



Snohomish County Council

Committee: LJHS
ECAF: 22-0801
Proposal: Mot. 22-351

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Date: August 18, 2022

Consideration

The Executive's Office requests Council consider approving proposed Motion 22-351 which would approve and authorize receipt of a supplemental grant from the Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority.

Background

In 2007 the Washington State Legislature passed HB 1001¹, making many changes to state law regarding auto theft. Among the many changes, the bill established grants to local government for auto theft prevention and the Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority (WATPA)² to assist local governments in addressing auto theft.

In 2008 the County received its first grant through WATPA of \$827,185 for the contract period of one year³ and the Snohomish County established the Snohomish County Auto Theft Task Force (SNOCAT). The mission of SNOCAT is to reduce vehicle theft in the County "through pro-active enforcement efforts, apprehension of criminals who steal vehicles, and increasing public awareness of and education about auto theft."⁴ SNOCAT is comprised of detectives from Marysville Police Department, Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, the Washington State Patrol (WSP), and a prosecutor from the Snohomish County Prosecutor's Office.

Motion 21-390⁵, adopted on December 15, 2021, approved an interlocal agreement for \$1,635,745 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, funding four (4) positions.

Supplemental funds were approved for WATPA in the most recent WA State Legislative Session via Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5693⁶.

Current Proposal

Scope: Motion 11-351 approves a supplemental grant award from the Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority for public outreach, training, technology and personnel/professional services.

Duration: 7/1/2021-6/30/2023

Fiscal Implications: \$247,985

2022 Budget: NO

Future Budget Impacts: NO

¹ E3SHB 1001 – Auto Theft

<http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/biennium/2007-08/Pdf/Bills/Session%20Laws/House/1001-S3.SL.pdf>

² Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority <https://www.waautotheftpreventionauthority.org/>

³ ECAF 20043072 – Motion 09-023 – ECAF TITLE: 20089 Auto Left Task Force Grant Award

⁴ Auto Theft (SNOCAT) - <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/2687/Auto-Theft-SNOCAT>

⁵ [Snohomish County Council - File #: 2021-0895 \(legistar.com\)](https://legistar.com/View/00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000/00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000)

⁶ [5693-S.PL.pdf \(wa.gov\)](https://legistar.com/View/00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000/00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000)

Handling: Normal

Approved-as-to-form: YES

Risk Management: N/A

Executive Recommendation: YES

Attachments: N/A

Amendments: N/A

Request: Move to GLS on August 31 for Council to consider taking action.