

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



STAFF

Adam Ruehlen, Police Services
Jason Lang, Police Services
Kerri Ishmael, Grants Administration

SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 011, 2025, Making a Supplemental Appropriation from the Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority Grant for the Fort Collins Police Services Property Crimes Unit.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to support the Fort Collins Police Services' Property Crimes Unit by appropriating \$80,790 of unanticipated grant revenue awarded by the Colorado State Patrol.

In December 2024 the Colorado State Patrol awarded Fort Collins Police Services \$80,790 in capacity as a partner agency of the Beat Auto Theft Through Law Enforcement (BATTLE) Task Force. The \$80,790 award is under the BATTLE program's FY25 cycle as provided in the BATTLE Grant Award Letter. These state funds will be used for purchase of a vehicle and equipment to support multiagency and multijurisdictional BATTLE operations to identify, interdict, investigate, enforce, and prosecute motor vehicle theft-related crimes.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The BATTLE program is comprised of several regions throughout Colorado, including the BATTLE North region. Fort Collins Police Services, in capacity as a partner agency to the BATTLE North team, collaborates with other partner agencies to respond to motor vehicle theft-related crimes. The \$80,790 in BATTLE program funds supports Fort Collins Police Services' Property Crimes Unit to prevent auto theft crimes, which has seen a steady growth within the city over the past five years. These funds will provide an unmarked vehicle equipped with an automated license plate reader, supporting identifying and recovery of stolen vehicles.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

This item appropriates \$80,790 in unanticipated revenue from the Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority (CATPA) grant in support of Police Services Property Crimes Unit.

There is no match requirement by the City under this grant.

This grant is a reimbursement type grant, meaning General Fund expenses will be reimbursed up to \$80,790.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance for Consideration
2. BATTLE Grant Award Letter