

Fiscal Year 2023 Funds Report of the Motor Vehicle Crime

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Prevention Authority

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Funds Collected

State law requires insurance companies to pay a fee based on the total number of motor vehicle years of insurance for insurance policies delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed by the company in Texas (see <u>Transportation Code §1006.153</u>). Insurers are authorized by Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) rule (<u>28 T.A.C. § 5.205</u>) to recoup the fee from their policyholder/customers. Insurers pay the fee every six months as provided in the statute.

The 86th Legislature enacted <u>HB 2048</u> which increased the MVCPA insurance fee and changed how the fees are distributed. In Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20), the fee increased from \$2 to \$4. In Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23), the fee increased from \$4 to \$5. Out of each fee collected, 20 percent shall be appropriated for the purposes of MVCPA, 20 percent shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund to be used only for criminal justice purposes, and 60 percent shall be deposited to the credit of the designated trauma facility and emergency medical services account.

In FY23, MVCPA collected \$113 million, a 2.8% increase over FY22. Both MVCPA and the Comptroller of Public Accounts FY24-25 Biennial Revenue Estimate show that future collections at the \$4 fee should continue to exceed \$110 million per fiscal year.

The fees are deposited into the General Revenue (GR) fund under revenue object code 3206. Funds Report-Chart 1 shows the total amount collected each fiscal year since FY19.

Funds Report - Chart 1: Revenue Collected from the MVCPA Fee

Year	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
Amount Collected	\$50,042,956	\$91,785,970	\$104,926,218	\$110,180,192	\$113,255,394

MVCPA continues to work with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA) and the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) to coordinate and improve collection efforts. The CPA's reports listed property and casualty insurers and their payment status. When insurers fail to pay the fee or to submit a report, TDI is notified so they can open enforcement investigations on the insurer. MVCPA requested additional staff from the 88th Legislature to improve collections efforts. This request was approved.

Funds Appropriated

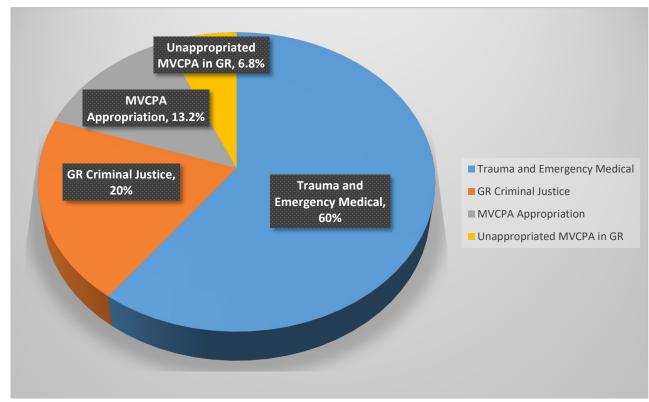
The General Appropriations Act (GAA) (HB1 (87R) appropriated \$14,979,605 for MVCPA purposes in FY23.

Funds Report-Chart 2 provides a history of MVCPA appropriations.

Funds Report - Chart 2: MVCPA Appropriations							
Year FY19 FY120 FY21 FY22 FY23							
Appropriation	\$12,835,851	\$12,835,851	\$12,835,851	\$14,979,605	\$14,979,605		

Only a percentage (13.2%) of the MVCPA fees collected in FY23 were appropriated to MVCPA. Funds Report-Chart 3 illustrates the ratio between fees collected by MVCPA and the amount appropriated to MVCPA

<u>CPA Revenues vs. Appropriations</u> Funds Report - Chart 3: FY23 MVCPA



[Apparent errors in addition are due to rounding.]

Funds Spent

Out of FY23 appropriations, MVCPA expended almost \$14 million. <u>Transportation Code .§1006. 154(b)</u> limits the MVCPA's administrative expenses, including salaries, travel, marketing, and other overhead expenses, to not more than 8% of total expenditures. MVCPA administrative expenses in FY23 were **3.3%**.

The specifics of MVCPA's FY23 expenditures are in Funds Report - Chart 4.

Expenditure Category	FY23 Expenditures	
Administration		
Salaries and Wages	\$389,513	
Consumable Supplies	\$894	
Travel (MVCPA Board and staff)	\$25,708	
Advertising and Promotion	\$1,843	
Other Operating Expenses	\$49,503	
Administration Subtotal	\$467,462	
<u>Grants</u>		
Reimbursement Grants	\$13,528,888	
Grants Subtotal	\$13,528,888	
Total Expenditures	\$ 13,996,350	

Funds Report - Chart 4: FY23 MVCPA Expenditures

Grants Awarded

In accordance with the General Appropriations Act (GAA), the MVCPA distributes grants on a reimbursement basis. Other than the administrative expenses mentioned above, all FY23 MVCPA expenditures were spent on law enforcement and public awareness activities through grants. The law enforcement taskforces received grant award funding in amounts ranging from \$83,940 to \$1,333,918. Fourteen of the law enforcement grant recipients served as the administrative grantee for multi-jurisdictional taskforces. Funds Report- Chart 5 identifies, for FY23, each grant recipient, the amount of the grant awarded, and the actual amount of funds disbursed.

Grantee Name	Multi/Single Jurisdiction	Border/Port	2023 Award	Reimbursed 🚽	Unexpended Balance
Burnet County	М		\$220,894.00	\$216,630.64	\$4,263.36
City of Austin*	S		\$412,509.92	\$403,420.58	\$9,089.34
City of Beaumont	Μ	Р	\$583,951.00	\$571,173.50	\$12,777.50
City of Brownsville	М	B/P	\$1,020,922.00	\$952,050.94	\$68,871.06
City of Corpus Christi	S	Р	\$429,518.00	\$424,393.14	\$5,124.86
City of Dallas	S		\$797,339.00	\$797,339.00	\$0.00
City of Eagle Pass	S	В	\$138,059.00	\$138,059.00	\$0.00
City of El Paso	S	В	\$975,265.00	\$946,662.26	\$28,602.74
City of Houston	М	Р	\$1,251,130.00	\$1,251,130.00	\$0.00
City of Laredo	S	В	\$756,565.00	\$746,708.91	\$9,856.09
City of Mansfield	М		\$331,342.00	\$315,220.11	\$16,121.89
City of Paris	S		\$117,857.00	\$109,505.11	\$8,351.89
City of Pasadena	S	Р	\$83,940.00	\$82,133.49	\$1,806.51
City of San Antonio	М		\$815,785.00	\$764,780.35	\$51,004.65
City of Victoria	S	Р	\$144,236.00	\$143,858.39	\$377.61
Dallas County	Μ		\$544,454.00	\$544,454.00	\$0.00
Galveston County	М	Р	\$518,201.00	\$504,323.51	\$13,877.49
Harris County	S	Р	\$853,100.00	\$853,100.00	\$0.00
Lubbock County*	М		\$449,562.80	\$449,562.80	\$0.00
Montgomery County	М		\$372,720.00	\$372,720.00	\$0.00
Potter County	М		\$399,494.00	\$382,827.36	\$16,666.64
Smith County	М		\$357,474.00	\$353,226.88	\$4,247.12
Tarrant County*	М		\$1,333,918.92	\$1,302,864.31	\$31,054.61
Travis County	М		\$697,075.00	\$693,183.53	\$3,891.47
		Total	\$13,605,312.64	\$13,319,327.81	\$285,984.83
*Supplemental grant fundir	ng approved by MVCPA	Board			

Funds Report - Chart 5: FY23 Taskforce Grant Recipients and Utilization Amounts

[Grant Recipients and Utilization Amounts reflect data from the MVCPA records as of February 26, 2025. Apparent errors in addition are due to rounding.]

Border Security Designated Grants

A subset of the grants above is designated by the Legislature as border security grant-funded programs. The MVCPA board designated as border security grants those listed below that operate along the Texas border with Mexico (City of Brownsville, City of Eagle Pass, City of El Paso and City of Laredo) and in Texas seaports (City of Beaumont, City of Corpus Christi, Galveston County, Harris County, City of Houston, City of Pasadena and City of Victoria).

Funds Report - Chart 6 shows the expenditures by border security grantees.

Grantee Name	Border/Port	2023 Award	Reimbursed	Unexpended Balance
City of Beaumont	Р	\$583,951.00	\$571,173.50	\$12,777.50
City of Brownsville	B/P	\$1,020,922.00	\$952,050.94	\$68,871.06
City of Corpus Christi	Р	\$429,518.00	\$424,393.14	\$5,124.86
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City of Pasadena	Р	\$83,940.00	\$82,133.49	\$1,806.51
City of Victoria	Р	\$144,236.00	\$143,858.39	\$377.61
Galveston County	Р	\$518,201.00	\$504,323.51	\$13,877.49
Harris County	Р	\$853,100.00	\$853,100.00	\$0.00
Totals	11 of 24 grantees	\$6,754,887.00	\$6,613,593.14	\$141,293.86

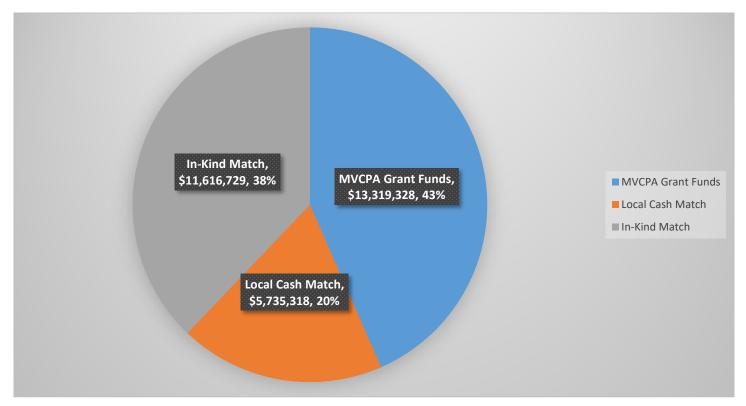
[Chart 6: FY23 Border Security Expenditures by Grantee reflects data from GMTS on TAMU as of February 26, 2025. Apparent errors in addition are due to rounding.]

Grantee Expense and Obligation Detail

During FY23, the grant programs reported law enforcement program operational costs of over \$31.1 million dollars combating motor vehicle crime. Local jurisdictions provided a total of \$5.7 million in direct cash match contributions. Examples of cash match include paying direct program costs such as personnel, equipment, travel, and other direct operating expenses as agreed to in the grant award. MVCPA's Grant Rules (43 T. A. C. Chapter 57) require all grant recipients to provide a minimum twenty percent (20%) cash match toward grant-funded activities. Most law enforcement agencies funded by MVCPA provide additional match well above their minimum cash match. The total program cash match contribution is 20%.

Additionally, local programs provided resources in the form of in-kind contributions above their MVCPA grant funding and cash match. Grant-funded jurisdictions and their sub-grantees provided an additional almost \$12 million of in-kind contributions. Examples of "in-kind match" include jurisdictions or third parties paying for additional personnel, rent, fuel and other operational expenses from all sources to combat motor vehicle crime in the state.

Chart 7 FY23 Grant Expenditures by Source reflects data as of February 26, 2025, and utilizes a grant-year tracking basis.



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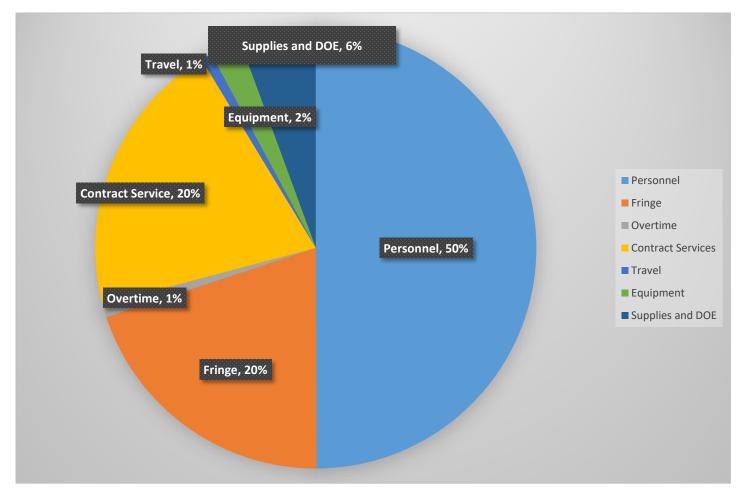
A majority of Taskforce grant funds (91.3%) are spent on motor vehicle crime investigators in the Personnel, Fringe, Overtime, and contractual categories (which includes sub-grantee investigators).

Taskforce Grants							
Category		Total	Percent				
Personnel	\$	9,739,051	49.95 %				
Fringe	\$	3,896,305	19.98 %				
Overtime	\$	184,557	0.95 %				
Contract Services	\$	3,989,444	20.46 %				
Travel	\$	157,667	0.81 %				
Equipment	\$	439,845	2.26 %				
Supplies and DOE	\$	1,092,547	5.60 %				
Total Expenditures	\$	19,499,416	100.00 %				
In-Kind	\$	11,616,729					
Total	\$	31,116,145					

Funds Report - Chart 8: FY23 Taskforce Grant Expenditures by Category

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Funds Report - Chart 9: FY23 MVCPA Taskforce Grant Expenditures by Category



Rapid Response Strikeforce Grants

Under the authority of the **MVCPA** to award state grant funds to local law enforcement agencies to support the MVCPA taskforces to combat motor vehicle crime needs in their communities, MVCPA adopted the **Rapid Response Strikeforce (RRS) Grant**. When the sheriff and police led MVCPA funded taskforces are presented with immediate <u>emergency and exigent needs</u> that are driven by outbreaks of criminal activity, the MVCPA will consider requests for special funding. In FY23, the MVCPA provided RRS grant funding to allow taskforces to respond to these emergency and exigent needs with overtime and equipment to increase the strength of the taskforces. RRS grants are intended to deliver a short-term infusion of resources to respond to the acute needs of communities not otherwise covered by existing grant programs.

Funds Report - Chart 10: FY23 MVCPA Rapid Response Strikeforce Grant Expenditures

Gra	antee	Grant Amount		Expended		Pending	
AR	LINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$	4,560	\$	4,560	\$	-

Law Enforcement Support Grants

The **MVCPA** awarded state grants to the local law enforcement taskforces, requiring them to collect, report and share data. Texas A&M University was awarded one grant in FY23 to provide support to these law enforcement agencies by providing IT system support for the submission of progress, expenditure, and inventory reports, and to aggregate that data for grant management and state administration purposes.

Grantee		Grant Amount		Expended		Pending	
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY	\$	35,000	\$	30,000	\$	5,000	
INSURANCE COUNCIL OF TEXAS	\$	175,000	\$	175,000	\$	-	

Funds Report - Chart 11: FY23 Law Enforcement Support Grants