



POLICE DEPARTMENT

To: Mayor and Town Council

From: Colin Ashby, Budget Officer & Grants Administrator

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

Re: FY 2026 MVCPA Auto Theft Task Force Grant Application.

Town Council Meeting – April 8, 2026

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 2026 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Auto Theft Task Force Grant.

Description of Agenda Item:

The Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) has announced the issuance of the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY 2026) Request for Applications (RFA). The application deadline is April 18, 2025. Pursuant to the Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 1006, and Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Part 3, Chapter 57, eligible entities may receive grant funding from the MVCPA to support law enforcement agencies and task forces in combating motor vehicle crime, including catalytic converter theft.

This request is for both the continuation of the current grant funding and additional funding through the 2026 MVCPA grants for the expansion of the FLOCK technologies, personnel and related equipment related to the MVCPA Auto Theft Task Force.

In 2024, the Town of Prosper was awarded \$358,000 through the 2025 MVCPA Auto Theft Task Force Grant. The funding supported the Town's inaugural Drone as a First Responder (DFR) program; the original purchase of 44 fixed Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPRs); four (4) mobile ALPRs; six (6) fixed Pan-Tilt-Zoom (PTZ) cameras; and an additional 16 ALPRs. This grant is structured as an 80/20 cost-share, with MVCPA contributing \$286,400 and the Town providing a \$71,600 match.

The FY 2025 MVCPA Awarded Grant Funds and a requested increase in Grant Funds would be to fund the second Drone as a First Responder (DFR), ground based radar, one (1) Police Officer position, one (1) Crime Analyst position, travel & training funds associated to the Auto Task Force (Task Force), one (1) vehicle for the Task Force, and related office computer equipment, and advanced investigative software (NOVA). Both the continuation and increase in grant funds will be recognized in the FY26 budget as well as subsequent FY budgets. PPD will apply for these grant funds on an annual basis.

The Town is currently an incumbent grantee and seeks approval to apply for continuation funding through the FY 2026 MVCPA Auto Theft Task Force Grant. Additionally, the Town is requesting approval to apply for supplemental grant funding to expand its program. The proposed expansion includes:

- A second Drone as a First Responder (DFR) with ground-based radar – estimated at \$457,133
- An Auto Theft Coordinator/Manager (including fringe benefits and overtime) – estimated at \$154,033
- A Crime Analyst (including fringe benefits) – estimated at \$96,669
- A new vehicle – estimated at \$60,000
- Supplies, fuel, training, travel, Flock NOVA software, and other equipment – estimated at \$61,330
- Radios, computer equipment, and emergency equipment – estimated at \$21,500

These additional items total \$722,849 and, if awarded, will also be funded through the 80/20 cost-share structure.

In total, the Town is requesting approval to apply for \$1,080,849 in grant funding. If awarded, MVCPA would fund approximately \$864,679, with the Town providing matching funds of approximately \$216,170. Program expansion is contingent upon grant approval. If funds are not awarded, the Town retains the right to terminate the lease agreement with Flock for the additional DFR and ground-based radar without penalty.

The Town anticipates continuing to seek annual approval to apply for MVCPA grant funding to support and expand these critical initiatives.

Please note: This is a reimbursement grant. The Town will initially fund all personnel and equipment costs from the General Fund, and MVCPA will reimburse 80% of eligible expenses upon approval.

Budget Impact:

The total funds requested will be approximately \$1,080,849 and will be funded from the Police Department's General Fund allocation in fiscal year 2026. There is no budget impact for fiscal year 2025. Funding for this project will be requested through the annual budget process for FY26.

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 2026 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Auto Theft Task Force Grant and approve the authorization to accept the FY 2026 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Auto Theft Task Force Grant, if awarded.

Proposed Motion:

I move to accept a resolution authorizing the Town Manager, and/or his/her designee, to apply for the FY 2026 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Auto Theft Task Force Grant and approve the authorization to accept the FY 2026 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Auto Theft Task Force Grant, if awarded.