1
- ☐ District 2
- ☐ District 3
- ☐ District 4
- ☐ District 5
- ☐ District 6
- ☐ District 7

- ☐ District 8  
☐ All Districts

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

The FY 2019 ABTPA grant application submittal was approved by City Council on June 26, 2018.

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

The cash match of \$363,340.78 covers fringe benefits, supplies, and operating cost. The in-kind match of \$1,637,746.63 covers 16 sworn and civilian position salaries, fringe benefits, supplies and direct operating cost. The in-kind match is funded through the General Fund.

**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**

*W. J. /*  
*A/C V. Zarus #1515 for Chief Allen*  
*5.23.19*

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes Article 4413(37) and Texas Administrative Code Title 43; Part 3; Chapter 57, the City of El Paso is eligible to receive grant funding from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles through the Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) grant program to support the Police Department Auto Theft Task Force for automobile theft enforcement teams and to combat automobile burglary in El Paso; and

**WHEREAS**, the El Paso City Council finds that the ABTPA FY2020 grant program is beneficial to the community and will assist the City of El Paso to combat automobile burglary and theft; and

**WHEREAS**, the El Paso City Council agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the ABTPA grant funds, the City of El Paso assures that the grant funds will be returned in full to ABTPA.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

1. That the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to submit an Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority FY2020 grant application and to alter, decline, modify, terminate and/or execute all necessary documents related to the grant;
2. That the El Paso Police Department Auto Theft Task Force Lieutenant, or designee, is designated as the Program Director; and
3. That the City of El Paso's Chief Financial Officer, or designee, is designated as the Financial Officer for this grant.

**ADOPTED this 28 day of May, 2019.**

**CITY OF EL PASO**

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Dee Margo  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Laura D. Prine  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Oscar G. Gabaldón, Jr  
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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Gregory K. Allen  
Chief of Police

## City of El Paso Grant Application for Fiscal Year 2020

**Program Title** Please enter a short description of the proposed program that can be used as the title. *El Paso Police Department's Auto Theft Task Force*

Which type of grant are you applying for?

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

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

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

### Grant Participation and Coverage Area

- **Other Coverage** (Describe): *In addition to the listed Coverage Agencies below, the taskforce also provides coverage for the listed agencies: Ysleta Del Sur Tribal Police; Fort Bliss, Texas CID and Military Police; Clint Police Department [TX0711200]; Texas Tech University Police Department (El Paso Campus); San Elizario Police Department [TX 0712800]; Canutillo ISD Police Department [TX07112700]; (7) Constable Precincts within the City and County of El Paso, Texas; City of El Paso Fire Marshalls Division [TX0711500]; and, El Paso County Fire Marshalls Office [TX0712600].*
- **Law Enforcement Grant**  
Participating and coverage agencies below.

**Participating Agencies:** agencies that will materially participate in the grant application through the use of interlocal agreements. The agencies selected in this list only includes agencies that will receive or provide funding and/or resources. The interlocal agreements do not need to be submitted with the application. Interlocal agreements will need to be executed prior to the first payment being made if selected for a grant. Letters of support with the application from the participating agencies are strongly recommended.

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

| Participating Agencies     | Coverage Agencies                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| TX0710200 EL PASO PD (MIP) | TX0710000 EL PASO CO (MIP) (AE)   |
|                            | TX0710100 ANTHONY PD (AE)         |
|                            | TX0710400 UT EL PASO PD (AE)      |
|                            | TX0711100 EL PASO COMM COLLEGE PD |
|                            | TX0711300 EL PASO ISD PD (AE)     |
|                            | TX0711400 HORIZON CITY PD (AE)    |
|                            | TX0711600 SOCORRO PD              |
|                            | TX0712200 SOCORRO ISD PD (AE)     |

**Resolution:** Complete a Resolution and submit to local governing body for approval. [Sample Resolution](#) is found in the Request for Application or send a request for an electronic copy to [grantsABTPA@txdmv.gov](mailto:grantsABTPA@txdmv.gov).

### Grant Budget Summary

| Budget Category                              | ABTPA Expenditures | Cash Match Expenditures | Total Expenditures | In-Kind Match |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Personnel                                    | \$905,045          |                         | \$905,045          | \$1,218,568   |
| Fringe                                       | \$84,356           | \$321,241               | \$405,597          | \$406,458     |
| Overtime                                     | \$336,750          |                         | \$336,750          |               |
| Professional and Contract Services           |                    |                         |                    |               |
| Travel                                       | \$15,000           |                         | \$15,000           |               |
| Equipment                                    | \$328,880          |                         | \$328,880          |               |
| Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE) | \$146,700          | \$42,100                | \$188,800          | \$12,720      |
| Total                                        | \$1,816,731        | \$363,341               | \$2,180,072        | \$1,637,746   |
|                                              |                    | 20.00%                  |                    |               |

| Description                     | Subcategory              | Pct Time | ABTPA Funds | Cash Match | Total     | In-Kind Match |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|-------------|------------|-----------|---------------|
| <b>Personnel</b>                |                          |          |             |            |           |               |
| 1 Lieutenant                    | Investigator/LEO         | 100.00%  |             |            | \$0       | \$108,037     |
| 3 Sergeants (1 ABTPA/2 In-kind) | Investigator/LEO         | 100.00%  | \$89,530    |            | \$89,530  | \$180,211     |
| 5 Detectives                    | Investigator/LEO         | 100.00%  |             |            | \$0       | \$396,722     |
| 16 Officers (9 ABTPA/7 In-kind) | Investigator/LEO         | 100.00%  | \$716,174   |            | \$716,174 | \$498,961     |
| 1 Senior Office Assistant       | Administrative / Support | 100.00%  |             |            | \$0       | \$34,637      |
| 1 Translator Specialist         | Administrative / Support | 100.00%  | \$45,967    |            | \$45,967  |               |

| Description                               | Subcategory                              | Pct Time | ABTPA Funds | Cash Match | Total     | In-Kind Match |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------|-------------|------------|-----------|---------------|
| 1 Crime Prevention Manager                | Administrative / Support                 | 100.00%  | \$53,374    |            | \$53,374  |               |
|                                           | Total Personnel                          |          | \$905,045   |            | \$905,045 | \$1,218,568   |
| <b>Fringe</b>                             |                                          |          |             |            |           |               |
| 1 Lieutenant                              | Investigator/LEO                         |          |             |            | \$0       | \$33,847      |
| 3 Sergeants (1 ABTPA/2 In-kind)           | Investigator/LEO                         |          | \$0         | \$26,239   | \$26,239  | \$64,206      |
| 5 Detectives                              | Investigator/LEO                         |          |             |            | \$0       | \$134,922     |
| 16 Officers (9 ABTPA/7 In-kind)           | Investigator/LEO                         |          | \$0         | \$256,852  | \$256,852 | \$159,651     |
| 1 Senior Office Assistant                 | Administrative / Support                 |          |             |            | \$0       | \$13,832      |
| 1 Translator Specialist                   | Administrative / Support                 |          | \$0         | \$20,183   | \$20,183  |               |
| 1 Crime Prevention Manager                | Administrative / Support                 |          | \$0         | \$17,967   | \$17,967  |               |
| Overtime Fringe                           | Investigator/LEO                         |          | \$84,356    |            | \$84,356  |               |
|                                           | Total Fringe                             |          | \$84,356    | \$321,241  | \$405,597 | \$406,458     |
| <b>Overtime</b>                           |                                          |          |             |            |           |               |
| All Taskforce Sworn Officers              | Investigator/LEO                         |          | \$336,750   |            | \$336,750 |               |
|                                           | Total Overtime                           |          | \$336,750   |            | \$336,750 |               |
| <b>Professional and Contract Services</b> |                                          |          |             |            |           |               |
|                                           | Total Professional and Contract Services |          |             |            |           |               |
| <b>Travel</b>                             |                                          |          |             |            |           |               |
| ABTPA Board Meetings/Workshops            | Administrative In-state                  |          | \$10,000    |            | \$10,000  |               |
| Taskforce Training                        | Training In-State                        |          | \$4,000     |            | \$4,000   |               |
| TAVTI Meetings                            | Law enforcement In-State                 |          | \$500       |            | \$500     |               |
| Taskforce Training                        | Training Out-of-State                    |          | \$500       |            | \$500     |               |
|                                           | Total Travel                             |          | \$15,000    |            | \$15,000  |               |

| Description                                         | Subcategory | Pct<br>Time | ABTPA<br>Funds | Cash<br>Match | Total     | In-Kind<br>Match |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|------------------|
| <b>Equipment</b>                                    |             |             |                |               |           |                  |
| 28 Computers                                        |             |             | \$79,800       |               | \$79,800  |                  |
| 56 Monitors                                         |             |             | \$10,080       |               | \$10,080  |                  |
| 2 Trackers                                          |             |             | \$50,000       |               | \$50,000  |                  |
| 1 Vehicle                                           |             |             | \$28,500       |               | \$28,500  |                  |
| 5 LPR Systems                                       |             |             | \$125,000      |               | \$125,000 |                  |
| 5 Laptops                                           |             |             | \$17,500       |               | \$17,500  |                  |
| 1 Vehicle Bait System                               |             |             | \$18,000       |               | \$18,000  |                  |
| Total Equipment                                     |             |             | \$328,880      |               | \$328,880 |                  |
| <b>Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE)</b> |             |             |                |               |           |                  |
| 14 Vehicle Leases (14)                              |             |             | \$100,800      |               | \$100,800 |                  |
| 3 Vehicle Leases/Overages (3)                       |             |             | \$0            | \$21,600      | \$21,600  | \$12,720         |
| Vehicle Fuel                                        |             |             | \$0            | \$20,500      | \$20,500  |                  |
| Paging/Communication                                |             |             | \$29,400       |               | \$29,400  |                  |
| Vigilant                                            |             |             | \$5,000        |               | \$5,000   |                  |
| Office Supplies                                     |             |             | \$1,500        |               | \$1,500   |                  |
| Promotional Supplies                                |             |             | \$10,000       |               | \$10,000  |                  |
| Total Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE)  |             |             | \$146,700      | \$42,100      | \$188,800 | \$12,720         |

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**Personnel:** Police Lieutenant: Under minimal supervision oversees the operations of the Auto Theft Task Force and serve as the Taskforce's Program Director. Administers and executes the ABTPA grant. Is responsible for writing the ABTPA grant. Commands the unit to assure department goals and objectives are met. Is directly involved with the unit's budget preparation. Is responsible for monitoring the budget, supplies, and equipment during the grant cycle. Commonly interacts with Departmental Command Staff, Accounting Staff, Grant Staff as well as Local, State, and Federal Law Enforcement partners. Requires frequently changing work schedules, must be available for callout duties and occasional rotating shift work.

Police Sergeant: Under general supervision directly supervises auto theft investigators or a tactical field team, to ensure quality, and accurate work methods are followed through. Makes assignments and coordinates activities of the unit. Ensures assignments are completed in a timely manner. Monitors and reviews cases, prepares reports as assigned. Develops and implements action plans. Provides training and ensures logistical needs of

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the unit are met. Assists in budget preparation, monitors budget, supplies and equipment. Interacts frequently with department supervisors, public, business community, civic organizations, as well as local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. Requires frequently changing schedules, including callout duty, and rotating shift work.

Police Investigator (Officer/Detective): Under direct and indirect supervision, prepares quality and accurate investigations of auto related offenses. Prepares fully investigated cases for Presentation to the District Attorney's Office. Collaborates with the District Attorney's Office regarding case packets, sentencing, and addressing repeat offenders. Develops and works with informants. Conducts surveillance in plain-clothes capacity checking for on-view vehicle thefts and other crimes while remaining responsive to the patrol division. The Investigator will use a proactive approach regarding auto thefts through participation of any related duties to include, but not limited to Crime Prevention Presentations, Border Partners (Mexican Liaison), Surveillance, and Investigations. Investigators are deputized to investigate and follow-up in the three West Texas Counties of El Paso, Hudspeth, and Culberson. The investigator interacts frequently with department supervisors, the public, the business community, other law enforcement agencies (Local, State, and Federal), and civil and regulatory governmental entities. Once the investigator is appointed to the taskforce, the investigator acknowledges and agrees unconditionally that he or she will be required to frequently change work schedules, rotating days off, be on continuous call-out status, travel, and/or work rotating shifts. The investigator further agrees that if at any moment that he or she is no longer able or willing to accept and abide by the position requirements, that he or she will forfeit his or her position with the Auto Theft Task Force.

Police Field Team Officer (Officer/Detective): Under direct and indirect supervision, prepares quality and accurate investigations of auto related offenses. Field Team Officers are deputized to investigate and follow up in the three West Texas Counties of El Paso, Hudspeth, and Culberson. Field team officers develop and work with informants, conduct surveillance in plain-clothes capacity, checking for on-view vehicle thefts and other crimes, while remaining responsive to the patrol division. Field team officers utilize a proactive approach regarding auto thefts through participation of any taskforce related duties. Taskforce duties include, but are not limited to Crime Prevention Presentations, Border Partners (Mexican Liaison), Surveillance, and automobile crime Investigations. Field team officers frequently interact with department supervisors, the public, the business community, other law enforcement agencies (Local, State, and Federal), and civil & regulatory governmental entities. Once appointed to the taskforce, the field team officer acknowledges and agrees unconditionally that he or she will be required to frequently change work schedules, rotating days off, be on continuous call-out status, travel, and/or work rotating shifts. The field team officer further agrees that if at any moment that he or she is no longer able or willing to accept and abide by the position requirements, that he or she will forfeit his or her position with the Auto Theft Task Force.

Senior Office Assistant: Greets and assist city personnel, officials, and the public in person and over the phone. Greets and responds to visitors and personnel in a professional manner. Provides appropriate information and documents to city personnel and the public related to area of responsibility. Exercise of proper telephone etiquette, responding to inquiries to the appropriate party. Prepares and edits specialized

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documents and correspondence for review. Reviews and enters sensitive and complex data, maintains records, files, databases, and record keeping sources. Updates and prepares spreadsheets. Performs a broad variety of related office clerical activities and support functions.

Translation Specialist/Senior Office Assistant: Interprets and translates from Spanish to English and vis-versa, official proceedings, documents, and any other communications and applies it to writing. Types memorandums, correspondence, reports, forms, and other related materials from rough copies, audible recordings and other sources. Composes routine correspondence for the Taskforce Program Director's signature. Establishes and maintains files, records and reviews documents for accuracy and completeness. Compiles information for the ABTPA quarterly and yearly reports, maintains balances on budget accounts, maintains the unit inventory list, and related property records. Greets visitors and provides information and refers visitors to the appropriate person. Takes and relays messages, information and instructions to designated taskforce personnel. Schedules appointments for the program director and taskforce staff. Arranges travel itineraries and travel reservations for taskforce staff. Arranges date, time, and place of taskforce staff meetings and notifies interested parties.

Auto Theft Public Awareness Manager: Is responsible for the planning and implementation of auto theft related public awareness presentations and law enforcement auto theft training events. Writes, composes, edits, using a journalistic style of writing, to create auto theft informational presentations for the dissemination to local newspapers, news outlets, radio stations, and social media. Actively participates in a wide variety of social media activities such as blogging, community development and management, social bookmarking, or commenting. Coordinates and participates in public speaking engagements, conferences exhibits, and various activities that support the statewide goal of vehicle crimes prevention and the "Watch Your Car" Campaign. Coordinates and participates in VIN etching events. Prepares and compiles monthly statistical information of the different types of events attended and the number of attendees that participated during the events. Works with the private sector, insurance companies, and local businesses for the distribution of auto theft prevention and awareness information to vehicle owners and operators in Texas. Serves as public information liaison for the taskforce and provides information to the media via the El Paso Police Department's Public Information Office (PIO). Establishes and maintains an effective working relationship with community, to include, new and used car dealers, in order to implement auto theft awareness and prevention programs designed to educate customers purchasing new and used vehicles.

**Fringe:** SALARY FRINGE: Sworn Law Enforcement Officer Fringe Benefits include FICA (1.44%), Unemployment (.10%), Pension (18.9%), and Workers Compensation (4.61%). Standard insurance benefits such as Health Insurance, Life Insurance, Vision and Dental Fringe Benefits were calculated using current year expenditures. Civilian Fringe Benefits include FICA (7.65%), Unemployment (.10%), Pension (14%), and Workers Compensation (.29%). Standard insurance benefits such as Health Insurance, Life Insurance, Vision and Dental Fringe Benefits were calculated using current year expenditures. Fringe benefits for grant funded salaries will be covered 100% by cash match.

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**OVERTIME FRINGE:** Sworn Law Enforcement Officer Fringe Benefits for the requested ABTPA Grant Overtime amount of \$336,750.00, includes, FICA (1.44%) \$4,849.00, Unemployment (.10%) \$337.00, Police Pension (18.9%) \$63,646.00, and Workers Compensation (4.61%) \$15,524.00, for a total fringe amount of \$84,356.00.

**Overtime:** Overtime funds will be used to identify and target offenders that are involved with automobile crimes that are investigated by the taskforce and occurring within the City and County of El Paso, Texas. The El Paso Police Department's Auto Theft Task Force requests a waiver from the ABTPA Board of the annual 5% overtime limitation. The taskforce requests this waiver, in order to allow all sworn officers assigned to the taskforce, the opportunity to work enhanced auto theft operations. The enhanced auto theft operations will consist of overtime duties, which are in addition to taskforce officer's regular 40-hour weekly work schedule, and will be paid at an overtime rate of time and a half. Taskforce officers will work within the stipulations of the grant and target criminal activities involving weapons smuggling, transferring or transporting of contraband such as currency for illicit purposes, investigations involving transnational gangs and cartels, local gangs, narcotics, and wanted subjects. Tactics to be used during the enhanced auto theft operation will include, but are not limited to, Patrol, International Port-of Entry Checks (Bridge Operations), Surveillance of High Crime Areas, Surveillance of Repeat Auto Thieves (RAT'S), Gang and Wanted Fugitive Warrant Round-Ups, Counter Auto Theft Measures, and Joint Taskforce Operations with Local, State and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies. According to an NICB Tactical Analysis Report that was dated, October 9, 2018, the Bridge of the Americas (BOTA), that is located within El Paso, Texas, had the highest number of stolen vehicle crossings into Mexico from Texas. Multiagency strategies and collaborations will be used to address the prevention and recovery of stolen vehicles that are being illegally crossed into to Mexico from El Paso, Texas. The overtime funds will also be used to conduct Salvage Inspections at various car lots, mechanic shops and junk yards. The Salvage Inspections are used to assist in the recovery of stolen vehicles, vehicle engines, as well as other vehicle parts and to verify the car lots, mechanic shops and junk yards are operating in compliance with local and state laws. In an effort to hinder a repeat auto thief's ability to commit automobile crimes, overtime funds will be used to fund surveillance operations, designed to locate and surveil the offenders, in order to prevent incidences of automobile crimes. All taskforce members that work the ABTPA grant overtime will be required to complete, sign a log sheet documenting specific times, locations, and document their activities. Log sheets will be reviewed, signed by a supervisor, and archived per the El Paso Police Department's departmental policy.

**Travel:** The travel funds, ABTPA funds and cash match, will be used to pay for the attendance of ABTPA meetings, ABTPA grant workshops, as well as any Auto Theft Training Courses or conferences, that are offered both within the State of Texas, and outside of the State of Texas. Any active member of the taskforce will be eligible to use travel funds as appropriate to satisfy requirements of the grant. In addition, members of the taskforce, as recommended by the Taskforce Program Director, may travel to meetings and participate in subcommittees or other initiatives, if it is reasonable and necessary to accomplish a taskforce function or a requirement of the grant.

The travel funds will also be used to pay for taskforce members of the El Paso Police Department's Auto Theft Task Force to attend automobile theft crime courses and

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conferences, related to taskforce functions, both within the State of Texas and outside of the State of Texas, with prior ABTPA approval as appropriate. Taskforce members, regardless of funding source (ABTPA or In-Kind), as recommended by the Taskforce Program Director may travel to training courses, meetings, and conferences that are related to taskforce functions. Training courses, meetings, and conferences can include, but are not limited to automobile crime investigations, gang investigations, investigations involving transnational cartels and gangs, maintaining and documenting informants, and the identification of stolen vehicles. The Taskforce Program Director may consider any training or conference, as long as it is reasonable and can be of benefit to the taskforce's mission.

**Equipment:** Computers: Taskforce officers have been working with ten-year old desktop computers. The desktop towers power systems have been going out of service due to the usage and age. Due to the age of the computers, no replacement power supplies are available, and the computer has to be decommissioned. The taskforce has been in urgent need for new computers. New computers will improve the efficiency of report writing and research, ultimately increasing productive field time.

Monitors: With the replacement of the desktop towers, each tower will be fitted with two monitors.

Trackers: The taskforce does not have trackers in their inventory. The taskforce has had to rely on Texas D.P.S. or a different Bureau within the Police Department in order to use a tracker for taskforce operations. The use of trackers is of great benefit to the taskforce. Upon establishing probable cause, the taskforce has used the borrowed trackers as a tool for investigating prolific auto thieves. The use of the trackers greatly diminishes manpower usage, in surveying and following auto theft targets.

New Vehicle: The taskforce is in need of one vehicle. Currently one taskforce officer is using a vehicle that is on loan from another Bureau within the Police Department. With the purchase of the vehicle, the taskforce would not be dependent on the Bureau's borrowed vehicle.

License Plate Reader (LPR) Systems: The intended use of the LPR System is to operate the system at the Ports-of-Entry and increase the recovery of vehicles at the international bridges. NICB released the NICB Tactical Analysis Report, dated 10/09/2018, that indicate that El Paso Ports of entry have the highest percentage of reported crossing of stolen vehicles in the State of Texas. Ultimately, the purchase of additional LPR Systems will increase the effectiveness of operational methods, measures, and techniques in the identification and recovery of stolen vehicles.

Laptops: The purchase of the laptop computers are needed in order to run the additional five (5) individual LPR Systems that the taskforce is requesting. Currently the taskforce has a contract with Vigilant solutions. The requested laptop computers will be equipped with the LEARN Software that is used to detect stolen vehicles via the LPR System.

Vehicle Bait System: The taskforce has one antiquated bait system that dates back to 2008. The current system is currently down due to a burnt relay. The purchase of a new

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Vehicle Bait System will increase the effectiveness in combating burglary and theft of vehicles offenses.

**Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE):** Vehicle Leasing: The taskforce requires the use of unmarked vehicles for daily tactical and field operations. The nature of the undercover work makes it necessary for taskforce members to blend in with the vehicles of the public. The City of El Paso has a contract with ACME car rentals to provide vehicles for the taskforce to use. The cost for sedans varies between \$650 and \$685. A request for ABTPA to fund fourteen (14) vehicle leases at the \$600.00 ABTPA allowable fee will total \$100,800.00. A 12-month cash match budget for three (3) vehicle leases at the \$600.00 ABTPA allowable fee will be \$21,600.00. The overages for the seventeen (17) lease vehicles will be covered under In-kind for the amount of \$12,720.00.

Vehicle Fuel: The Taskforce Program Director allows an assigned vehicle to be taken home and housed at a taskforce officer's residence, if the taskforce officer is designated to respond to after-hours investigative call-outs. This is done because the time spent traveling to and from a police facility in order to obtain a police vehicle is reduced causing a reduction of fuel consumption, a reduction of overtime, and improved call-out response times. However, any member of this grant who is removed from the call-out list by the Taskforce Program Director or otherwise does not qualify to be on the call-out list, will forfeit the privilege of a take home vehicle. The vehicle fuel will be covered under cash match for the amount of \$20,500.00.

Paging/Communication Devices: In order to maintain excellent communication within the members of the taskforce, while alleviating the potential of being monitored through scanners, mobile phones with push-to-talk feature are essential items for a tactical section such as the taskforce. Taskforce members will utilize their assigned phones to maintain daily operations of keeping constant communication within the taskforce. As previously mentioned, the proximity to the border has given the auto thieves access to scanning devices, which in turn allows them to listen to police radios. The instant "push to talk" (phone to phone two-way) capability allows the taskforce the freedom to communicate without compromising their operations. Bait Vehicle Equipment and Tracking Devices have been incorporated into the taskforce's functions to combat automobile related crimes. As a result, the utilization of this equipment requires monitoring of this equipment by using laptops with either internal or external air cards and the use of Mifi's. This enables the taskforce to respond accordingly, such as in the case of the detection of a stolen vehicle with the LPR, or to catch auto thieves with tracking devices, monitored with fully equipped laptops while out in the field. Lastly, Mifi's allow taskforce officers the ability to connect to departmental secured servers that allow access to various law enforcement databases, such as NCIC/TCIC. Mifi's allow the taskforce members the opportunity to complete criminal or administrative reports out in the field and enhances the productivity of the taskforce. One Sprint cell phone is required to have International phone service to Mexico and is used by the taskforce's Mexican liaison officer. The Sprint line costs an average of \$26.00 per month. The rest of the cell phone services are through Verizon. Verizon lines include 21 cell phone lines, 22 Mifi lines, 4 computer lines, and two tracker lines with an average monthly cost of \$2,450.00

Vigilant: The taskforce has integrated the use of License Plate Recognition (LPR) technology and has contracted with Vigilant Solutions, a company that specializes in

### Budget Narrative

providing video content analysis algorithms and data distribution networks. The Vigilant license is a necessity in order to keep running the License Plate Readers out in the field. LPR's are used to detect stolen vehicles via the reading of license plates that have been entered into NCIC as stolen. LPR's enhance the recovery rate of stolen vehicles and turn the taskforce from being reactive to proactive. Proactive in the sense that surveillance can be initiated immediately upon detection of the stolen vehicle, with the ultimate goal of arresting the auto thief, when he or she returns for the stolen vehicle.

Office Supplies: This item provides a budget to the taskforce for all daily necessities, which allows the Unit to have a safe, efficient, professional working environment with efficient; office equipment and supplies; tools; and safety supplies. Printing publications of materials for investigation and intelligence is a daily requirement. Additionally, the cost of binding presentations, shredding confidential police documents, purchasing safety equipment supplies, publications and subscriptions, photography supplies, and other office equipment or operating expenses are covered in this budget. In addition, this budget will cover minor supplies to facilitate locating confidential Vehicle Identification Numbers, while conducting daily inspection of suspected vehicles, at bridge operations, numerous salvage yard inspections or out in the field. These tasks require the use of small tools and cleaning agents (acids/chemicals) for the investigator to find numerous confidential identifying markings. Because every contingency is difficult to anticipate; this item will also cover any item not mentioned, which will enable the taskforce to perform its mission twenty-four hours, seven days a week.

Promotional Supplies: With crime prevention being a component to the program, this budget will be used to purchase materials, supplies aimed at public awareness, to include but not limited to: stickers, pencils, key chains, shirts, vests, jackets and any other items promoting the, "Watch Your Car" campaign, and any other ABTPA program. This budget will also cover VIN etching supplies, that are used to VIN etch vehicles during events, and the re-wrap of the crime prevention vehicle.

### Revenue

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

| Cash Match                 |         |                       |
|----------------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| Source of Cash Match       |         |                       |
| Fringe Benefits            | Grantee | \$321,241             |
| Vehicle Leases             | Grantee | \$21,600              |
| Fuel                       | Grantee | \$20,500              |
| <b>Total Cash Match</b>    |         | <b>\$363,341</b>      |
| In-Kind Match              |         |                       |
| Source of In-Kind Match    |         |                       |
| Personnel                  | Grantee | \$1,218,568.00        |
| <b>Total In-Kind Match</b> |         | <b>\$1,637,746.00</b> |

### Source of In-Kind Match

|                            |         |                       |
|----------------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| Fringe Benefits            | Grantee | \$406,458.00          |
| Vehicle Lease Overages     | Grantee | \$12,720.00           |
| <b>Total In-Kind Match</b> |         | <b>\$1,637,746.00</b> |

### Statistics to Support Grant Problem Statement

| Use UCR data                                                                   | 2016                                | 2017 | 2018 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------|------|
| Larceny from a motor vehicle                                                   | 1849                                | 3475 | 2609 |
| Larceny from a motor vehicle - Parts                                           | 17                                  | 49   | 47   |
| Jurisdictions included in totals                                               | Statistics for Area of Jurisdiction |      |      |
| Theft of a motor vehicle                                                       | 988                                 | 803  | 836  |
| Recoveries of Motor Vehicles                                                   | 710                                 | 605  | 734  |
| Jurisdictions included in totals                                               | Statistics for Area of Jurisdiction |      |      |
| Provide any additional information or limitations about the data provide above |                                     |      |      |

### Application Narrative

#### Grant Introduction (Executive Summary)

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

*Safety and Security is imperative to the economic growth and prosperity to the City of El Paso. In order to achieve this, the El Paso Police Department must maintain strong relationships with its citizens and established law enforcement partners through continued teamwork. The program will effectively use the funds provided to combat and reduce automobile crimes, which include motor vehicle burglaries and theft of vehicles. The funds from the program will help to maintain the staffing of the highly specialized Auto Theft Task Force members. The taskforce members respond to multifaceted motor vehicle offenses throughout the City of El Paso, Texas. Furthermore, the program will enhance counter auto theft measures such as surveillance, fugitive roundups, bridge operations, and salvage yard inspections. The ultimate goal of the program is the suppression of auto theft and auto burglary offenses. The goal will be accomplished with the teamwork between the taskforce and the coordinated collaboration of our local, state and federal law enforcement partners.*

#### Grant Problem Statement

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

*The City of El Paso continues to see a mix of prolific repeat offenders and opportunistic criminals that commit burglary of vehicles. Unlocked vehicles and high dollar items that are left in plain sight appear to be the most significant factors that contribute to burglaries of motor vehicles within the city. Prolific repeat offenders tend to be habitual drug users and commit burglaries to support their drug habits. An opportunistic burglar is usually novice and is frequently looking for something of value*

*to make a quick dollar. Education of the public through public awareness has been paramount in enlightening the public to hide the belongings, lock their vehicles, and not to leave their keys inside their vehicles. Taskforce officers routinely saturate high crime problem areas, such as the different Malls and Movie Theaters, and hand out vehicle report cards to vehicles that they observe to be left unsecured or parked in secluded dark areas.*

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

*There is a growth of well-organized, professional theft rings that direct stolen vehicles for illegal exportation into Mexico. The sophisticated rings are known to cross into El Paso from neighboring Las Cruces, New Mexico and Albuquerque, New Mexico as well as Fort Bliss, Texas. These alarming trends and projected increases demand increased vigilance and the continuation of anti-auto theft initiatives and strategies. Modifications of previous tactics and the introduction of new strategies have been implemented to maintain proactive approaches to vehicle theft.*

*The project will continue to use strategies (i.e. working with all local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies: training and educating law enforcement personnel in the investigation of auto burglary and theft offenses). The project will complement existing patrol personnel strategies with auto burglary and theft surveillance operations. The project will continue to combine efforts with U.S. Customs and U.S. Border Patrol through use of Bridge Operations designed to identify stolen vehicles being crossed into Mexico.*

*Recent activities and events have demonstrated a direct correlation between auto thefts, narcotics, homicides, human trafficking, and other smuggling operations in El Paso. As a result, auto theft has developed into a significant indicator of major criminal activity. The demographics project that organized criminal activity, re-organization, and homeland security responsibilities demand substantial staff to manage intensive time consuming operations to successfully target ongoing criminal activity that involves stolen vehicles and related crimes in the City of El Paso. Key priorities call for domestic law enforcement projects and an international strategy.*

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

*The motor vehicle theft problem in the City of El Paso is very unique due to the geographical positioning of the city. The City of El Paso has four International Bridges connecting El Paso with a population of 841,800 with the City of Juarez, Mexico with a population of over 1.3 million (Source: U.S. Census Bureau and State of Chihuahua CIES). The El Paso-Ciudad Juarez community is the largest metropolitan area on the border between the United States and Mexico. It is estimated that this metropolitan area, comprised of El Paso, Texas and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico has a combined population of approximately 2.2 Million inhabitants.*

*The City of El Paso borders the State of New Mexico which lends to cross state criminal groups which operate in New Mexico and Texas, ultimately crossing stolen vehicles into Juarez, Mexico. Also bordering the City of El Paso is the largest Army Post in the Country, Fort Bliss, Texas. Criminal activities initiated in El Paso cross into Fort Bliss jurisdiction and vis-versa. The taskforce is always in steady contact with state and local authorities in Las Cruces, New Mexico; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Fort Bliss, Texas; El Paso County including the smaller municipalities; and Juarez, Mexico.*

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

*The program will specifically target the City of El Paso, Texas. Occasionally, the program does assist local, state, and federal agencies with recoveries of stolen vehicles outside the city limits. All taskforce officers are deputized to investigate and follow-up in three West Texas Counties of El Paso, Hudspeth, and Culberson. Due to the nature of the sophisticated auto theft rings crossing jurisdictional boundaries, the program will occasionally work surveillance, and implement strategies outside the city limits, in order to ultimately suppress crime within the City of El Paso, Texas.*

### **Grant Goals and Activities**

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

ABTPA programs must completely describe the functions they will perform in implementing the program. If Awarded, funds expended towards activities not described in this section will result in the reimbursement being denied.

#### **Part 1**

##### **3.1 Functions of the Proposed Program Related to Burglary of a Motor Vehicle**

*The El Paso Police Department's Auto Theft Task Force unit is part of the El Paso Police Department's Organized Crime Division. The Organized Crime Division is one of multiple Investigative bureaus within the large police department. Due to the large metropolitan area and complexity of the Investigative bureaus, multiple different units of the police department are designated to investigate an array of different offenses. The offense of burglary of vehicle is one such offense that is generally handled at the regional level. Regional Command TAC Units handle all burglary of habitations and burglary of vehicles. Each of the five (5) regional command centers and have set geographical boundaries within the city.*

*Many of the burglary suspects cross the city's geographical boundaries and the taskforce plays the integral role of bridging the gap of criminal mobility. The taskforce assists the different regional command centers with bait car operations, surveillance, and intelligence gathering for burglary investigations. All taskforce supervisors, detectives and officers are deputized to investigate and follow-up in the three West*

*Texas Counties of El Paso, Hudspeth, and Culberson. The taskforce has the flexibility to move around the City and County of El Paso, to follow and surveil offenders, to follow-up on major crime trends and patterns associated with burglary of vehicles. The taskforce is a well structured unit consisting of three teams. The first team is made up of Investigators who frequently collaborate with the District Attorney's Office regarding case packets, sentencing, and addressing repeat offenders. The second team is made up of proactive officers that make up a street field team. The field team conducts surveillance, initiates investigations, recover stolen vehicles, and conduct salvage inspections. The third street team's composition, duties, and responsibilities are the same as that of the second team. Both field teams work a rotating schedule of either a dayshift or an evening shift. The mission of all three teams is to have a holistic approach of targeting all areas of automobile crimes, that include burglary of vehicles, within the capability of the unit.*

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

*The El Paso Police Department's Auto Theft Task Force is a unit which is part of the El Paso Police Department's Organized Crime Division. The taskforce pursues auto theft initiatives dealing with prevention and interception. The taskforce formalizes objectives that include the disruption and dismantling of criminal organizations with a special interest in auto theft as part of its domestic efforts.*

*Multi-national cooperative law enforcement efforts integrating intelligence, international liaison, and investigation are the foundation of the taskforce's international strategy. This model relies heavily on electronic reporting and coordinating law enforcement initiatives with Mexican enforcement officials. The goal is to provide a model plan that can eventually be implemented at every US-Mexico port-of-entry, to stop the exportation of stolen vehicles.*

*The El Paso Police Department's Auto Theft Task Force will facilitate the pooling of expertise and other resources to address the entire spectrum of auto theft activity that includes syndicated crime organizations and unaffiliated small theft rings and criminal street gangs. The taskforce coordinates responses to Theft and Burglary of Motor Vehicle Crimes throughout City and County of El Paso, Texas. This ultimately maximizes intelligence and overall information for the investigation and prosecution to theft of vehicle offenses.*

*The taskforce will have an investigative orientation with formal planning and strategies emphasizing criminal organizations and specific criminals. The taskforce will include street level enforcement that is activity response oriented. It is designed to provide sophisticated and specialized service through a strategy of flexible response (i.e. surveillance activities, salvage operations, bait vehicle operations). Furthermore, the taskforce will use the following methods to combat motor vehicle theft and burglary, ie. a.) Collaborate Across Jurisdictions; b.) Identification of Vehicles; c.) Investigate and Clear Cases; and, d.) Identify Prolific Offenders.*

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

*The El Paso Police Department's Auto Theft Task Force has a Public Awareness Program which is implemented by the taskforce's Public Awareness Manager. The Public Awareness Manager develops specific marketing and communication programs regarding auto burglary and theft prevention through planning and implementing public awareness and training events. The Public Awareness Manager coordinates and participates in public speaking engagements, conference exhibits, auto theft prevention training, and various activities that support the statewide goal of vehicle crimes prevention and the "Watch Your Car" campaign. The Public Awareness Manager works with the private sector, insurance companies, and local businesses for resources to aid in distribution of auto theft prevention information to vehicle owners and operators in the program area. The Public Awareness Manager puts to full use all brochures and printed literature materials that are provided by the ABTPA at his scheduled events.*

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

#### 3.4 Collaboration Effort

*The El Paso Police Department's Auto Theft Task Force recognizes that it must conduct and support multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional investigations to disrupt and dismantle criminal organizations involved in auto burglary and auto theft offenses. To facilitate the goal, the taskforce members are in steady contact with local, state, and federal law enforcement authorities in Las Cruces, NM; Dona Ana County, NM; Albuquerque, NM; Fort Bliss, TX; El Paso County including the smaller municipalities; and Mexican Law Enforcement Authorities of Juarez, Mexico. In addition to the coverage agencies listed at the onset of this application, the taskforce provides coverage and collaborates with the following agencies: Ysleta Del Sur Tribal Police; Clint Police Department, TX; San Elizario Police Department, TX; Canutillo ISD Police Department, TX; Seven (7) Constable Precincts; and the Fire Marshall Offices of both the City and County of El Paso, TX. One example of collaboration is the sharing of local Auto Theft Hot Sheets between the Las Cruces Police Department, the Albuquerque Auto Theft Task Force and the El Paso Police Department's Auto Theft Task Force on a weekly basis. The local TX DPS JOIC also collaborates and assists the taskforce in forwarding all the regional area hot sheets to the various Texas Fusion Centers around the state. The JOIC forwards the hot sheets, at the request of the taskforce, on a weekly basis, in order to share current auto theft information, and to keep all Texas officers informed of stolen vehicles for their own situational awareness.*

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

*ABTPA funds the taskforce to conduct prevention strategies and criminal investigations as they relate to both burglary and theft of vehicles. The taskforce frequently encounters cases where a person files a false report and/or commits insurance fraud because he or she can no longer afford their vehicle payments. The taskforce investigates and handles these cases, since they were the outcome of an*

*original theft of vehicle report. The taskforce coordinates with the National Insurance Crime Bureau and Insurance Investigators of the different insurance companies, in order to conduct a thorough investigation for presentation to the District Attorneys Office. The taskforce frequently conducts southbound port operations at the International Ports-of-Entry that are located within the City of El Paso. The focus of these types of operations are the identification and recovery of stolen vehicles being illegally exported into Mexico. The taskforce has developed partnerships with the Mexican Law Enforcement Authorities, due to the taskforce not having any criminal investigation authority, once the stolen vehicle crosses the US-Mexico Border. The taskforce has an officer who is assigned as a Mexican Liaison. The taskforce's Mexican Liaison attends monthly meetings with the Mexican Law Enforcement Authorities, in order to maintain a working relationship, and for the exchange of information. The taskforce and area stakeholders (TX DPS, BATF, TX DMV, the County Tax Assessors Office, and NICB) began offering auto theft classes to their Mexican counterparts. The first class was hosted by the taskforce at the El Paso Police Department's Mission Valley Regional Command. The goal of the training was to educate and empower the Mexican Law Enforcement Authorities, to extend auto theft investigations into Mexico, with the hopes of disrupting and dismantling Mexican Cartels and International Gangs involved in auto theft activities, on both sides of the US-Mexico Border.*

## Part II

### Goals, Strategies, and Activities

Select Goals, Strategies, and Activity Targets for the proposed program.

Click on the link above and select the method by which statutory measures will be collected. Law Enforcement programs must also estimate targets for the ABTPA predetermined activities. The ABTPA board has determined that grants programs must document specific activities that are appropriate under each of the three goals. Applicants are allowed to write a limited number of user defined activities.

| ID                                                                       | Activity                                                        | Measure                                                       | Target                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Mandatory 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                       | Mandatory. Reporting for Area of Jurisdiction |
| 1.1.16                                                                   | Increase the clearance rate of motor vehicle thefts             | Report the number of motor vehicle theft cases cleared        | Mandatory. Reporting for Area of Jurisdiction |
| 1.1.17                                                                   | Increase the number of persons arrested for motor vehicle theft | Report the number of persons arrested for motor vehicle theft | Mandatory. Reporting for Area of Jurisdiction |

### **Mandatory Burglary of a Motor Vehicle Measures Required for all Grantees**

| ID     | Activity                                                           | Measure                                            | Target                                              |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 2.1.12 | Increase the clearance rate of motor vehicle burglaries            | Report the number of burglary cases cleared        | <i>Mandatory Reporting for Area of Jurisdiction</i> |
| 2.1.13 | Increase the number of persons arrested for motor vehicle burglary | Report the number of persons arrested for burglary | <i>Mandatory Reporting for Area of Jurisdiction</i> |

**Measures for Grantees. Add Target values for those that you will measure.**

**1 Goal 1: Reduce the Incidence of Motor Vehicle Theft through Enforcement Strategies**

**1.1 Strategy 1: Conduct Activities that Result in the Arrest, Clearance, and Recoveries of Motor Vehicle Theft**

|        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                           |     |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| 1.1.1  | Identify groups of auto theft offenders through intelligence gathering, crime analysis and the use of informants                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Number of groups identified                                               | 25  |
| 1.1.2  | Identify and document/record prolific motor vehicle theft offenders [Prolific is defined as "linked to MVT offenses three or more times"]                                                                                                                                                                                           | Number identified/documented offenders                                    | 25  |
| 1.1.3  | Collaborate with the District Attorneys' offices regarding sentencing, case packets or addressing repeat offenders                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Report the total number of cases where LEOs collaborated with prosecutors | 10  |
| 1.1.5  | Conduct inspections of local businesses related to vehicle enterprise (transportation code or occupation code authorized companies such as salvage yard, repair shop, parts recycling center, used car dealership, salvage rebuilder, title service company, other). (see 1.3 for number of vehicles inspected in these businesses) | Number of businesses inspected                                            | 25  |
| 1.1.6  | Conduct bait vehicle operations that target motor vehicle theft offenders                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Number of bait vehicle deployments                                        | 15  |
| 1.1.8  | Deploy license plate readers (LPR)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Number of times LPR deployed                                              | 75  |
| 1.1.9  | Respond to license plate reader (LPR) alert notifications                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Number of times investigators responded to LPR alert notifications        | 300 |
| 1.1.12 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Number of covert operations                                               | 200 |

| ID     | Activity                                                                                                                                                                             | Measure                                                                                                                          | Target |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
|        | Conduct covert operations targeting motor vehicle theft offenders                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                  |        |
| 1.1.13 | Conduct warrant "round-up" operations targeting auto crimes offenders, including those wanted for motor vehicle thefts, vehicle burglaries and the theft of vehicle parts            | Number of operations                                                                                                             | 5      |
| 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                                                                                                                                                               | Number of agency assists                                                                                                         | 300    |
| 1.2.2  | Collaborate with other units or divisions (i.e. homicide, vice, narcotics, etc.) where a motor vehicle was used in the commission of the crime (includes identification of vehicle). | Number of times collaborated within departments or SOs participating in taskforce                                                | 250    |
| 1.2.3  | Collaborate with LE agencies and other organizations that assist in the reduction of motor vehicle thefts                                                                            | Number of times collaborated with coverage area agencies or other law enforcement agencies                                       | 300    |
| 1.2.4  | Collaborate on investigations regarding stolen parts and other property                                                                                                              | Number of cases investigated                                                                                                     | 10     |
| 1.2.5  | Conduct intelligence information-sharing                                                                                                                                             | Number of intelligence meetings attended                                                                                         | 50     |
| 1.2.6  | Conduct intelligence information-sharing                                                                                                                                             | Crime analysis bulletins disseminated                                                                                            | 75     |
| 1.3    | <b>Strategy 3: Prevent and Reduce the Incidence of Motor Vehicle Related Fraud Activities</b>                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                  |        |
| 1.3.1  | Collaborate with agencies relating to investigation and enforcement of vehicle insurance fraud                                                                                       | Number of collaborations                                                                                                         | 25     |
| 1.3.2  | Conduct 68(A) inspections (for TxDMV assignment or reassignment of VIN)                                                                                                              | Number of vehicles inspected to complete a serialized 68A inspection form per TxDMV (VIN assignment, reassignment, bonded title) | 150    |
| 1.3.3  | Conduct VIN verification inspections. (All other reasons except bridge or port)                                                                                                      | Number of vehicles inspected                                                                                                     | 75     |
| 1.3.4  | Coordinate with TxDMV/Tax Offices relating to investigation                                                                                                                          | Number of collaborations related to MVT                                                                                          | 25     |

| ID    | Activity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Target |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
|       | and enforcement of fraudulent titles and registration of stolen vehicles                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |        |
| 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 15     |
| 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 5      |
| 2.1.3 | Collaborate with the District Attorneys' offices regarding sentencing, case packets or addressing repeat offenders                                                                                                                                                   | Report the total number of cases where LEOs collaborated with prosecutors                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 2      |
| 2.1.4 | Conduct inspections of local businesses related to vehicle enterprise (transportation code or occupation code authorized companies such as salvage yard, repair shop, parts recycling center, used car dealership, salvage rebuilder, title service company, other). | Number of businesses inspected (see Goal 5 for number and value of parts recovered)                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 10     |
| 2.1.5 | Conduct warrant "round-up" operations targeting auto crimes offenders, including those wanted for motor vehicle thefts, vehicle burglaries and the theft of vehicle parts                                                                                            | Number of "round up" operations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 5      |
| 2.1.7 | BMV related cases presented to prosecutor                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Report the total number of BMV related cases presented to prosecutor(s) where there was an incidence of theft from motor vehicles (includes criminal complaints for BMV, Theft, theft of parts or other cases directly tied to ABTPA statute of motor vehicle burglary and economic motor | 2      |

| ID                                                                                                                                                                                        | Activity                                                                                                                                                                             | Measure                                                                                           | Target |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                      | vehicle theft as defined in ABTPA statute)                                                        |        |
| <b>2.2 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                                                                                                                                                               | Number of agency assists                                                                          | 350    |
| 2.2.2                                                                                                                                                                                     | Collaborate with other units or divisions (i.e. homicide, vice, narcotics, etc.) where a motor vehicle was used in the commission of the crime (includes identification of vehicle). | Number of times collaborated within departments or SOs participating in taskforce                 | 150    |
| 2.2.3                                                                                                                                                                                     | Collaborate with LE agencies and other organizations that assist in the reduction of thefts from a motor vehicle                                                                     | Number of times collaborated with coverage area agencies or other law enforcement agencies.       | 100    |
| 2.2.4                                                                                                                                                                                     | Investigate cases regarding stolen parts and other property                                                                                                                          | Number of cases investigated                                                                      | 5      |
| <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                                                                              | 25     |
| 3.1.2                                                                                                                                                                                     | Conduct educational presentations to citizens                                                                                                                                        | Number of presentations                                                                           | 100    |
| 3.1.4                                                                                                                                                                                     | Conduct vehicle identification number (VIN) etchings                                                                                                                                 | Number of etching events                                                                          | 25     |
| 3.1.5                                                                                                                                                                                     | Purchase advertisements in local outlets                                                                                                                                             | Number of advertisements purchased                                                                | 0      |
| 3.1.6                                                                                                                                                                                     | Conduct vehicle report card initiatives.                                                                                                                                             | Number report cards issued                                                                        | 500    |
| 3.1.7                                                                                                                                                                                     | Utilize social media outlets (FaceBook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)                                                                                                                    | Number of postings in social media outlets                                                        | 15     |
| 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                                                                                                                                    | Number of outreaches                                                                              | 20     |

| ID                                                                                                                                                     | Activity                                                                     | Measure                | Target |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------|
|                                                                                                                                                        | announcements, press releases, and interviews                                |                        |        |
| <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      | 5      |
| 3.2.2                                                                                                                                                  | Conduct law enforcement training (TCOLE)                                     | Number of participants | 150    |
| 3.2.3                                                                                                                                                  | Conduct vehicle crimes presentations to law enforcement agencies (non TCOLE) | Number of classes      | 15     |
| 3.2.4                                                                                                                                                  | Conduct vehicle crimes presentations to law enforcement agencies (non TCOLE) | Number of participants | 200    |

### Grant Evaluation

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

*The taskforce documents and maintains monthly statistics that are reported to ABTPA on required quarterly progress reports. Each individual officer or detective is responsible for maintaining his or her own case assignment log. The administrative sergeant is responsible for daily case assignment in the department's I-Leads system. The assignment of cases and the final disposition is recorded by the system, when the administrative sergeant assigns the case for investigation, and then when the case is returned to the administrative sergeant with a final disposition. A team meeting is held every month at shift change, when both of the taskforce's field teams change work hour shifts (Days to Nights and Nights to Days). During the team meetings, all taskforce members exchange information on all active cases and brief each other of any crime trends and patterns that are being observed. A crime analyst, which is housed at the El Paso Police Department's Matrix Fusion Center, is assigned to assist the taskforce and is in charge of tracking crime trends and patterns involving automobile crimes. The crime analyst provides taskforce supervisors a weekly Auto Theft Intel Assessment Report. The report provides data on most common days of auto thefts, based on "Days Occurred" during the last six (6) weeks. The report lists trend analysis charts, percentage charts, time occurred charts, and a citywide heat maps. The report also includes, Top Stolen Vehicles, In-Town Recoveries, Out-of-Town Recoveries, Auto Theft Arrests, UUV Arrests, Cartel Nexus Information, the Top-5 Repeat Auto Thieves (RATS), and Violent Crimes Involving Auto Thefts. Taskforce supervisors also receive a weekly crime summary report that is constructed by an El Paso Police Department's crime analyst using the Data-Drive Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS). DDACTS is a law enforcement operational model*

*supported by a partnership among the Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and two agencies of the Department of Justice: The Bureau of Justice Assistance and the National Institute of Justice. DDACTS integrates location-based crime and traffic crash data to determine the most effective methods for deploying law enforcement and other resources. Drawing on the deterrent value of highly visible traffic enforcement and the knowledge that crimes often involve motor vehicles, the goal of DDACTS is to reduce crime, crashes, and traffic violations across the country.*

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

### **Certifications**

The certifying official is the authorized official, Patricia Degman, Comptroller.

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.