



**Background Paper for Proposed
ORDINANCE**

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: July 11, 2022

TO: President Heather Graham and Members of City Council

CC: Mayor Nicholas A. Gradisar

VIA: Marisa Stoller, City Clerk

FROM: Chief Chris Noeller – Police Department

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT FUNDING AGREEMENT AND ALL APPLICABLE CONDITIONS PERTAINING THERETO FROM THE COLORADO AUTO THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY (“CATPA”) RELATING TO THE BEAT AUTO THEFT THROUGH LAW ENFORCEMENT (“BATTLE”) TEAM, ESTABLISHING PROJECT NO. PS2207, BUDGETING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO PROJECT NUMBER PS2207, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAME

SUMMARY:

City Council approved a 3-year MOU with the statewide Beat Auto Theft Through Law Enforcement Team (BATTLE) on June 28, 2021. The term on that agreement expires on June 30, 2024. Effective July 1, 2022, the Pueblo Police Department is awarded \$76,271.00 in funds for equipment and overtime costs associated with Auto Theft investigation and enforcement. Attached is a Grant funding agreement and award letter. This Ordinance establishes Project No. PS2207 and budgets and appropriates necessary funds to project number PS2207.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:

City Council has approved ordinances accepting Auto Theft Prevention Grants each year beginning in July 2009. On July 1, 2021 the Pueblo Police Department was awarded \$57,722.00 in funds for overtime costs associated with Auto Theft investigation and enforcement. Acceptance of those funds was approved by Ordinance No. 9953.

BACKGROUND:

Each year since July 2009, the City of Pueblo and Pueblo Police Department have accepted Colorado auto theft grant funds. The total funds are disbursed by CATPA and are shared among several different law enforcement agencies in Colorado. A

Memorandum of Understanding formalizes the relationship between the various participating agencies.

The BATTLE multi-jurisdictional task force focuses on the prevention and reduction of motor vehicle thefts as well as the identification, investigation, location of stolen motor vehicles, and apprehension of suspects. The task force works to increase the number of stolen vehicles recovered, offenders arrested, and decrease vehicle thefts. The agencies accomplish this through educational and intelligence-led enforcement efforts throughout participating jurisdictions with task force members sharing information amongst each other and any other requesting agency.

The task force utilizes grant funds provided by the Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority (CATPA) to help complete its mission. Funds shall be used only in accordance with the provisions of CATPA's FY23 grant award, pursuant to the project number FY23CPPD, to the Colorado State Patrol (BATTLE) Team.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The Pueblo Police Department shall receive \$76,271.00 as allocated by the grant award. No match is required by the City of Pueblo. Project No. PS2207 shall be created and funds in the amount of \$76,271.00 shall be budgeted and appropriated therefor.

Personnel Services-Overtime:	\$55,000.00
Supplies & operating:	\$1,800.00
Equipment:	<u>\$19,471.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$76,271.00

BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

Not Applicable.

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:

Not Applicable.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council may decline the grant funds. If that occurs, the Police Department cannot be reimbursed from CATPA funds for overtime or equipment costs incurred for this program.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Police Department recommends approval of the Ordinance.

Attachments:

Grant Funding Agreement and Award Letter for grant period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

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WHEREAS, the City Council of Pueblo has the authority on behalf of the City of Pueblo, including its Police Department, to accept grants from the state government for public and municipal purposes and to enter into agreements relating thereto; and

WHEREAS, City Council approved a MOU with the statewide Beat Auto Theft Through Law Enforcement Team (BATTLE) on December 28, 2019, which awarded an initial award of \$47,392.00 in grant funds from the Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority (CATPA) for the 2019 grant year upon conditions recited therein or incorporated therein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the statewide Beat Auto Theft Through Law Enforcement Team (BATTLE) was awarded \$57,722.00 in grant funds from the Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority (CATPA) for the 2021-2022 grant year upon conditions recited therein or incorporated therein by reference; and

WHEREAS, an award of grant funds has been made for the 2022-2023 grant year in the amount of \$76,271.00 to assist the police department with paying equipment and overtime costs incurred in its efforts to reduce auto theft; and

WHEREAS, the State has made additional awards of funds in the past under previous grant agreements and the Police Department anticipates the award of additional funds in the future pursuant to this agreement if the same are made available by the State; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of the funds offered pursuant to the Grant for the purposes for which it has been made is in the best interest of the City and will benefit the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of the City; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PUEBLO, that:

SECTION 1.

The Award of the 2022-2023 BATTLE Overtime Allocation Grant is hereby accepted and approved in the amount of \$76,271.00 in accordance with the Grant's terms and conditions.

SECTION 2.

The Grant Funding Agreement, a true copy of which is attached hereto, having been approved as to form by the City Attorney, is hereby approved and accepted. The Mayor is authorized to execute the Grant Agreement in the name of and on behalf of the City, and the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all other certifications, assurances and other documents associated therewith.

SECTION 3.

Project No. PS2207 is hereby established in the Public Safety Grants Fund.

SECTION 4.

The Police Department is empowered to apply for and accept additional grant awards pursuant to the Grant as those funds are made available by the State.

SECTION 5.

All current and future funds accepted under this ordinance shall be budgeted and appropriated into Project Number PS2207 by the Finance Department.

SECTION 6.

The officers and staff of the City are authorized to perform any and all acts consistent with the intent of this Ordinance to implement the policies and procedures described herein.

SECTION 7.

This Ordinance shall become effective on the date of final action by the Mayor and City Council.

Action by City Council:

Introduced and initial adoption of Ordinance by City Council on _____.

Final adoption of Ordinance by City Council on _____.

President of City Council

Action by the Mayor:

Approved on _____.

Disapproved on _____ based on the following objections:

Mayor

Action by City Council After Disapproval by the Mayor:

Council did not act to override the Mayor's veto.

Ordinance re-adopted on a vote of _____, on _____

Council action on _____ failed to override the Mayor's veto.

President of City Council

ATTEST

City Clerk