

CITY OF SEGUIN**TO:** City Council**FROM:** Kate McCloud**DATE:** August 20, 2025**SUBJECT:** Truck purchase for MVCPA SB 224 Catalytic Converter Grant Program**It's real.****Historical Background**

The City of Seguin was recently awarded a grant from the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA). This grant provides financial assistance to support law enforcement agencies for economic motor vehicle theft, including, but not limited to, theft of a catalytic converter attached to a motor vehicle, and fraud-related motor vehicle crime enforcement teams (referred to as taskforces).

As part of this grant, the City was awarded up to \$45,468 in funding for the purchase of a half-ton pick-up truck to be used to conduct targeted patrols in high-risk areas, respond rapidly to auto theft incidents, and support surveillance and investigative operations. The truck enhances the department's ability to track stolen vehicles, recover property on unimproved locations, thereby strengthening overall enforcement and prevention efforts under the MVCPA program. The grant requires the City to contribute 20% (approximately \$9,094) of the purchase price of the vehicle to fulfill the grant's match requirement.

The Seguin Police Department has followed the City's Purchasing Policy to identify a vehicle that will satisfy the needs of the department and the requirements of the grant project. This vehicle is being sourced from Bluebonnet Ford, New Braunfels and will cost \$54,559.00.

Action Requested

The City Council must approve the resolution to authorize the purchase of the vehicle.

Procurement Methodology & Funding Source

The grant will reimburse the city for 80% of the purchase price of the vehicle, up to \$45,468, the city would be required to pay the remaining balance. The City's portion of the purchase would be made from the Police Department's Asset Forfeiture Fund.

Procurements will be made according to the City of Seguin Purchasing Policy.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommend approval of the resolution to authorize the purchase of this vehicle.

Attachments

1. Resolution authorizing the vehicle purchase
2. Quote from Griffith Ford, Seguin

3. Quote from Red McCombs Ford San Antonio
4. Quote from Bluebonnet Ford New Braunfels
5. SB 224 CCG MVCPA Award Letter