



POLICE DEPARTMENT

To: Mayor and Town Council

From: Whitney Rehm, Budget Officer & Grants Administrator

**Through: Mario Canizares, Town Manager
Doug Kowalski, Chief of Police**

**Re: FY 2024 MVCPA SB 224 Catalytic Converter Grants Second Solicitation
Grant Application**

Town Council Meeting – April 30, 2024

Strategic Visioning Priority: 4. Provide Excellent Municipal Services

Agenda Item:

Consider and act upon a resolution authorizing the Town Manager, and/or his/her designee, to apply for the FY 2024 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority SB 224 Catalytic Converter Grants Second Solicitation Grant.

Description of Agenda Item:

The Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) has authorized the issuance of the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY 2024) Request for Applications (RFA). Senate Bill 224 provides that, “The money deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund for coordinated regulatory and law enforcement activities intended to detect and prevent catalytic converter theft in this state... may be appropriated to the Authority for the activities required by this section.” To implement SB 224, the MVCPA is providing grants to local law enforcement taskforces and agencies to combat Catalytic Converter Theft.

To help combat catalytic converter theft in the Town of Prosper, the Police Department will be requesting 4 Flock Camera Trailers \$82,000, Traffic Analytics \$24,000, and 3SI's ESO Trackers \$13,000. The 4 Flock Camera Trailers will be mobile and allow Prosper PD to place these trailers in areas that have a high likelihood of catalytic converter theft, vehicle thefts and burglary of motor vehicles. Traffic Analytics complements Flock by providing data analytics, providing vehicle counts, and vehicle demographics. The ESO trackers will allow Prosper PD to purchase small GPS trackers that belong to the Town of Prosper instead of borrowing them from other agencies during criminal investigations especially those dealing with catalytic converter theft and other crimes associated with motor vehicles. These equipment requests will complement our existing Flock Safety Program footprint and allow our officers to solve crimes expeditiously.

This grant is funded at 100% if selected by the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority. The Town of Prosper will be responsible to initially fund the equipment out of General Fund, and the MVCPA will reimburse the Town of Prosper.

Budget Impact:

The total funds requested will be approximately \$119,000 and will be funded from the Police Department's Capital Account, 100-6140-20-01.

Legal Obligations and Review:

Terrence Welch of Brown & Hofmeister, L.L.P., has approved the attached documents as to form and legality.

Attached Documents:

1. Solicitation
2. Quotes
3. Resolution

Town Staff Recommendation:

Town staff recommends the Town Council approve a resolution authorizing the Town Manager, and/or his/her designee, to apply for the FY 2024 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority SB 224 Catalytic Converter Grants Second Solicitation Grant and approve the authorization to accept the FY 2024 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority SB 224 Catalytic Converter Grants Second Solicitation Grant, if awarded. A future budget amendment will be requested to account for the grant income and to allocate funding for this project.

Proposed Motion:

I move to accept a resolution authorizing the Town Manager, and/or his/her designee, to apply for the FY 2024 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority SB 224 Catalytic Converter Grants Second Solicitation Grant and approve the authorization to accept the FY 2024 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority SB 224 Catalytic Converter Grants Second Solicitation Grant if awarded.