



Galveston County Taskforce Grant Negotiation for Fiscal Year 2026

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Primary Agency / Grantee Legal Name: *Galveston County*  
Organization Type: *Law Enforcement*  
Organization ORI (if applicable): *TX0840000: GALVESTON CO SO*

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

**Application Category** (See **Request for Applications [RFA]** for category details and descriptions RFA Priority Funding Section):  
**New Grant** - 2026 is the first year of the MVCPA Taskforce Grants. All 2026 grant applicants use the new grant category.

**MVCPA Program Category** (see **RFA** and TAC 43, 3 §57.14). Check all that apply.

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

### Taskforce Grant Participation and Coverage Area

#### Provide a General Description of the Participating and Coverage Area of this Grant Application

Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force covers Galveston, Brazoria, Matagorda, and Southern Harris County areas. Participating agencies include Galveston and Brazoria County Sheriff's Offices, Galveston and La Marque Police Departments, and we seek to add Texas City Police Department in FY2026. We conduct 68-A inspections, respond to complaints and assist on investigations for all coverage areas. Our analyst offers support statewide, and to other agencies nationwide upon request.

#### Define in the tables below the grant relationships and geographic area of the taskforce:

Applicant will add the participating and coverage agencies from the ORI list below. If an agency is not in the ORI list, please include the agency and role in the general description above. Make sure to follow the definitions below and select an agency in the dropdown. Use the *Add as Participating Agency* or *Add as Coverage Agency* button to populate the list.

**Participating Agencies** are agencies that materially participate in the grant application through the exchange of funds for reimbursement and cash match. Participating agencies are defined after the grant award by interlocal/interagency agreements. Each applicant must select their own agency first. Then select agencies that will receive or provide funding and/or resources. [Note: Interlocal/interagency agreements do not need to be submitted with the application. Interlocal agreements will need to be executed prior to the first payment being made if selected for a grant. Letters of support with the application from the participating agencies are strongly recommended.]

**Coverage Agencies** are agencies that provided some level of coverage, assistance or support by this grant application but will not materially exchange funds as cash match or reimbursement. The coverage is not supported by an after the award with interlocal/interagency agreements. Coverage agencies as law enforcement agencies may have jurisdictional coverage agreements unrelated to the grant (Ex. City Y is within County X or vice versa). Agencies selected in this list include agencies that will be covered or where the agency indicates that their agency will coordinate or call upon the taskforce. Letters of support with the application from the participating agencies are strongly recommended.

| Participating Agencies         | Coverage Agencies                 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| TX0200000 BRAZORIA CO SO (MIP) | TX0200100 ALVIN PD                |
| TX0840000 GALVESTON CO SO      | TX0200200 ANGLETON PD             |
| TX0840400 GALVESTON PD         | TX0200300 CLUTE PD                |
| TX0840700 LA MARQUE PD         | TX0200400 DANBURY PD              |
| TX0840900 TEXAS CITY PD        | TX0200500 FREEPORT PD             |
|                                | TX0200800 LAKE JACKSON PD         |
|                                | TX0200900 MANVEL PD               |
|                                | TX0201000 PEARLAND PD(MIP)(IBR)   |
|                                | TX0201100 RICHWOOD PD             |
|                                | TX0201200 SWEENEY PD (AE)         |
|                                | TX0201400 WEST COLUMBIA PD        |
|                                | TX0201700 ALVIN COMMUNITY COLL PD |
|                                | TX0201800 BRAZORIA PD             |
|                                | TX0201900 BROOKSIDE VILLAGE PD    |

TX0202700 JONES CREEK PD (AE)  
 TX0202800 SURFSIDE BEACH PD  
 TX0202900 OYSTER CREEK PD  
 TX0203200 ALVIN ISD PD  
 TX0203300 ANGLETON ISD PD (AE)  
 TX0203500 COLUMBIA-BRAZORIA ISD PD  
 TX0840200 DICKINSON PD  
 TX0840300 FRIENDSWOOD PD (AE)  
 TX0840500 HITCHCOCK PD  
 TX0840600 KEMAH PD  
 TX0840800 LEAGUE CITY PD  
 TX0841000 UTMB-GALVESTON PD  
 TX0841200 TX A&M GALVESTON PD (AE)  
 TX0841900 JAMAICA BEACH PD (AE)  
 TX0842100 SANTA FE PD  
 TX0842200 BAYOU VISTA PD  
 TX0842300 COLL OF THE MAINLAND PD  
 TX0842800 Santa Fe ISD PD  
 TX0843100 GALVESTON ISD PD

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

*Galveston Port Police Department ORI TX0842400, Port of Freeport (Vehicle exports moved to Freeport from Galveston, Equipment imports/Exports remain in Galveston) No ORI. Also will cover Matagorda County upon request.*

**Resolution:** Complete a Resolution and submit to local governing body for approval. [Sample Resolution](#) is found in the Request for Application or send a request for an electronic copy to [grantsMVCPA@txdmv.gov](mailto:grantsMVCPA@txdmv.gov). The completed and executed Resolution must be attached to this on-line application.

**Grant Budget Form**

MVCPA recommends that the applicant complete the total costs (MVCPA and Cash Match combined) for this program. The applicant can then enter the desired amount of Cash Match (not less than 20% per TAC Title 43, Â§57.36). The system will then calculate the correct grant and match amounts.

**Budget Entry Option:**

Enter MVCPA and Cash Match Amounts

| Budget Category                                              | MVCPA<br>Expenditures | Cash<br>Match<br>Expenditures | Total<br>Expenditures | In-Kind<br>Match |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| <a href="#">Personnel</a>                                    | \$412,525             | \$18,315                      | \$430,840             |                  |
| <a href="#">Fringe</a>                                       | \$0                   | \$126,779                     | \$126,779             |                  |
| <a href="#">Overtime</a>                                     | \$20,626              | \$0                           | \$20,626              |                  |
| <a href="#">Professional and Contract Services</a>           | \$508,655             | \$196,648                     | \$705,303             |                  |
| <a href="#">Travel</a>                                       | \$26,240              | \$0                           | \$26,240              |                  |
| <a href="#">Equipment</a>                                    | \$50,050              | \$30,000                      | \$80,050              |                  |
| <a href="#">Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE)</a> | \$57,000              | \$0                           | \$57,000              | \$48,000         |
| Total                                                        | \$1,075,096           | \$371,742                     | \$1,446,838           | \$48,000         |
| Cash Match Percentage                                        |                       | 34.58%                        |                       |                  |

| Description                         | Subcategory                   | Pct<br>Time | MVCPA<br>Funds | Cash Match | Total     | In-Kind<br>Match |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|----------------|------------|-----------|------------------|
| <b>Personnel</b>                    |                               |             |                |            |           |                  |
| Lt / Project Manager (Position 401) | Investigator/LEO              | 50          | \$55,295       | \$2,875    | \$58,170  |                  |
| Sgt/Commander (Position 404)        | Investigator/LEO              | 100         | \$99,130       | \$4,730    | \$103,860 |                  |
| Investigator (Position 405)         | Investigator/LEO              | 100         | \$93,399       | \$4,070    | \$97,469  |                  |
| Investigator (Position 402)         | Investigator/LEO              | 100         | \$93,399       | \$4,640    | \$98,039  |                  |
| Analyst (Position 403)              | Crime Analyst/LE Professional | 100         | \$71,302       | \$2,000    | \$73,302  |                  |
| Total Personnel                     |                               | 450         | \$412,525      | \$18,315   | \$430,840 |                  |
| <b>Fringe</b>                       |                               |             |                |            |           |                  |
| Lt / Project Manager (Position 401) | Investigator/LEO              |             | \$0            | \$15,738   | \$15,738  |                  |
| Sgt/Commander (Position 404)        | Investigator/LEO              |             | \$0            | \$30,108   | \$30,108  |                  |
| Investigator (Position 405)         | Investigator/LEO              |             | \$0            | \$28,041   | \$28,041  |                  |
| Investigator (Position 402)         | Investigator/LEO              |             | \$0            | \$28,139   | \$28,139  |                  |
| Analyst (Position 403)              | Crime Analyst/LE Professional |             | \$0            | \$24,753   | \$24,753  |                  |
| Total Fringe                        |                               |             | \$0            | \$126,779  | \$126,779 |                  |
| <b>Overtime</b>                     |                               |             |                |            |           |                  |
| Lt / Project Manager (Position 401) | Investigator/LEO              |             | \$2,765        | \$0        | \$2,765   |                  |
| Sgt/Commander (Position 404)        | Investigator/LEO              |             | \$4,956        | \$0        | \$4,956   |                  |
| Investigator (Position 405)         | Investigator/LEO              |             | \$4,670        | \$0        | \$4,670   |                  |
| Investigator (Position 402)         | Investigator/LEO              |             | \$4,670        | \$0        | \$4,670   |                  |

| Description                                         | Subcategory                   | Pct Time | MVCPA Funds | Cash Match | Total     | In-Kind Match |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|-------------|------------|-----------|---------------|
| Analyst (Position 403)                              | Crime Analyst/LE Professional |          | \$3,565     | \$0        | \$3,565   |               |
| Total Overtime                                      |                               |          | \$20,626    | \$0        | \$20,626  |               |
| <b>Professional and Contract Services</b>           |                               |          |             |            |           |               |
| Galveston PD - Sr Police Officer                    | Investigator/LEO - personnel  | 100      | \$99,705    | \$6,456    | \$106,161 |               |
| Galveston PD - Sr Police Officer                    | Investigator/LEO - fringe     | 100      | \$0         | \$44,126   | \$44,126  |               |
| Galveston PD - Sr Police Officer                    | Investigator/LEO - overtime   | 100      | \$4,985     | \$0        | \$4,985   |               |
| La Marque PD- Investigator                          | Investigator/LEO - personnel  | 100      | \$75,431    | \$3,420    | \$78,851  |               |
| La Marque PD- Investigator                          | Investigator/LEO - fringe     | 100      | \$0         | \$24,665   | \$24,665  |               |
| La Marque PD- Investigator                          | Investigator/LEO - overtime   | 100      | \$3,772     | \$0        | \$3,772   |               |
| Brazoria County SO - Investigator I                 | Investigator/LEO - personnel  | 100      | \$97,317    | \$2,400    | \$99,717  |               |
| Brazoria County SO - Investigator I                 | Investigator/LEO - fringe     | 100      | \$0         | \$37,114   | \$37,114  |               |
| Brazoria County SO - Investigator I                 | Investigator/LEO - overtime   | 100      | \$4,866     | \$0        | \$4,866   |               |
| Brazoria County SO - Investigator II                | Investigator/LEO - personnel  | 100      | \$112,816   | \$3,940    | \$116,756 |               |
| Brazoria County SO - Investigator II                | Investigator/LEO - fringe     | 100      | \$0         | \$40,950   | \$40,950  |               |
| Brazoria County SO - Investigator II                | Investigator/LEO - overtime   | 100      | \$5,641     | \$0        | \$5,641   |               |
| Texas City PD - Sr Police Officer                   | Investigator/LEO - personnel  | 100      | \$99,164    | \$1,800    | \$100,964 |               |
| Texas City PD - Sr Police Officer                   | Investigator/LEO - fringe     | 100      | \$0         | \$31,777   | \$31,777  |               |
| Texas City PD - Sr Police Officer                   | Investigator/LEO - overtime   | 100      | \$4,958     | \$0        | \$4,958   |               |
| Total Professional and Contract Services            |                               | 1500     | \$508,655   | \$196,648  | \$705,303 |               |
| <b>Travel</b>                                       |                               |          |             |            |           |               |
| MVCPA meetings and workshops                        | Administrative In-state       |          | \$1,640     | \$0        | \$1,640   |               |
| Advanced/Specialized Auto Theft Training            | Training In-State             |          | \$4,920     | \$0        | \$4,920   |               |
| TAVTI                                               | Training In-State             |          | \$8,200     | \$0        | \$8,200   |               |
| MVCPA Conference                                    | Training In-State             |          | \$8,200     | \$0        | \$8,200   |               |
| Other Investigative Training                        | Training In-State             |          | \$820       | \$0        | \$820     |               |
| Other Investigative Training                        | Training Out-of-State         |          | \$820       | \$0        | \$820     |               |
| Investigations                                      | Law enforcement In-State      |          | \$820       | \$0        | \$820     |               |
| Investigations                                      | Law enforcement Out-of-State  |          | \$820       | \$0        | \$820     |               |
| Total Travel                                        |                               |          | \$26,240    | \$0        | \$26,240  |               |
| <b>Equipment</b>                                    |                               |          |             |            |           |               |
| Truck (1)                                           |                               |          | \$30,000    | \$30,000   | \$60,000  |               |
| Computer                                            |                               |          | \$3,500     | \$0        | \$3,500   |               |
| Printer (for vehicle)                               |                               |          | \$650       | \$0        | \$650     |               |
| Docking station for vehicle                         |                               |          | \$1,700     | \$0        | \$1,700   |               |
| Cell Phone                                          |                               |          | \$1,200     | \$0        | \$1,200   |               |
| 800 MHz Radio for truck                             |                               |          | \$6,000     | \$0        | \$6,000   |               |
| Handheld radio                                      |                               |          | \$7,000     | \$0        | \$7,000   |               |
| Total Equipment                                     |                               |          | \$50,050    | \$30,000   | \$80,050  |               |
| <b>Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE)</b> |                               |          |             |            |           |               |
| Service Contracts (Hardware/Software)               |                               |          | \$17,500    | \$0        | \$17,500  |               |
| Fuel                                                |                               |          | \$0         | \$0        | \$0       | \$24,000      |
| Vehicle Maintenance                                 |                               |          | \$3,000     | \$0        | \$3,000   |               |
| Wireless Communications                             |                               |          | \$9,000     | \$0        | \$9,000   |               |
| Administrative Supplies                             |                               |          | \$1,000     | \$0        | \$1,000   |               |
| Operating Supplies                                  |                               |          | \$6,000     | \$0        | \$6,000   |               |
| Training                                            |                               |          | \$8,000     | \$0        | \$8,000   |               |
| Vehicle Make Ready                                  |                               |          | \$11,000    | \$0        | \$11,000  |               |
| Towing                                              |                               |          | \$1,500     | \$0        | \$1,500   |               |
| Utilities                                           |                               |          | \$0         | \$0        | \$0       | \$24,000      |
| Total Supplies and Direct Operating Expenses (DOE)  |                               |          | \$57,000    | \$0        | \$57,000  | \$48,000      |

**Budget Narrative****A. Personnel**

Personnel: Lt/Project Manager (Galveston County Sheriff's Office): Oversees Auto Crimes Task Force and Catalytic Converter grants as well as overseeing Galveston County Sheriff's Office Organized Crimes Task Force. Maintains communications with Project Director, Commander, Investigators, and office personnel. Stays in contact with the Sheriff's Office Command staff, County Auditor, Purchasing Agent and Legal divisions to ensure compliance with the appropriate state and county regulations. Coordinates with Analyst concerning finances, travel, training, and monitoring grant and financial records. Attends and conducts peace officer training and public awareness programs as needed. 50% assigned to Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force. Commander (Galveston County Sheriff's Office): Supervises daily operations of the Task Force including strategy development and case assignment/review. Maintains communication with the Project Manager, investigators, and office personnel. Provides both tactical and strategic analytical support to all local, county, state, and federal agencies. Attends and conducts peace officer training and public awareness programs as needed. 100% assigned to Auto Crimes Task Force. Investigators (Galveston County Sheriff's Office): Conduct investigations, both pro-active (self-initiated) and reactive; operates both overtly and covertly as deemed necessary by the Commander. Attends and conducts peace officer training. Conducts public awareness programs as directed. Serve as liaison to assigned districts sharing and gathering information related to motor vehicle crimes. Assist all local, county, state, and federal agencies when requested related to Auto Crimes Task Force stated mission assignments. 100% assigned to Auto Crimes Task Force. Analyst (Galveston County Sheriff's Office): Performs intelligence analysis including research, crime mapping, link analysis, VIN decoding, secondary identification methods, and any other vehicle related requests for local, state, and federal investigators. Also maintains grant and financial records. 100% assigned to Auto Crimes Task Force. Note: Salaries listed are based on current amounts with a 3.5% buffer included to account for any potential COLAs or increases for the coming fiscal year. Base salary for sworn personnel calculated at 86 hours bi-weekly. Salary Cash Matches include Law Enforcement Career Path Program costs (for sworn personnel) as follows: Certification Pay (based on level of certification as follows: \$75 per month for intermediate certification; \$100 per month for advanced certification; and \$150 per month for master certification); and Longevity Pay: \$10.00 per each year of time in service per month. Also included is a one-time bonus of \$2,000 per employee typically given to County employees in the second pay period in November if approved for FY2026. Lt/Project Manager grant and cash match amounts reflect 50% percentage assignment to MVCPA grants.

**B. Fringe**

Fringe: Amounts reflected above include the following benefits for all county employees at their current rates with a 3.5% buffer for potential COLAs for FY 2026 plus overtime: Pension -Texas County District and Retirement System (TCDRS) at 11.87%; Alternate Plan including deferred compensation (3.710468%), long term disability and life insurance rates variable by age and pay rates; Medicare at 1.450%; Unemployment Insurance at 0.11%; Health Insurance at \$795/month. Amounts shows reflect percentage of time assigned to task force.

**C. Overtime**

Overtime funds requested were calculated at 5% (respective of time assigned to task force) of current base pay plus a 3.5% buffer for potential COLAS per employee for FY 2026. Overtime funds would be used to conduct special operations and activities and would be approved by the Commander on a case by case basis. These funds could offset some of the time off and man-power shortages frequently experienced due to comp time accrual overages.

**D. Professional and Contract Services**

Narrative: Galveston Police Department (Sr Police Officer): Conduct investigations, both pro-active (self-initiated) and reactive; operates both overtly and covertly as deemed necessary by the Commander. Attends and conducts peace officer training. Conducts public awareness programs as directed. Serve as liaison to assigned districts sharing and gathering information related to motor vehicle crimes. Assist all local, county, state, and federal agencies when requested related to Auto Crimes Task Force stated mission assignments. 100% assigned to Auto Crimes Task Force. GPD Salary total calculated at current base with a potential 5% COLA; Salary Cash Match shown for the following incentive pay: Certification Pay (based on TCOLE certification - Intermediate: \$100/month; Advanced: \$167/month; and Masters: \$208/month); Longevity Pay (\$55 /month); and Education Pay (based on degree held from nationally accredited college or university - Associates: \$75/month; Bachelors: \$200/month; Masters: \$250/month); Bilingual Pay: (\$75/month). Cash Match for GPD Benefits/Fringe include: Pension (18%); Social Security (6.20%); Medicare (1.450%); Health Insurance (\$1194/month); Dental Insurance (\$24/month); and Life Insurance (\$84/month). GPD overtime requested for FY 2026 calculated at 5% of the projected base pay and are included in Fringe amounts. La Marque Police Department (Investigator): Conduct investigations, both pro-active (self-initiated) and reactive; operates both overtly and covertly as deemed necessary by the Commander. Attends and conducts peace officer training. Conducts public awareness programs as directed. Serve as liaison to assigned districts sharing and gathering information related to motor vehicle crimes. Assist all local, county, state, and federal agencies when requested related to Auto Crimes Task Force stated mission assignments. 100% assigned to Auto Crimes Task Force. LMPD Salary total calculated at current base rate plus 4% potential for a COLA for FY 2026; Salary Cash Match shown for the following incentive pay: up to \$205/month; Longevity Pay: one-time annual payment received in November; an Equipment Allowance: \$85/month; Investigator Pay: \$200/month. Cash Match for LMPD Benefits/Fringe include: Pension (14.29%); Social Security (6.20%); Medicare (1.450%); and Health Insurance (\$544.84/month). LMPD overtime requested for FY 2026 calculated at 5% of the projected base pay and are included in Fringe amounts. Brazoria County Sheriffs Office (2 Investigators): Conduct investigations, both pro-active (self-initiated) and reactive; operates both overtly and covertly as deemed necessary by the Commander. Attends and conducts peace officer training. Conducts public awareness programs as directed. Serve as liaison to assigned districts sharing and gathering information related to motor vehicle crimes. Assist all local, county, state, and federal agencies when requested related to Auto Crimes Task Force stated mission assignments. 100% assigned to Auto Crimes Task Force. BCSO Salary total calculated at current base rate plus 3% for potential COLAs or pay increases for FY 2026. Base salary for sworn personnel calculated at 86 hours bi-weekly. Salary Cash Match shown for the following incentive pay: Certification Pay: \$150/month; and Longevity Pay: \$5/month for every year of service. Cash Match for BCSO Benefits/Fringe include: Pension (13.27%); AUL alternate to SSN (6.017%); Medicare (1.45%); Health Insurance: \$1,000/month; Health Clinic for employees: \$20/pay period; 401-H (2.4%); and Unemployment (.14%). BCSO overtime requested for FY 2026 calculated at 5% of the projected base pay and are included in Fringe amounts. For FY 2026 we are asking for a new investigator position from Texas City Police Department. If approved, the Texas City PD Investigator would: Conduct investigations, both pro-active (self-initiated) and reactive; operates both overtly and covertly as deemed necessary by the Commander. Attends and conducts peace officer training. Conducts public awareness programs as directed. Serve as liaison to assigned districts sharing and gathering information related to motor vehicle crimes. Assist all local, county, state, and federal agencies when requested related to Auto Crimes Task Force stated mission assignments. Would be 100% assigned to Auto Crimes Task Force. The amounts reflected above are calculated at the current Sr Police Officer pay rate, plus 3% for potential COLAs or pay increases. Unknown Fringe/Benefits but were calculated at 30%. Requested overtime calculated at 5% of the base.

**E. Travel**

Galveston County adopted new per diem rates and updated their travel policy in FY 2024. Per diem rates established by standard CONUS rates. The mileage rate is in conjunction with the IRS standard mileage rate. Each investigator assigned by contract will follow the travel policies of their home agencies respectively and will invoice ACTF for reimbursement of travel costs incurred. An average general per diem of \$55 per day used in below calculations. Administrative (In-State): ACTF anticipates travel to MVCPA Board Meetings and/or grant workshop quarterly for Commander and Analyst. Estimated total \$1,640: (calculated as an overnight stay 4 times per year: \$150/night x 2 people - \$1,200 hotel; plus per diem: \$55/day x 2 people x 4 times = \$440). Training: Travel expenses

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following are listed schools and others as yet to be announced to expand the level of training and knowledge of personnel assigned to Auto Crimes Task Force. Advanced/Specialized Auto Theft (In-State) \$4,920: (locations not determined yet for FY 2026 but calculated for 3 employees to attend each: \$150/night x 3 people x 4 nights x 2 classes = \$3,600; plus per diem: \$55/day x 3 people x 4 nights x 2 classes = \$1,320). TAVTI -Texas Association of Auto Theft Investigators (In-State) \$8,200: (Houston, FY 2026 estimated funds include: 10 hotel rooms at \$150/night for 4 nights - \$6,000; per diem: \$55/day x 4 days x 10 people = \$2,200). MVCPA Conference (In-State) \$8,200 (location not yet determined for FY 2026 but calculated for 10 hotel rooms at \$150/night for 4 nights - \$6,000; per diem: \$55/day x 4 days x 10 people = \$2,200). Investigative Training (In-State) \$820: (could include New Detective and Criminal Investigator Training; Interview and Interrogation Training, etc. and will be scheduled locally where available. Calculated at 2 hotel rooms for \$150 twice per year; per diem \$55/day x 2 people x 2 classes = \$220 in case non-local travel necessary for investigative training opportunities). Investigative Training (Out-of-State) \$820: (not determined at this time but calculated at 2 hotel rooms for \$150 twice per year; per diem \$55/day x 2 people x 2 classes = \$220 in case non-local travel necessary out-of-state such as NICB or other training opportunities). Investigative (In-State) \$820: (not determined at this time but calculated at 2 hotel rooms for \$150 twice per year; per diem \$55/day x 2 people x 2 times = \$220 in case of in-state travel needed to conduct investigation or follow up on leads (non-training funds). Investigative (Out-of-State) \$820: (not determined at this time but calculated at 2 hotel rooms for \$150 twice per year; per diem \$55/day x 2 people x 2 times = \$220 in case of out-of-state travel needed to conduct investigation or follow up on leads (non-training funds) in Louisiana or in another state.

**F. Equipment**

All listed would be purchased if new detective position for Texas City PD approved for FY 2026. New 4x4 pickup to be able to tow and access difficult terrains, including beaches; estimate \$60,000 for the new truck. We request permission to use \$30,000 Program Income as cash match toward the purchase of the truck. To equip new Investigator, we would also need: Laptop Computer (with desk dock, monitors, keyboard, etc.) \$3,500; Printer for truck: \$650 to allow for investigator to be able to issue 68A forms from the field; a Docking Station for the computer while in the truck: \$1,700; a Cell Phone (1) estimated at \$1,200 to include a ruggedized case for the new detective; an 800 MHz radio (\$6000) to be installed in the new truck for communications; and a hand held radio for communications outside of the vehicle.

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

Service Contracts: \$17,500 for Software Licensing and Maintenance costs - \$11,500 to renew annual contract with Motorola Solutions for Vehicle Manager (previously known as LEARN through Vigilant Solutions) access to LPR data; Software Licensing and Maintenance costs of \$3,000 to CovertTrack to renew annual contract to access mapping for tracking devices; Site License agreement annual renewal with Motorola Solutions (Previously Vigilant Solutions) for \$3,000 for License Plate Reader camera systems. Fuel: The county and cities provide fuel for ACTF vehicles including investigator vehicles and LPR. All amounts shown as in-kind match are based on estimate of \$200/month and include the potential new Texas City Police Department investigator position. Quarterly expenditure reports will document actual match by each entity. Vehicle Maintenance: \$3,000 to cover any cost for maintenance or repair to bait vehicles (bait car, cargo trailer, all-terrain vehicles and personal water craft); License Plate Reader vehicle; ACTF Polaris UTV; and ACTF crime prevention trailer. The participating Counties and Cities for each agent will repair and maintain agent's vehicles (8 total including the newly applied-for Brazoria County position). Wireless Communications: \$9,000 including cell phones used by ACTF staff \$50/month for 10 lines (including new TCPD Investigator) totaling \$6,000; Also includes costs of Insight app to be added to each phone to allow ability to TCIC/NCIC data from cell phones in the field at \$300/phone per year totaling \$3,000. Administrative Supplies: \$1000 for Routine office supplies, paper, batteries for electronics, audio/videotapes, and blank CDs/DVDs, etc. These items assist personnel to perform efficiently and professionally. Operating Supplies \$6,000: Estimated \$3,000 for Departmental Supplies such as cleaners and degreasers for use in identifying vehicles/parts, small hand tools, VIN etching supplies; finger print supplies; and other items used by Auto Crimes Task Force Agents in the course of their assigned duties; and \$3,000 for Crime Prevention Supplies to allow the purchase and replenishment of popular give-away promotional items. Training: \$8,000 to allow for training opportunities including attendance to Texas Association of Vehicle Theft Investigators (TAVTI) conference at \$200/person for 10 people; Other possible training opportunities could include new detective school, interview and interrogations training, or other investigative training, estimated at \$500/course x 8. Vehicle Make Ready: \$11,000 - If new TCPD position approved, to install lights, sirens, antennas, tint, tool boxes, pep-link etc. in new truck. Towing \$1,500 Auto Crimes Task Force utilizes our car hauler for most recoveries, however, some circumstances necessitate the use of a contract wrecker service. It is estimated that these instances should not exceed \$1,500 in towing fees. Utilities/Building Maintenance/Alarm: In-kind match shown for County provided utility services (electrical, water, sewer, garbage disposal, etc.) and maintains/repairs the building for the Auto Crimes Task Force. 24-hour monitoring and call-out service for our office building (alarm systems) are also provided by Galveston County. Cost of utilities estimated at \$2000/month, however quarterly expenditure reports will document actual utility bill amounts.

**Revenue**

Indicate Source of Cash and In-Kind Matches for the proposed program. Click on links to go to match detail pages for entry of data.

**Source of Cash Match**

|                         |                |                  |
|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Galveston County        | Grantee        | \$145,094        |
| City of Galveston       | Subgrantee     | \$50,582         |
| City of La Marque       | Subgrantee     | \$28,085         |
| Brazoria County         | Subgrantee     | \$84,404         |
| City of Texas City      | Subgrantee     | \$33,577         |
| Program Income          | Program Income | \$30,000         |
| <b>Total Cash Match</b> |                | <b>\$371,742</b> |

**Source of In-Kind Match**

|                            |            |                    |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Galveston County           | Grantee    | \$36,000.00        |
| City of Galveston          | Subgrantee | \$2,400.00         |
| City of La Marque          | Subgrantee | \$2,400.00         |
| Brazoria County            | Subgrantee | \$4,800.00         |
| City of Texas City         | Subgrantee | \$2,400.00         |
| <b>Total In-Kind Match</b> |            | <b>\$48,000.00</b> |

**Statistics to Support Grant Problem Statement**

| Reported Cases      | 2023                      |                                   |                                           | 2024                      |                                   |                                           |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|                     | Motor Vehicle Theft (MVT) | Burglary from Motor Vehicle (BMV) | Fraud-Related Motor Vehicle Crime (FRMVC) | Motor Vehicle Theft (MVT) | Burglary from Motor Vehicle (BMV) | Fraud-Related Motor Vehicle Crime (FRMVC) |
| Galveston County SO | 702                       | 1,291                             | 13                                        | 518                       | 1,133                             | 8                                         |
| Brazoria County SO  | 205                       | 213                               | 9                                         | 158                       | 151                               | 3                                         |
| Galveston PD        | 165                       | 264                               | 0                                         | 141                       | 269                               | 4                                         |
| La Marque PD        | 44                        | 34                                | 0                                         | 48                        | 60                                | 9                                         |
| Texas City PD       | 171                       | 262                               | 0                                         | 101                       | 292                               | 0                                         |

### Application Narrative

#### Grant Introduction (Executive Summary) and General Information

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

*Galveston County is the grantee and is governed by County Commissioners' Court. The Court has appointed the Galveston County Sheriff to oversee this project. The Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force command structure has a Director (appointed by the Sheriff), Program Manager, Commander, Analyst and Six Investigators. The task force follows the command structure of the Sheriff's Office. The Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force is a multi-agency/multi-county and multi-jurisdictional task force with personnel having extensive training in auto theft and vehicle financial fraud. The task force coordinates responses both pro-actively and re-actively to multifaceted motor vehicle crimes throughout the region. Motor vehicle crimes are often intertwined with organized crime and patterns of crime that require the task force to proactively communicate across jurisdictional boundaries. Economic enterprises and individuals involved in illegal behavior, including theft by fraud, give rise to immense pecuniary losses to Texas communities. The Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force proposes to reduce vehicle related crimes throughout Galveston and Brazoria counties and the surrounding areas by collaborating with law enforcement agencies within Galveston, Brazoria and surrounding counties by conducting covert operations, surveillance, vehicle identification, agency assistance, and intelligence sharing. Crime mapping and analytical research is an integral part of combating the varied array of criminal enterprises across multiple jurisdictions. The Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force develops strategies and utilizes statistical crime data to assign personnel to operations to pro-actively combat thefts and burglaries of motor vehicles / parts. The Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force utilizes available resources (license plate reader, bait vehicles, and covert/undercover equipment) to target and reduce the rate of burglaries of motor vehicles / parts and thefts of motor vehicles. Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force Investigators also work re-actively by investigating assigned follow up cases from participating agencies to aid in the identification of prolific offenders as well as potential suspects and / or actors perpetrating motor vehicle thefts and motor vehicle burglaries. The Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force further conducts vehicle inspections for port operations and TXDMV 68-A forms. The Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force will conduct vehicle theft, burglary of a vehicle and catalytic converter theft awareness campaigns with emphasis on public education events that will influence the community members to safeguard their vehicles and personal property through the use of practical prevention methods. The Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force provides an Analyst who assists officers from any requesting Local, County, State, or Federal Agency. Task Force funding is crucial to combat, burglary of motor vehicles / parts, theft of motor vehicles, boat theft, boat trailer theft, and heavy equipment crimes within the coverage areas including the Port of Galveston (Galveston County) and Port of Freeport (Brazoria County).*

- 1.2 Describe the taskforce governing, organization and command structures. Include a description of the nature of support and agreements that will be in place if the grant is awarded. Provide any details unique to the taskforce organization or geographical target area. Describe whether any part of this grant will be directed to serve a specific target population (or subset of the community)?

*The Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task force is governed by Galveston County Commissioners' Court which has assigned the Galveston County Sheriff as being responsible for task force operations. The Galveston County Sheriff has designated a Galveston County Sheriff's Office Captain as Director of the Task Force. The Director has assigned a Galveston County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant as the Program Manager and a Galveston County Sheriff's Office Sergeant as the Commander of the Task Force. The Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force is a multi-agency/multi-county task force which has interlocal agreements with participating agencies. These agencies have agreed to conditions set forth in the agreement to participate. The Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force covers all of Galveston County law enforcement agencies including State, and Federal agencies. The Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force further covers southern Harris County agencies, Brazoria County agencies and Matagorda County by request. The Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force also includes the Port of Galveston (Galveston County) and Port of Freeport (Brazoria County). The Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force provides an Analyst who is funded by MVCPA to provide analytical assistance to task force Investigators, other MVCPA funded task forces as well as any requesting Local, County, State or federal agencies. Some of the operational costs listed in this grant application are used to provide this statewide assistance as well. The Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force only targets criminal populations and / or hotspots and other areas as identified through crime mapping and analysis, or upon request by law enforcement agencies within the coverage area.*

### Grant Problem Statement

- 2.1 Provide an assessment of the burglary from a motor vehicle (including theft of parts) problem in the coverage area of this application. Include loss data consistent with the reported incident numbers above.

*The Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force provides full service to Galveston County (population 367,407 per reports for 2024) Brazoria County (population 413,224 per reports for 2024). (Note: Summer population triples in Galveston and Brazoria Counties). Additionally, Southern Harris and Matagorda counties are served on a request basis. The Texas City Police Department has requested to join the Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force and have been included on the FY26 application to bolster the Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force as multi-Agency and multi-County task force for the region. The City of Texas City continues to see an ever-growing population and expansion of retail businesses creating a target rich environment for perpetrators of motor vehicle related crimes. The City of Texas City, with a population of 53,084 (According to 2024 records), accounts for approximately 14% of the overall population in Galveston County. According to the Texas Department of Public Safety Crime Index, motor vehicle thefts in the City of Texas City attributed to 24% of the overall motor vehicle thefts in Galveston County during the calendar year 2023 and 19.5% in 2024. During the calendar year 2023, the City of Texas City saw the tourist industry in the southern part of Galveston County (which includes the City of Texas City) as well as Brazoria County continue to see record increases. These areas have increased incidents of violence associated with motor vehicle crimes due to inflation and other economic impacts. Galveston and Brazoria Counties have suffered losses of \$5,260,572 million dollars in 2025 due to motor vehicle theft, motor vehicle burglaries and catalytic converter thefts (according to the Texas Department of Public Safety Crime Index). The victims of these crimes have grieved an array of losses well beyond economic hardships, such as lost time, lost business, lost wages and overall diminishment of community well-being. In calendar year 2024, there were 1,133 (Galveston County) 151 (Brazoria County) burglaries of motor vehicles / catalytic converters / thefts of other parts having a total financial loss of \$682,343. These numbers are in part attributed to a lack of public awareness.*

*Joining forces and collaborating with other state and local law enforcement agencies can help significantly. Providing local law enforcement training may assist in the decline of vehicle part thefts and burglaries. Galveston and Brazoria Counties have experienced incidences of violence associated with motor vehicle crimes. Much of this is due to increased gang activity throughout the region. There are multiple trends occurring which involve motor vehicle burglaries/parts (Catalytic converters), including victim assisted crime; organized crime; gang crime, firearms being stolen; drug related; assorted frauds and vehicle thefts from dealerships*

- 2.2 Provide an assessment of the motor vehicle theft problem in the coverage area of this application. Include loss data consistent with the reported incident numbers above.

*Since 1993 GCACTF has provided a complete and detailed service targeting vehicle thefts in Galveston County (367,407 per reports for 2024). Brazoria County (population 413,224 per reports for 2024). Additionally, Brazoria, Southern Harris and Matagorda counties are served on a request basis. Recently there has been an increase in requests from the Texas City Police Department leading them to requesting to join Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force. Galveston, Southern Harris, Brazoria, and Matagorda Counties have likewise reported increases in motor vehicle thefts. There are multiple trends occurring which involve motor vehicle thefts to include victim assisted crime; organized crime; drug related; human trafficking; narcotics trafficking; theft of rental cars through fraud; motor vehicle thefts committed by criminal gangs; chop shops; internet scams; dealership burglaries and theft of vehicles from dealerships. According to the Texas Department of Public Safety Crime Index, there were a reported 518 motor vehicle thefts in Galveston County totaling \$8,941,074 and 158 motor vehicle thefts totaling \$3,684,376 in Brazoria County. This equates to an average financial loss of \$18,676 to the victims. Total losses due to motor vehicle theft, burglary of motor vehicles, and Catalytic converter theft attributes an overall cost to the citizens of Galveston and Brazoria Counties of \$13,307,472. The City of Galveston and southern Brazoria County typically experience a significant increase in motor vehicle thefts during the summer months (Summer population increases in both counties). This is attributed to the increase in transient population due to the beaches and tourism industry combined with the schools being on summer break. The international seaport in Galveston / Freeport has seen increased vehicle import / export traffic associated with human trafficking, narcotics, weapons and U.S. Currency. We have seen an increase in stolen heavy equipment being transported across local and state jurisdictional boundaries as well as being transported to the southern border to be taken out of the United States of America. The auto theft issue defies all boundaries: jurisdictional, political, geographical or administrative. Because of the changing trends and complexity of the issue, the auto theft fight requires the cooperation, collaboration and involvement of many stakeholders including the State of Texas. As the vehicle theft landscape continues to evolve, so must the search for innovative solutions to combat the activities of determined vehicle thieves.*

- 2.3 Provide an assessment of the fraud-related motor vehicle crime problem in the coverage area of this application. Include loss data consistent with the reported incident numbers above.

*The Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force has always worked various fraud investigations involving vehicles. Certain types of fraud are on the rise such as title fraud from vehicles being stolen from dealerships which are then VIN switched to sell to unsuspecting buyers with a fraudulent title. The vehicle is listed on various social media sites and is then sold for thousands of dollars making the scam highly lucrative for the criminal element. The targeted victims are most commonly immigrants, likely due to them dealing in cash. We have seen financial fraud from wrecker services selling vehicles, Insurance fraud, Odometer fraud, Identity fraud and synthetic identity sales.*

- 2.4 Provide an assessment of motor vehicle crime not covered above like insurance fraud, preventing stolen vehicles from entering Mexico, bridge/port stolen vehicle export crime, disruption of cartels and organized criminal enterprises related to motor vehicle crime, etc...

*The Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force has conducted operations targeting various criminal gang organizations who perpetrated thefts at numerous motor vehicle dealerships throughout Galveston and surrounding counties. The actors will go look at a vehicle and either copy keys or switch out key fobs to later return and steal the vehicle. Once the vehicle is stolen, it is commonly listed for sale on social media often before the dealership even knows it is stolen. These individuals often utilize these stolen vehicles to cross the southern border for purposes of human smuggling, in the transportation of illicit narcotics, in the commission of other criminal offenses, strip it for parts, or switch or alter the VIN on it to sell to unsuspecting persons. We have conducted inspections and recovered VIN switched vehicles and heavy equipment at the international ports. These VIN switched vehicles are also related to insurance fraud cases.*

### Grant Goals and Activities

There are two parts to this section: 1) Functions of Proposed Program and 2) Goals Strategies and Activities (GSA). In the following boxes, describe the functions of the proposed program and then complete a fillable form called GSA.

MVCPA programs must completely describe the actions, methods and tactics that law enforcement and civilian staff will perform for each of the categories below. Describe the reliance on technology or other program elements to solve the problem statement above and goals below. Functions must be detailed and consistent with the requested budget. If a grant is awarded, funds expended towards activities not described in this section will result in the reimbursement being denied.

#### Part 1

- 3.1 Functions of the proposed program related to burglary from a motor vehicle (including theft of parts)

*Through increased communication and collaboration with law enforcement agencies and interaction directly with citizens and civic groups, along with increased visibility through the LPR and crime prevention displays, we expect to see a reduction in the number of motor burglaries. Increased TCOLE training for officers should aid in increasing awareness of vehicle burglary and motor vehicle theft interdiction yielding a significant impact. Approaches to Functions of Proposed Project Operations and services are provided to all law enforcement agencies and citizens of Galveston County, and to areas outside of Galveston County on a request basis. Since 2007, GCACTF has continually thought outside of the box to implement new and innovative programs to combat motor vehicle burglary / parts. Investigators are specially trained in vehicle identification and investigations, cellular phone examinations as well as electronic surveillance measures, in addition to traditional burglary investigation methods. Our experience originated before the first task force was ever formed. The ABTPA concept originated in Galveston County and we were one of the first projects in 1993. GCACTF was the first to have a stripped vehicle display, crime prevention trailer, and has hosted five grantee conferences. We have also hosted four International Law Enforcement Conferences with a focus on vehicle and marine theft. GCACTF was one of the first programs to initiate bait vehicle operations. We also operate a highly successful LPR program. GCACTF strives to be at the forefront of technological advancements in vehicle theft interdiction and have incorporated crime analysis and crime mapping to streamline operations and the direction of resources effectively. The Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force uses various combinations of the following eight methods to combat burglary of motor vehicles and parts: 1) Investigation: Officers funded under MVCPA generally operate in specialized units that require both proactive and reactive experience in motor vehicle burglary/parts investigative skills. The Investigators review reports, collect and examine intelligence, develop leads and witnesses, identify offenders, identify and track criminal organizations, and develop sources of information from victims, informants and community members. 2) Analysis: The Gulf*



Coast Auto Crimes Task Force employs an Analyst who provides analytical support to investigators and assists officers from any requesting Local, County, State, and Federal Agency. This Analyst utilizes all available resources to provide crime mapping, analytical research, strategies and statistics to identify trends and areas with high rates of burglaries of motor vehicles / parts and assists investigators with research to identify prolific offenders and potential suspects and / or actors involved with burglaries of motor vehicles. 3) Identification: Motor vehicle burglary and theft investigators receive specialized training to identify vehicles and parts of vehicles. Certain title transactions require these specially trained group of investigators to certify the proper vehicle identification number prior to completion. This skill is critical to not only establishing the elements of motor vehicle crimes for prosecution purposes but also in recovering vehicles / parts and clearing cases. The specialized skill in vehicle identification is often used to assist other departments and agencies in critical incidents. The specialized training and skill set promoted by MVCPA allows task force officers the means to identify most manufactured vehicles and trailers and their parts. 4) Collaboration: GCACTF collaborates across local, state and federal departments and jurisdictions to identify criminal enterprises. Additionally, task forces are seeing motor vehicle burglary / parts perpetrated by highly organized criminal networks using illegal methods to convert the vehicles into economic gain through title fraud, insurance fraud, or exportation. The MVCPA funded task force works across all levels of government and across all boundaries to be effective in reducing motor vehicle burglary / parts. 5) Motor Vehicle Business Support: GCACTF conducts inspections of salvage yards, recycling centers, motor vehicle rebuilders and other vehicle related businesses. When vehicle parts are identified the task force works with local businesses to identify and interrupt the criminal network that brought the stolen items into the system. The task force also works to shut down illegal operations that tender stolen motor vehicle parts, which are often referred to as "chop shops". These illegal operations undermine legitimate businesses throughout the state. 6) Port Coordination: GCACTF coordinate efforts along the port of Galveston and Port of Freeport to interdict criminal networks conveying stolen vehicles and parts into and out of the country. The port (HAMOC) monthly team meetings and discussions, coordinated by Homeland Security, have increased the communication between jurisdictions where vehicles are stolen and / or dismantled for parts for international transport through ports of entry. Not all stolen vehicles are taken to Mexico. The coordination promoted by GCACTF and Homeland Security have helped agencies think more regionally to solve motor vehicle theft / parts. 7) Technology: Task force Investigators have developed sophisticated techniques to identify and arrest offenders who burglarize and steal motor vehicles / parts. The task force utilizes bait cars and trailers, license plate readers, surveillance equipment, and tracking equipment as authorized by state and federal laws. This technology and the expertise needed to successfully utilize it is critical to GCACTF to decrease incidents of thefts / burglaries in meeting the statutory measures to increase recoveries of stolen vehicles / parts; increase clearance of cases, and increase arrests. 8) Identify Prolific Offenders: The task force works diligently to identify prolific offenders. Many motor vehicle burglary / parts and theft cases are committed by repeat individuals or groups. GCACTF works with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Office of Inspector General and other law enforcement agencies and utilizes a confidential law enforcement system, FUGINET (a database of inmate and parolee information) to conduct roundups of parolees convicted of motor vehicle burglary / parts and theft. FUGINET provides special coordinated access to incarcerated persons, and intelligence gathering specially crafted for motor vehicle burglary / parts and theft. 9) Communication and collaboration: GCACTF devotes a great deal of effort to communicating with each other, other law enforcement agencies, vehicle manufacturers, and citizens within our communities. We work with command structures and regional DPS Crime Information Centers on receiving and providing intelligence. The task force issues BOLOs (be-on-the-lookouts) through the TCIC / NCIC centers and direct communications. The task force uses all communication means necessary, including social media platforms, to identify suspects, clear cases, arrest offenders and recover vehicles and property. The following services are provided to participating agencies within Galveston County, as well as to the agencies in our coverage area when requested: Conduct investigations regarding auto burglaries, including stripped vehicles / parts, salvage switch parts, insurance fraud, and other assorted fraud cases. Provide direct and indirect investigative assistance to all law enforcement agencies regarding burglaries of vehicles / parts. Provide investigative and analytical assistance regarding patterns of criminal activity relating to burglaries of motor vehicle / parts. Provide investigative assistance in any criminal activity committed in conjunction with burglaries of motor vehicles / parts to include gang activity, narcotics trafficking, etc. Provide assistance to citizens and law enforcement agencies concerning complaints regarding burglaries of motor vehicles (this may include implementing operations, conducting surveillance and / or using bait to combat the activity) Conduct inspections of vehicle related businesses (recycling facilities, storage facilities, tow yards, salvage dealers, etc.) to ensure compliance with appropriate state and federal statutory and regulatory laws / rules. Additionally, GCACTF will provide assistance in the investigation of citizen complaints involving Vehicle Storage Facilities within the coverage area. Assist requesting law enforcement agencies within the coverage area regarding the execution of search warrants, arrest warrants, motions to revoke probation, and parole revocations regarding burglaries of motor vehicles. Provide analytical assistance to all requesting law enforcement agencies pertaining to burglaries of motor vehicles. Provide instructors and / or speakers to area civic organizations, school districts, Citizen Police Academies, In-service training, Basic Police Academies and law enforcement agencies in the areas of crime prevention and probable cause development regarding burglaries of motor vehicles. Provide electronic and technical equipment and assistance to requesting law enforcement agencies relating to burglaries of motor vehicles. Assist in the processing of recovered stolen evidence / parts related to burglaries of motor vehicles and / or provide assistance/training to requesting agencies regarding the processing of recovered evidence/parts. Provide On-Call Agent 24 hours a day / 7 days a week to assist law enforcement agencies in coverage area regarding burglaries of motor vehicles.

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

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



and DPS auto theft investigators with secondary VIN locations, VIN decoding, rebuilding VINs and cross-referencing vehicles and components for positive identification of altered, burned, stolen and partially identified vehicles for investigations and 68A inspections. 3) Identification: Motor vehicle burglary and theft investigators receive specialized training to identify vehicles. Certain title transactions require these specially trained investigators to certify the proper vehicle identification number prior to completion. This skill is critical to not only establishing the elements of motor vehicle crime for prosecution purposes but also in recovering vehicles and clearing cases. The specialized skill in vehicle identification is often used to assist other departments and agencies in critical moments. The specialized training and skill set promoted by MVCPA allows task force investigators the means to identify most manufactured vehicles and trailers as well as ATVs, boats, and heavy equipment. 4) Collaboration: GCACTF collaborates across local, state and federal departments and jurisdictions to identify criminal enterprises. Additionally, task forces are seeing motor vehicle theft cases with highly organized criminal networks using illegal methods to convert the vehicles into economic gain through title fraud, insurance fraud, or exportation. The MVCPA funded task force works across all levels of government and across all boundaries to be effective in reducing motor vehicle theft. 5) Motor Vehicle Business Support: Task force conducts inspections of salvage yards, recycling centers, rebuilders and other motor vehicle related businesses. When stolen vehicles are identified the task force works with local businesses to identify and interrupt the criminal network that brought the stolen items into the system. The task force also works to shut down illegal operations that render stolen motor vehicles and parts, which are often referred to as "chop shops". These illegal operations undermine legitimate businesses throughout the state. 6) Port Coordination: GCACTF coordinate efforts along the port of Galveston and port of Freeport to interdict criminal networks moving stolen vehicles to and from the country. The port (HAMOC) monthly team meetings discussions coordinated by Homeland Security, have increased the communication between jurisdictions where vehicles are stolen. Not all stolen vehicles are taken to Mexico. The coordination promoted by GCACTF / Homeland Security has helped agencies think more regionally to solve motor vehicle theft. 7) Technology: Task force investigators have developed sophisticated techniques to identify and arrest offenders who steal motor vehicles. The task force uses bait cars and trailers, license plate readers, surveillance equipment, and tracking equipment when authorized by courts. This technology and the expertise needed to successfully utilize it is critical to GCACTF task force to decrease incidents of motor vehicle thefts and meet the statutory measures to increase recoveries of stolen vehicles; increase clearance of cases; and increase arrests. 8) Identify Prolific Offenders: The task force works diligently to identify prolific offenders. Many motor vehicle theft cases are committed by the same individuals or groups. GCACTF works with Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Office of Inspector General and other law enforcement agencies and utilizes a law enforcement confidential system, FUGINET (a database of inmate and parolee information) to conduct roundups of parolees convicted of motor vehicle theft. FUGINET provides special coordinated access to incarcerated persons, and intelligence gathering specially crafted for motor vehicle theft. 9) Communication: GCACTF spends a great deal of effort in communicating with each other, other law enforcement agencies, vehicle manufacturers, and our communities. We work with command structures and regional DPS Crime Information Centers on receiving and providing intelligence. The task force issues BOLOs (be-on-the-lookouts) through the TCIC/NCIC centers and direct communications. The task force uses all communication means necessary, including social media platforms, to clear cases, arrest offenders and recover vehicles and property. The following services are provided to participating agencies within Galveston County, as well as to the agencies in our coverage area when requested: Conduct investigations regarding commercial auto theft in coverage area to include stripping operations, salvage switch operations, and insurance fraud cases. Provide direct and indirect investigative assistance to requesting law enforcement agencies regarding carjacking and vehicle arson incidents. Provide assistance regarding patterns of criminal activity relating to vehicle crimes including unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, theft of motor vehicles including trailers, ATVs, 4 wheelers, boats / personal watercraft, and heavy equipment. Provide investigative assistance in any criminal activity involving the use of stolen vehicles to include gang activity, narcotics trafficking, smuggling of persons and / or property, etc. Assist citizens and law enforcement agencies concerning complaints regarding new and used car dealers in coverage area. Inspect vehicle related businesses (recycling facilities, storage facilities, tow yards, salvage dealers, etc.) to ensure compliance with appropriate state and federal statutory and regulatory laws / rules. Additionally, GCACTF will provide assistance in investigation of citizen complaints involving vehicle related businesses. GCACTF inspects in-bound and out-bound vehicles and heavy equipment at Port of Galveston and Port of Freeport in cooperation with the US Customs Service. Inspections will include Cargo Containers and RORO ships being used to export vehicles through the Port of Galveston and Port of Freeport. Assist law enforcement agencies in coverage area regarding execution of search warrants, arrest warrants, motions to revoke probation, and parole revocations regarding vehicle crimes and other violations involving persons with a history of engaging in vehicle crimes. Provide analytical assistance to all requesting law enforcement agencies pertaining to vehicle crimes, organized criminal activity, and crimes involving serious bodily injury / death or the potential for serious bodily injury / death to any person [i.e. sexual assaults, kidnapping, murder, and serial offenses] Provide instructors and / or speakers to area civic organizations, school districts, and law enforcement agencies in the areas of crime prevention, probable cause development regarding vehicle crimes, citizen police academies, in-service training, and basic police academies. Provide electronic and technical equipment and assistance to requesting law enforcement agencies relating to vehicle crimes. Assist in processing of recovered stolen vehicles for evidence recovery where the recovering agency does not have sufficient personnel or additional circumstances exist limiting available personnel. GCACTF will provide training to requesting agencies regarding the processing of recovered vehicles. Provide on-call agent 24 hours a day / 7 days a week to assist requesting law enforcement agencies with investigating auto theft and / or surveillance of located vehicles, interviewing and processing of persons arrested in motor vehicle crimes and GPS aided tracking of stolen vehicles.

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

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

### 3.4 Functions of the proposed program related to preventing motor vehicle crime (motor vehicle theft, burglary from a motor vehicle and fraud-related motor vehicle crime)

Astonishing theft trends continue to close in on near record highs. Vehicle theft data, provided by the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and analyzed by NICB, indicates that approximately 850,708 vehicles were reported to law enforcement as stolen during the calendar year 2024. If left unchecked, theft trend totals could exceed one million stolen vehicles nationally by the end of the year. To reduce motor vehicle crime, the task force will spend a great deal of time and effort conducting prevention and public awareness programs. We communicate with citizen and neighborhood groups and homeowners' associations, make appearances and presentations with our LPR, stripped vehicle display or crime prevention trailer at stock shows, county fairs, civic organizations, racing events, social media, and other public events; and provide public service announcements all in an effort to harden citizen targets against motor vehicle crimes through increased education and awareness. The task force provides brochures, giveaways and other printed material with MVCPA logos and Gulf Coast Auto Crimes Task Force identifiers for reference.

- 3.5 Functions of the proposed program for other motor vehicle crimes investigations and activities consistent with the statutory requirements (preventing stolen vehicles from entering Mexico, stopping illegal export of stolen vehicle from bridge/ outbound port operations, disruption of cartel or organized criminal enterprises using stolen motor vehicles or fraud related motor vehicle crime, insurance fraud, etc...)

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

- 3.6 Collaboration Effort -- Describe the taskforce method to collaborate, and not duplicate existing activities. Describe the cross boundaries regional approach to grant activity implementation. Describe how the applicant staff and jurisdiction will coordinate with other taskforces and law enforcement agencies to implement this program.

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

- 3.7 If the proposed application requests any exceptions or deviation from any general grant rules, RFA conditions or grant administrative policy, please indicate in the section below. Indicate the section of the specific issue and citation that you are asking the MVCPA to consider and the rational for the request.

*None*

## Part II

### Goals, Strategies, and Activities

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

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

| ID                                                                              | Activity                                                           | Measure                                                                    | Target |
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| <b>Statutory Motor Vehicle Theft Measures Required for all Grantees.</b>        |                                                                    |                                                                            |        |
| 1.1.15                                                                          | Increase the recovery rate of stolen motor vehicles                | Report the number of vehicles recovered by taskforce                       |        |
| 1.1.16                                                                          | Increase the clearance rate of MVTs                                | Report the number of MVT cases cleared                                     |        |
| 1.1.17                                                                          | Increase the number of persons arrested for motor vehicle theft    | Report the number of persons arrested for motor vehicle theft by taskforce |        |
| <b>Statutory Burglary of a Motor Vehicle Measures Required for all Grantees</b> |                                                                    |                                                                            |        |
| 2.1.12                                                                          | Increase the clearance rate of motor vehicle burglaries            | Report the number of BMV including parts cases cleared                     |        |
| 2.1.13                                                                          | Increase the number of persons arrested for motor vehicle burglary | Report the number of persons arrested for burglary by taskforce            |        |

| ID                                                                                    | Activity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Target |
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| <b>Statutory Fraud-Related Motor Vehicle Crime Measures Required for all Grantees</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |        |
| 8.1.1                                                                                 | Increase the clearance rate of fraud-related motor vehicle crime cases.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Report the number of fraud-related motor vehicle cases cleared                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |        |
| 8.1.2                                                                                 | Increase the number of persons arrested for fraud-related motor vehicle crimes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Report the number of persons arrested for fraud-related motor vehicle crimes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |        |
| <b>Measures for Grantees. Add Target values for those that you will measure.</b>      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |        |
| 1                                                                                     | <b>Goal 1: Reduce the Incidence of Motor Vehicle Theft through Enforcement Strategies</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |        |
| 1.1                                                                                   | <b>Strategy 1: Conduct Activities that Result in the Arrest, Clearance, and Recoveries of Motor Vehicle Theft</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |        |
| 1.1.1                                                                                 | Identify groups of auto theft offenders through intelligence gathering, crime analysis and the use of informants                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Number of MVT groups identified. Include gangs, cartels or other criminal enterprise with two or more members                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 10     |
| 1.1.2                                                                                 | Identify and document/record prolific MVT offenders [Prolific is defined as "linked to MVT offenses three or more times"]                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Number identified/documented offenders                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 25     |
| 1.1.5                                                                                 | Conduct inspections of local businesses related to vehicle enterprise (transportation code or occupation code authorized companies such as salvage yard, repair shop, parts recycling center, used car dealership, salvage rebuilders, title service company, other). (see 1.3.3 to report the number of vehicles inspected in these businesses) | Number of businesses inspected                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 4      |
| 1.1.6                                                                                 | Conduct bait vehicle operations that target MVT offenders                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Number of bait vehicle deployments. Include BMV bait operations here.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 0      |
| 1.1.8                                                                                 | Deploy license plate readers (LPR)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Number of times LPR deployed. Deploy: If stationary unit then total number of days or partial days unit was operable and on. Mobile unit number of days the unit was on and operable.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 250    |
| 1.1.9                                                                                 | Respond to taskforce license plate reader (LPR) alert notifications                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Number of times investigators responded to taskforce LPR alert notifications regardless of whether vehicle was located                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 100    |
| 1.1.12                                                                                | Conduct covert operations targeting MVT offenders                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Number of covert operations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 50     |
| 1.1.13                                                                                | Conduct warrant "round-up" operations targeting motor vehicle crime offenders, including people wanted for MVTs, motor vehicle burglaries, theft of vehicle parts and motor vehicle fraud related crime.                                                                                                                                         | Number of warrant round-up operations performed for MVT, BMV and FRMVC.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 4      |
| 1.1.20                                                                                | Number of Altered Vehicles Recovered                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Report the total number of vehicles recovered with altered Vehicle Identification Number. Note: Please remember that a vehicle recovered must be reported in 1.1.15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 40     |
| 1.2                                                                                   | <b>Strategy 2: Conduct Collaborative Efforts that Result in Reduction of Incidents of Motor Vehicle Theft</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |        |
| 1.2.1                                                                                 | Provide Agency Assists for MVT and motor vehicle related fraud                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Number of agency assists related to MVT. <b>Assist means responding or answering questions via phone, e-mail, or in person. Providing recommendation, guidance, strategy, support or information that other LEOs will use to resolve their cases. The assist generally does not have the direct responsibility for an investigation nor uses LEO authority. The assist helps another LEO or agency investigate cases. Analysts and civilian employees will record their assists to outside LEOs and agencies met here along with officers.</b>                                                                                                                                  | 1000   |
| 1.2.2                                                                                 | Collaborate with other units or divisions (i.e. homicide, vice, narcotics, etc.) <b>within the taskforce department(s)</b> where a motor vehicle was used in the commission of the crime (includes identification of vehicles). Include all participating jurisdiction departments here.                                                         | Number of times collaborated within departments or SOs participating in taskforce related to MVT. Collaboration means physically using law enforcement resources, tactics and authority to perform activity on cases that draw upon or aid in the investigation intended to further the resolution of any case, identify parties to crime, identify vehicles, interview witnesses/suspects and apprehend suspects. Collaboration will include any help, recommendation, contribution or support requested from or provided to another unit or offered by the taskforce that aids in the furtherance of motor vehicle theft investigations.                                      | 350    |
| 1.2.3                                                                                 | Collaborate with all other outside LE agencies and other organizations that assist in the reduction of MVTs. Include all coverage jurisdictions here.                                                                                                                                                                                            | Number of times collaborated with coverage area agencies or other law enforcement agencies and organizations that assist in the reduction of MVT. Collaboration means physically using law enforcement resources, tactics and authority to perform activity on cases that draw upon or aid in the investigation intended to further the resolution of any case, identify parties to crime, identify vehicles, interview witnesses/suspects and apprehend suspects. Collaboration will include any help, recommendation, contribution or support requested from or provided to another unit or offered by the taskforce that aids in the furtherance of MVTtheft investigations. | 500    |
| 1.2.5                                                                                 | Conduct intelligence information-sharing (Personal attendance)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Number of intelligence meetings attended ( <b>include attending as presenter, participant or attendee</b> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 50     |
| 1.2.6                                                                                 | Conduct intelligence information-sharing (Written information)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Crime analysis bulletins disseminated ( <b>include information distributed to law enforcement agencies via text, e-mail, or intra-net communications</b> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 24     |
| 1.2.7                                                                                 | Collaborate with other MVCPA taskforces                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Number of times collaborated with other MVCPA taskforces that assist in the reduction in MVT, BMV and FRMVC.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 50     |
| 1.3                                                                                   | <b>Strategy 3: Prevent and Reduce the Incidence of Fraud-Related Motor Vehicle Activities</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |        |
| 1.3.1                                                                                 | Collaborate with agencies relating to investigation and enforcement of vehicle insurance fraud and FRMVC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Number of collaborations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 40     |

| ID      | Activity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Measure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Target |
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| 1.3.2   | Conduct confidential 68(A) inspections (for TxDMV assignment or reassignment of VIN required by Tx Trans. Code §501.032)                                                                                                                                                        | Number of vehicles inspected to complete a TxDMV 68A inspection form per TxDMV (VIN assignment, reassignment, bonded title)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 850    |
| 1.3.3   | Conduct VIN verification inspections. (All other reasons except bridge or port)                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Number of vehicles inspected by taskforce to identify the vehicles not reported in confidential (68A) or bridge and port sections.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 250    |
| 1.3.4   | Coordinate with TxDMV/Tax Offices relating to investigation and enforcement of fraudulent titles and registration of stolen vehicles                                                                                                                                            | Number of collaborations with TxDMV HQ, TxDMV Regional Service Centers or County Tax Assessor Collector offices.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 50     |
| 2       | <b>Goal 2: Reduce the Incidence of Theft from Motor Vehicles through Enforcement Strategies</b>                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |        |
| 2.1     | <b>Strategy 1: Conduct Activities that Result in the Arrest, Clearance, and Recoveries of Burglary of Motor Vehicles and Theft of Vehicle Parts and Accessories</b>                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |        |
| 2.1.1   | Conduct bait vehicle operations that target vehicle burglary offenders                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Number of bait vehicle burglary deployments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 0      |
| 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 10     |
| 2.2     | <b>Strategy 2: Conduct Collaborative Efforts that Result in the Reduction of Incidents of Theft From a Motor Vehicle</b>                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |        |
| 2.2.1   | Provide Agency Assists BMV.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Number of agency assists related to BMV or stolen parts. <b>Assist means responding or answering questions via phone, e-mail, or in person. Providing recommendation, guidance, strategy, support or information that other LEOs will use to resolve their cases. The assist generally does not have the direct responsibility for an investigation nor uses LEO authority. The assist helps another LEO or agency investigate cases. Analysts and civilian employees will record their assists to outside LEOs and agencies met here along with officers.</b>                                                                                                                                             | 25     |
| 2.2.2   | Collaborate with other units or divisions within the taskforce department(s) (i.e. homicide, vice, narcotics, etc.) where theft of parts occurred in the commission of the crime (includes identification of vehicle). Include all participating jurisdiction departments here. | Number of times collaborated within departments or SOs participating in taskforce related to BMV or stolen parts. Collaboration means physically using law enforcement resources, tactics and authority to perform activity on cases that draw upon or aid in the investigation intended to further the resolution of any case, identify parties to crime, identify vehicles, interview witnesses/suspects and apprehend suspects. Collaboration will include any help, recommendation, contribution or support requested from or provided to another unit or offered by the taskforce that aids in the furtherance of BMV theft investigations.                                                           | 70     |
| 2.2.3   | Collaborate with all other outside LE agencies and other organizations where theft of parts occurred in the commission of the crime (includes identification of vehicle). Include all coverage jurisdictions here.                                                              | Number of times collaborated with coverage area agencies or other law enforcement agencies and organizations that assist in the reduction of BMV or stolen parts. Collaboration means physically using law enforcement resources, tactics and authority to perform activity on cases that draw upon or aid in the investigation intended to further the resolution of any case, identify parties to crime, identify vehicles, interview witnesses/suspects and apprehend suspects. Collaboration will include any help, recommendation, contribution or support requested from or provided to another unit or offered by the taskforce that aids in the furtherance of motor vehicle theft investigations. | 120    |
| 3       | <b>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>                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |        |
| 3.1     | <b>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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 8      |
| 3.1.2   | Conduct educational presentations to the public                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Number of presentations. Presentation means in person, on-line, original written document, article, or webpage.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 10     |
| 3.1.4   | Conduct vehicle identification initiative/event                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Number of etching events. Include windows, component parts, VIN stamps and catalytic converters.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 10     |
| 3.1.4.1 | Conduct vehicle identification initiative/event                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Number of Participants/Attendees (Vehicles Marked)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 10     |
| 3.1.5   | Purchase advertisements in local outlets                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Number of advertisements purchased or provided complimentary for taskforce. Include all types of media purchased or provided free (social, tv, utility inserts, billboards, transportation, etc.). Describe in 6.1.1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 0      |
| 3.1.6   | Conduct vehicle report card initiatives.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Number report cards issued                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 0      |
| 3.1.7   | Utilize social media outlets (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Number of postings in social media outlets                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 24     |
| 3.1.8   | Deploy outdoor public notification signage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Number of deployments per month (if sign remains several months, count as 1 deployment per month)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 0      |
| 3.1.10  | Conduct media outreach, including, public service announcements, press releases, and interviews                                                                                                                                                                                 | Number of outreaches                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 4      |
| 3.2     | <b>Strategy 2: Conduct Law Enforcement Training Activities to Educate Officers on Recognition and Apprehension of Stolen Vehicles and Property</b>                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |        |
| 3.2.1   | Conduct law enforcement training (TCOLE)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Number of classes provided for TCOLE credit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 4      |
| 3.2.3   | Conduct vehicle crimes presentations to law enforcement agencies (non TCOLE)                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Number of classes or presentations. Presentations may include electronic roll call documents, shift BOLOs and other written or presented materials based on local practices.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 4      |

### Grant Evaluation

- 4.1 Describe the local method and/or practice used to collect the data for reporting Goals, Strategies, and Activities and to evaluate the grant program effectiveness. Describe management and staff participation. Include descriptions of systems (forms and software) that will be used to ensure reliable and accurate data is collected and reported. Describe any other evaluation methods used in the applicant agency to determine effectiveness or cost efficiency of the program.

*An overall monthly report will be compiled and is available to Sheriff and commissioners' court. This will be provided to MVCPA on a quarterly basis. We maintain an in-house electronic long term calendar which we tentatively schedule operations, crime prevention activities, training events, 68-A Inspections and special projects outlined in our grant activities. We compile numbers of auto thefts and auto burglaries/parts monthly from each agency in our direct project area. These numbers are added to an excel spreadsheet that documents the historical rise and fall of auto theft trends since 1991 and burglary trends since 2007. In FY22 we added assorted frauds to this tracking method and in FY24 we added catalytic converter thefts. We will continue to use this method to evaluate whether we are meeting our goals to reduce auto theft and burglary, and also to note rising trends in specific areas. We will use our goals, strategies and activities for monthly progress reports to evaluate if we are reaching our projected target activities. This will allow monthly assessment as to whether our activities are effective in our goal so that we can re-evaluate how we target the auto theft, assorted fraud, and burglary problems in our area. The data collected will be evaluated so criminal activity can be targeted to be more effective in crime reduction. The GCACTF will continue to document vehicle theft and burglary statistics to allow for easy and quick identification of statistical trends and comparisons to previous time periods and/or locations.*

- 4.2 Provide any other suggested measures that would better reflect the law enforcement or prevention work that the proposed program will perform. If the suggested measure fits into one of the stated goals above please indicate.

*Our analyst is called upon by officers and investigators with other agencies on a regular basis. As one of the last auto theft analysts in the state, she is many times a last resort to help identify vehicles, trailers, equipment, ATVs, boats and component parts. Although the assists provided do not directly affect the burglary and theft rates, they do sometimes help with the recovery rates and returning stolen property to rightful owners. Assists leading to recoveries is tracked through quarterly progress reports in the narrative sections. Other data being tracked pertains to the types of assistance calls received; for what kinds of agencies; and whether they are MVCPA funded. However a more targeted reporting method may be considered if more analysts become available with more funding, or if the data could prove useful to MVCPA administration.*

### TxGMS Standard Assurances by Local Governments

- ☒ We acknowledge reviewing the [TxGMS Standard Assurances by Local Governments](#) as promulgated by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and agree to abide by the terms stated therein.

### Current Documents in folder

[Prosecutor Agreement.pdf](#) (5/8/2025 4:13:42 PM)

[Resolution.pdf](#) (5/12/2025 2:07:58 PM)

[Signed Statement of Grant Award.pdf](#) (8/19/2025 8:24:46 AM)

### Certifications

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

By submitting this application I certify that I have been designated by my jurisdiction as the authorized official to accept the terms and conditions of the grant. The statements herein are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties.

By submitting this application I certify that my jurisdiction agrees to comply with all terms and conditions if the grant is awarded and accepted. I further certify that my jurisdiction will comply with all applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations in the application, acceptance, administration and operation of this grant.

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