



CITY OF MILPITAS AGENDA REPORT (AR)

Item Title:	Accept the FY 2019 Car Break-In Prevention Grant
Category:	Consent Calendar-Public Safety
Meeting Date:	12/3/2019
Staff Contact:	Captain Jared Hernandez, 408-586-2406
Recommendation:	Accept the 2019 Car Break-In Prevention Grant in the amount of \$750,000 and Approve a Budget Appropriation into the Police Department's Operating Budget

Background:

Over the past several years, a surge in automobile burglaries at hotel, movie, restaurant, and shopping center parking lots has plagued cities across the San Francisco Bay Area. From 2016 to 2018, the City of Milpitas experienced a 31.5% increase in automobile burglaries. The 2019 auto burglary statistics have already surpassed 2018.

Due to the increase of automobile burglaries and the crimes impact on quality of life, California State Assemblymember Kansen Chu requested State funding to combat these burglaries. The Legislature designated funding to the cities of Milpitas, Fremont, Santa Clara, San Jose, and Newark. Each city was granted \$750,000 for car break-in prevention per the Budget Act of 2019.

The City of Milpitas received grant funding in accordance with Assembly Bill 74, Chapter 23, Statutes of 2019, Item 5227-107-0001, and Provision 1(d), which provides that the City of Milpitas receive \$750,000 for car break-in prevention. No City matching funds are required.

The Police Department is required to request City Council to accept the grant and approve the budget appropriation, per City of Milpitas Grant SOP 26-2a.

Analysis:

This funding will be used to facilitate enforcement efforts, enhance our ability to solve automobile burglaries through technology and investigation, and prevent these burglaries through community education and outreach.

The Milpitas Police Department has identified three key strategies to effect change and stop the rise in automobile burglaries. Our strategy is to utilize this funding for Prevention and Education, Deterrence, and Enforcement. We believe this well-rounded approach will contribute to a decrease in crimes of opportunity, help to identify suspects, and support perpetrator prosecution.

In addition, funds will be used to expand community awareness and partnerships, further analytical capabilities from which to base our policing efforts, procure equipment and technology to enhance our ability to deter, prevent, and solve automobile burglaries, and support participation in multi-agency efforts to identify and prosecute these sophisticated criminal enterprise crews.

Policy Alternatives:

Alternative 1: Refuse the 2019 Grant of \$750,000.00.

Pros: There are no identified benefits to this alternative.

Cons: The Police Department would not be able to purchase needed equipment or fund additional staff time to combat automobile burglaries without impacting the operational budget and affecting core services.

Fiscal Impact:

It is recommended that the Council appropriate \$750,000 in one-time grant funds to combat auto burglaries. No matching funds are required.

California Environmental Quality Act:

N/A

Recommendations:

1. Accept the 2019 Car Break-In Grant in the amount of \$750,000.00.
2. Approve a budget appropriation in the amount of \$750,000.00 to the Police Department's operating budget.

Attachments:

- a) Car Break-In grant 2019 spending plan
- b) Budget change form