

Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Council
GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 11, 2019
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Illinois State Library
300 South Second St., Authors Room
Springfield, IL 62701

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Chairman Piazza called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and asked Micah Miller to take the roll call. The following Grant Review Committee (GRC) members were present:

Name	Present	Telephone	Absent
Pete Piazza, Director, Secretary of State Police	X		
Dana Popish, Allstate Insurance	X		
Todd Feltman, State Farm Insurance	X		
Brian Fengel, Chief, Bartonville Police Department	X		
Larry Johnson, Farmers Insurance			X

The following individuals were also in attendance:

Dwayne Killian, Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force (TCAT)
Kevin Martin, Illinois Insurance Association
Gary Brewer, St. Clair County Sheriff's Office
Lt. Matt Jany, St. Clair County Sheriff's Office
Sgt. Lee Graham, St. Clair County Sheriff's Office
Lt. Elmer Garza, Deputy Director, Secretary of State Police
Micah Miller, Program Manager, Secretary of State
Amy Williams, Legal Counsel, Secretary of State
Sherry Brticevich, Grant Monitor, Secretary of State
Bill House, Budget Analyst, Secretary of State Budget Office
Dave Fuchs, Program Assistant, Secretary of State

Chairman Piazza recognized that a quorum was present (3 members or more physically present).

2. Grant Application Review – Sherry Brticevich

Chairman Piazza asked for the Grant Monitor, Sherry Brticevich, to brief the members on the grant application review process. Ms. Brticevich thanked the members for serving on the GRC and explained that she received 5 responses to the grant applications that were posted. All proposals submitted an electronic copy by the due date, however, St. Clair County's hard copy for a proposal was postmarked one day after the deadline.

Ms. Brticevich recommended the GRC move to accept their grant application. Chairman Piazza made the motion to accept St. Clair County's grant application. Chief Fengel seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Ms. Brticevich then distributed the following 5 grant applications:

- Bartonville Police Department - \$50,000/year
- Chicago Police Department – approx \$626,195/year (\$2,504,782/4-year cycle)
- St. Clair County Sheriff - \$377,263/year
- Tri-County Auto Theft/City of Joliet - \$912,500/year
- Village of Thornton/SOS Police – approx \$2,613,300/year (\$10,453,200/4-year cycle)
- Total Approx Request/Year - \$4,579,258

She also distributed an instruction packet and asked GRC members to sign and date a confidentiality statement and a conflict of interest statement. She continued that since there were two members of the GRC who had an interest in grants (Chairman Piazza and Chief Fengel), neither of them would be able to grade the grants that they each have an interest in.

Ms. Brticevich expressed that members are not allowed to talk to each other, or any other person, about the grading process. She said that score sheets must be returned to her by April 25, 2019, at which point she will consolidate all of the scores and another GRC meeting will be set up to review the scores. It is at this future meeting that members will be able to discuss the grades, what they liked and didn't like, and ultimately vote on grant proposals to fund. She also said that if any GRC members have a vested interest in a grant (conflict of interest) then they will not be able to grade a grant or have a say in the vote. She also said that when it comes time for the GRC to have an in-depth discussion on those grants, that the members who have a vested interest step away from the table to allow for a freer discussion among the other members.

Ms. Brticevich reminded members that if you like a proposal, that doesn't mean that it has to be funded at the requested level. She asked members to explain on the scoring sheets why they like or dislike proposals and to make copies before returning the originals. Members will need to refer through their notes when having discussions at the next GRC meeting. She said that a future GRC meeting could take place in the first week or two of May and once grants are voted upon, then another meeting of the full Council would take place to vote on the GRC recommendations. At that point, contracts would need to be entered into, but she anticipated grant money being issued just after the beginning of Fiscal Year 2020 (July 1, 2019).

Chief Fengel asked for an update on the MVTPIV Trust Fund balance. Mr. Miller said it was approximately \$16.5 million prior to 2019 insurance payments, but was currently closer to \$20 million dollars with payments coming in. He also said that in prior conversations it looked as though the Council would be able to support approximately \$6 million in annual grant funding on a 4-year cycle.

Mr. Feltman asked if anyone requested vehicles that the Council currently has possession of. Ms. Brticevich said that she was not aware of a specific request for those vehicles. Mr. Feltman asked how many the Council has possession of and if the maintenance had been performed. Chairman Piazza said they had 7 vehicles and they had a basic assessment of repairs, but no repairs had been performed.

Ms. Brticevich told members to contact her with any questions. Ms. Williams said that if anyone had legal questions to contact her as well.

3. Old Business

Chairman Piazza asked if there was any old business. Chief Fengel asked if there were any updates on the insurance verification system. Ms. Williams said that the RFP was awarded and the office is in the initial stages of putting the program together. Mr. Feltman said that he was pleased with the vendor that was selected. Mr. Martin asked if it was going to offer real-time access to a person's insurance status. Mr. Feltman said insurance companies have to report on a weekly basis, so it wouldn't necessarily be real-time. Chief Fengel said it would be a big improvement over those who carry around an insurance card of a policy that had long been cancelled.

4. New Business

Chairman Piazza asked if there was any new business. Hearing none, he thanked everyone for their time.

5. Public Comments

Chairman Piazza asked if there were any public comments. Gary Brewer, former director of the Metro East Auto Theft Task Force (MEATTF), introduced himself and his colleagues (Lt. Matt Jany and Sgt. Lee Graham with the St. Clair County Sheriff's Office). He said that MEATTF was one of the original task forces from when the Motor Vehicle Theft Council was first introduced in 1992. He stated that there is a real need for these auto theft units and thanked the members for allowing him to speak.

6. Adjournment

Chairman Piazza made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Feltman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.