

Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Council
GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 28, 2019
9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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300 South Second St., Room 403/404
Springfield, IL 62701

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Chairman Piazza called the meeting to order at 9:40 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:

Chris Gombosi, Director for TCAT, Joliet Police Department
Joe Egizio, Joliet Police Department
Lt. Elmer Garza, Deputy Director, Secretary of State Police
Doug Beckman, Village Administrator, Village of Thornton
Sherry Brticevich, Grant Monitor, Secretary of State
Lt. Matt Jany, St. Clair County Sheriff's Office
Sgt. Lee Graham, St. Clair County Sheriff's Office
Bill House, Budget Analyst, Secretary of State
Amanda Trimmer, Budget Office, Secretary of State
Sgt. Keith Blair, Chicago Police Department
David Zahn, Chicago Police Department
Micah Miller, Program Manager, Secretary of State
Amy Williams, Legal Counsel, Secretary of State
Dave Fuchs, Program Assistant, Secretary of State

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

2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Piazza asked if there were comments on the minutes from the April 11, 2019 GRC meeting. Hearing none, Chairman Piazza asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Todd Feltman made the motion and Brian Fengel seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the minutes from April 11, 2019 were approved.

3. Review of proposals: Q & A opportunity

Chairman Piazza asked Sherry Brticevich to brief the members. Ms. Brticevich thanked the members for returning their score sheets in a timely manner and shared with them the final scores on the 5 grant proposals. She noted that 2 of the proposals (Bartonville and Village of Thornton/SOS) were only scored by 4 members since sitting members of the GRC had a conflict of interest and were not allowed to vote on them.

Ms. Williams stated that the Q & A portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for those who submitted grant proposals to clarify aspects of their proposal for the GRC members. She continued that the scope would be limited to what was submitted and it was not an opportunity to drastically change the proposal or bring forth new items.

- St. Clair County

Ms. Brticevich called forth Lt. Matt Jany and Sgt. Lee Graham with the St. Clair County Sheriff's Office and stated that when the GRC members were done with questions, she would follow up with additional questions of her own.

Chief Fengel asked about a discrepancy in the minutes from the previous GRC meeting where St. Clair County was listed as having requested \$377,263/year, but their proposal listed other sections, which totaled a higher dollar amount. Lt. Graham said that when he wrote the proposal, the section for "personnel" was not large enough for their request so he drafted a document in an excel spreadsheet and attached it to the grant proposal.

Ms. Brticevich said that while the attachment listed the extra personnel, in the actual budget for salary and wages, zero dollars was listed. Chairman Piazza noted in the "narrative" that several police departments expressed an interest in participation with the unit. He asked if St. Clair had firm commitments from those departments. Lt. Jany said the departments listed are ready to commit personnel once the grant is awarded.

Dana Popish asked if the GRC could consider allowing the full amount of the grant, including the additional \$1,156,193 for personnel. Chief Fengel said that he had no objection and made the motion to allow St. Clair County to amend their request to include the full amount as indicated on the accompanying personnel spreadsheet. Todd Feltman seconded the motion. Mr. Miller took a roll call vote, which passed 4-0.

St. Clair County Grant Amendment

Name	Yes	No	Notes
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		Unofficial vote due to participation by phone

Mr. Feltman noted that the grant proposal listed insurance for vehicles in two different areas. Sgt. Graham said that it was an error and would subtract one of those figures. Mr. Feltman asked how the portable license plate reader would be shared between the two counties that will be participating in the task force. Sgt. Graham said the license plate reader will be stationary and mounted by highways. Mr. Feltman asked if they have any projected goals as far as arrests made or stolen vehicles recovered. Lt. Jany referenced some of the stolen vehicle figures over the past and noted that when they hit some of the old areas again they should see 40 vehicles recovered in short order. Chief Fengel noted St. Clair’s prior involvement with the Council and attested to their ability to recover stolen vehicles. Chairman Piazza indicated that the statistics used in the project description were old and that the trends if theft have changed since then.

Mr. Feltman asked if they have a good working relationship with St. Louis. Lt. Jany said that they constantly share information with St. Louis County. Mr. Feltman asked Ms. Williams if the Council would own the vehicles that are being requested in the grant proposal. Ms. Williams indicated that there would be a discussion at the next full Council meeting regarding the best way to title vehicles and once the Council votes, the policy would be added to the administrative rules.

Chairman Piazza indicated that the Council is currently in possession of 8 used vehicles, which could be repurposed into future task forces. Mr. Miller noted that the grant proposal, which was submitted by Chicago PD, specifically asked for the use of some of those vehicles. Ms. Williams concurred that this could easily occur with the use of a written grant agreement.

Larry Johnson asked if task force owned vehicles have typically had lights and sirens installed in the past and if so, is it necessary moving forward. Sgt. Graham said that their insurance carrier requires lights and sirens to be installed if they are being used as police vehicles. Lt. Jany said they are also good to have in the event you are providing roadside assistance.

Ms. Brticevich asked about the 11 personnel who were listed and noted a request for 11 vehicles, however one of the personnel was listed as an “executive assistant.” Sgt. Graham noted that it was an error and should be reflected as 10 vehicles requested. Ms. Brticevich said that the total number for auto insurance would need amended too. Mr. Feltman asked if the total dollar figure for vehicle purchases would be reduced as well. Sgt. Graham said that it would.

Ms. Brticevich asked why \$50,000 of overtime appeared in the equipment budget. Sgt. Graham said that it will be moved to salaries/wages. Ms. Brticevich noted that the total dollar figure listed under equipment added up \$6000 too high. Sgt. Graham said that he would correct those figures. Ms. Brticevich said that in the project description attachment, an investigator from Dupo PD was listed, however that position did not appear on the personnel spreadsheet. Sgt. Graham said that Dupo PD was interested in participating, but they were not able to add them in time.

Ms. Popish asked if St. Clair has the flexibility to adjust their funding level to accommodate an extra investigator, if Dupo PD wanted to participate after the grants were awarded. Ms. Brticevich said that they would not be able to make significant changes and would have to stick with the original proposal.

Ms. Brticevich asked if they had any connections to the State's Attorney's offices in either county that they would be operating, since there was no mention of funding for an Assistant State's Attorney (ASA). Lt. Jany said that the prior task force used grant funding for an ASA, but they were currently not funding one. Mr. Miller noted that in the 2014 Annual Report, the Metro East Task Force did include funding for an ASA with St. Clair County and Madison County. Ms. Brticevich noted that the prior task force included Madison County, but they were not included now. Lt. Jany acknowledged and said that that it would be a partnership with St. Clair County and Monroe County.

Ms. Brticevich noted that if the GRC votes to approve the grant, the application would need to be revised to reflect the changes that were discussed. Chairman Piazza asked if there were any further questions, hearing none, he thanked St. Clair County for their participation.

- Bartonville Police Department

Ms. Brticevich asked if the GRC members had any questions for Chief Fengel regarding the Bartonville PD grant proposal and also indicated that she would follow up with additional questions of her own.

Mr. Feltman asked if the proposal was going to affect any meaningful change regarding vehicle thefts or recoveries. Chief Fengel said that nobody is currently doing vehicle theft in the area, and with the license plate readers (LPR) they will be able to monitor activity on two major routes, I-474 and US 24. Ms. Popish asked if they have the ability to support extra hours for their personnel. Chief Fengel said that they would.

Mr. Feltman asked if they have a partnership with Peoria. Chief Fengel said they have mutual aid agreements with all jurisdictions within Peoria County. Ms. Popish noted that their schedule indicated implementation in October and data to be reported in January and asked how they will turn data around so quickly. Chief Fengel said that it may take a little longer to get the data. He also said they intend to tap into the live DEA database and run off their system.

Mr. Feltman asked if he knew how much of an increase they have seen in vehicle theft. Chief Fengel said that he did not have the exact number, but noted when the prior task force (SLATE) ceased to exist, the entire area saw increases in vehicle theft.

Ms. Brticevich asked about the salaries/wages section of their grant proposal that stated “patrol – 2 years” and asked if this was for a 1-year funding period or 2-year. Chief Fengel said that it was an error and it should be 1-year. She also asked for an explanation about the overtime, which was listed under training. Chief Fengel said that was to train their staff on the LPR. Ms. Brticevich asked if \$30,000 was the amount for one LPR, or if there were others. Chief Fengel said that was the cost of just one. Chairman Piazza said that LPR’s can be expensive when accounting for the hardware and software.

Ms. Brticevich asked what the \$2000 for “unknown” was. Chief Fengel said that he wasn’t sure. Ms. Popish asked how they keep track of hours when they are working vehicle theft in comparison to their day-to-day duties. Chief Fengel said that they specify on their timecard what detail it is for.

Chairman Piazza asked if there were any further questions, hearing none, he thanked Chief Fengel for his participation.

- Chicago Police Department

Ms. Brticevich called forth Sgt. Keith Blair and Lt. David Zahn, both with the Chicago PD Major Auto Theft Unit, and stated that when the GRC members were done with questions, she would follow up with additional questions of her own.

Chairman Piazza said that he was impressed with their grant and recognized the need to combat vehicle theft in Cook County. Ms. Popish asked if this grant would be complementing an existing unit. Sgt. Blair indicated that it would be. Ms. Popish asked if they were adding more personnel, and if not, asked if they have the ability to support extra hours for their current personnel. Sgt. Blair said that they currently have 10 people, but they requested overtime for 15 through the grant. He said that if the grant were approved, the department would pick up the cost of 5 more personnel aside from the overtime, which the grant would cover.

Lt. Zahn said that the department has analysts who work specific to crimes that occur throughout the 22 districts and part of this grant would allow for their unit to have a dedicated analyst at the 22-district level. Mr. Feltman asked if they have similar analysts in other areas. Lt. Zahn said the analysts who are currently utilized throughout the districts look at all crimes, but they will be hiring someone to specifically look at motor vehicle theft and report to Sgt. Blair’s unit.

Ms. Popish asked if they could explain their vehicle request. Sgt. Blair said that the 10 current personnel are using older vehicles (7 of them are 2007 and older) and indicated difficulty in getting upgraded vehicles. He acknowledged a need for newer, more reliable vehicles and also for some of them to be covert, especially when using LPR’s. Chairman Piazza asked how much

their LPR's cost. Sgt. Blair said they were \$23,000/each including software for the LPR's mounted in vehicles.

Ms. Popish asked about the training videos, specifically related to towing, and if these had been used successfully in other cities. Sgt. Blair said he was unaware of the success other cities had, but acknowledged that the department had input on the grant application and these resources would assist in the Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) and helping to inform citizens on several topics including how to prevent their vehicles from getting stolen. Mr. Johnson asked if the towing videos would be shown during roll call so that the entire department gets the information. Sgt. Blair said that it would be.

Chief Fengel asked if their awareness campaigns included billboards. Sgt. Blair said that they would be using pamphlets throughout the 22 districts, to be distributed to citizens. Ms. Popish said that the training and outreach sounded good, but to make sure it is included in the evaluation when data is reviewed.

Chairman Piazza asked how often the task forces are to be reporting. Ms. Brticevich said that they were starting out with monthly statistical reports, but the GRC may consider moving to quarterly reporting. She said the financial reporting would be quarterly and reminded everyone to keep track of receipts if they end up being funded.

Mr. Feltman asked if they have identified specific trainings for their unit. Sgt. Blair said they don't have specific trainings identified, but they get notices throughout the year of trainings that they would like to attend.

Chief Fengel asked how the overall motor vehicle theft numbers have been throughout the years. Sgt. Blair said that they increased for 2016 and 2017, but they have seen a slight decline for 2018. Chief Fengel asked if motor vehicle thefts have any relation to the shootings in Chicago. Sgt. Blair said it plays a huge role in the amount of shootings along with robberies, burglaries, etc...

Ms. Brticevich asked about the price of \$.23/flyer and if CPD will contract for the design of their motor vehicle theft flyers or print them in-house. Lt. Zahn said they would be printing them in-house. Ms. Brticevich asked if they were able to print for a lower cost. Lt. Zahn said that when the grant writers came up with the numbers to submit, they seemed very confident that the price for flyers was accurate. He said that it had not been designed yet, but they frequently print flyers, for instance they did some in the winter to leave on people's cars that were warming up letting them know their car could have been stolen. Sgt. Blair also said that printing contracts are bid, so that number is most likely already determined.

Ms. Brticevich asked them to explain their vehicle request – 4 Council-owned vehicles, purchase 2 vehicles and lease 2 vehicles. Sgt. Blair said they need to modify 2 vehicles for LPR activity, which necessitates a purchase since leases typically won't allow you to modify the vehicle. The leased vehicles are good to give them flexibility of changing vehicles often for covert work so

you aren't driving the same vehicle in the same areas. Mr. Feltman asked how long the leases would be. Sgt. Blair said for the 4-year length of the grant.

Ms. Brticevich asked if they could explain the amount of overtime being requested. Sgt. Blair said given the volume of vehicle thefts they deal with, their investigations go well beyond 8-hours. He said that the city can be strict on overtime, which leads them to often cut investigations short.

Ms. Brticevich noted that they submitted a 4-year budget and said that if the GRC approves their grant, they would need to resubmit a budget that operates on a yearly basis, since they are only approved 1 year at a time. Ms. Popish asked if the task forces would have the flexibility to adjust their budget. Ms. Brticevich said that they would. She said that after the GRC reviews the quarterly reports, they would make the determination of whether or not to approve the next year's budget, which would be submitted for review prior to voting. She said that having the grantee appear before the Council on an annual basis also creates accountability to ensure that the terms of the grant are being met.

Chairman Piazza asked if there were any further questions, hearing none, he thanked the Chicago Police Department for their participation.

- Tri-County Auto Theft

Ms. Brticevich called forth Lt. Joe Egizio with the Joliet Police Department and Operations Director for TCAT Chris Gombosi, also with the Joliet Police Department and stated that when the GRC members were done with questions, she would follow up with additional questions of her own.

Chairman Piazza asked about the project schedule and noted that it was in the past tense. Ms. Brticevich said that the schedule should have forecasted the future use of funds. Director Gombosi said that Mr. Dwayne Killian had written the schedule, but they could certainly elaborate in further detail moving forward. He said that the unit is currently operational, however.

Chief Fengel asked how many full time members Tri-County currently has. Director Gombosi said they have 5 total – 1 in Joliet, 1 in Romeoville, 2 in Kankakee County and 1 in Kankakee City. Chief Fengel asked how long they have had those members. Director Gombosi said that it has been approximately 4 years. He also said occasionally these members get pulled back to work investigations back home, but their policy board met and committed these 5 to working auto theft. Mr. Miller noted that the 2014 Annual Report showed Tri-County with 16 personnel.

Ms. Popish asked about the request for 3 new vehicles and specifically what the members were currently using. Director Gombosi said that members are using 3 vehicles currently, while the other 2 are borrowing vehicles from their departments. Mr. Miller asked if they had other vehicles that were retained. Director Gombosi said that they did and also noted that one of the members parked his vehicle when he returned to his department for other investigations. Mr.

Miller said that they could provide an updated list of their fleet and Director Gombosi said that they would.

Chairman Piazza asked if they work out of Joliet PD. Director Gombosi said they have an offsite location that Joliet PD pays for. Mr. Feltman asked about the Auto Theft Association Conference and specifically if lodging was being billed to the unit in addition to airfare, per diem and registration. Director Gombosi was not sure. Mr. Feltman asked if they partner with Chicago. Director Gombosi said that they are in steady contact with them.

Ms. Brticevich noted an error in their personnel request and asked if they were actually requesting 8 personnel. Director Gombosi said that was correct. She asked if the request for 8 was being added to the current 5-member unit. Director Gombosi said they would be adding 3, but the grant funds would be paying for the current 5-members as well. Chairman Piazza noted that Dwayne Killian, current Administrative Director, is being paid \$40,000 and asked how he is being paid by now. Director Gombosi said that he is being paid from project income. Chairman Piazza asked what Director Gombosi's title is and he said Operations Director for TCAT. Ms. Brticevich asked who would be the point of contact for quarterly reports and Director Gombosi said it would be Director Killian.

Ms. Brticevich noted that the Council currently has vehicles, which Tri-County had returned, and if the Council could decide to distribute them back to Tri-County with a grant agreement. She asked if their need for new vehicles would no longer exist under that circumstance. Director Gombosi said that was correct.

Chairman Piazza asked if there were any further questions, hearing none, he thanked Lt. Egizio and Director Gombosi for their time. He also called for a 10 minute break.

- Village of Thornton/Secretary of State (SOS)

Chairman Piazza reconvened the GRC at 11:17 a.m. Ms. Brticevich called forth Doug Beckman, Village Administrator for the Village of Thornton and also Lt. Elmer Garza, Deputy Director for the Secretary of State Police and stated that when the GRC members were done with questions, she would follow up with additional questions of her own.

Ms. Popish noted that the partnership is between Secretary of State Police and the Village of Thornton, but asked about Chicago PD, Sheriff's offices and other municipalities that were referenced and specifically what the level of buy-in was for those other areas. Lt. Garza said that the agreements were verbal and also noted that the 2 of the 3 positions labeled "Sworn Investigator To Be Determined" have been designated for Lake County and the 1 remaining position may end up being Bloomington.

Ms. Popish asked if the person assigned from Chicago PD would work apart from the Auto Theft Unit in Chicago. Lt. Garza concurred and said that the majority of thefts are in the Chicagoland area and having a person assigned from Chicago PD will give them access to pursuing investigations. Chief Fengel asked if this would be a statewide task force. Lt. Garza said it would.

Chief Fengel asked how they would work with someone like Springfield PD if they are having problems with auto theft. Lt. Garza said they have expenses for travel included in the grant and would deploy their auto theft unit to assist them. He said that downstate Secretary of State personnel could also be utilized.

Mr. Feltman asked if they recovered vehicles with Chicago PD, would both task forces claim the recovery. Lt. Garza said it would depend who was assisting who as to how the recovery was documented. Ms. Popish asked if Lt. Garza could explain the facility size and build-out being in Thornton with staff located around the state. Lt. Garza said their main location will be in the Village of Thornton, which is tied to their police department and allows them to use their jail, processing area, interview room and garage. He said the Secretary of State Police have districts throughout the state that will allow them to operate from those locations and coordinate with staff located throughout the state.

Ms. Popish asked why they would need a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Legal Staff. Mr. Beckman said that is to supplement the expenses for the current CPA for the Village of Thornton who would be working more hours doing quarterly reports and tracking expenses. Ms. Popish asked what the legal staff would do. Mr. Beckman said they will write the Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) and car agreements.

Mr. Feltman asked why there were personnel positions listed in the grant application with no dollar amount assigned to them. Lt. Garza said those are individuals who will be involved in the task force, but not paid by the grant. Mr. Johnson asked why there are different numbers listed in the "FTE" column on Addendum A, next to the list of personnel. Lt. Garza said that designation should be "1" for each person and it will be corrected.

Ms. Popish asked if Lt. Garza could explain the vehicle replacement plan and fuel estimates. Lt. Garza said they currently have 11 officers and are requesting 10 vehicles with 1 extra for each year. He said these would be used vehicles, approximately \$20,000 each with the lighting package, and rotate them in and out often so they are not recognized. Lt. Garza said that the vehicle for him, the Deputy Director and the 5 SOS investigators would all be supplied by SOS. He also indicated that the Council currently was in possession of 8 used vehicles that he would be happy to use for their task force. Ms. Brticevich acknowledged that the Council could decide how to distribute the 8 Council-owned vehicles.

Mr. Feltman asked if the 10 vehicles being requested would cover their task force. Lt. Garza said that they would be able to supplement those 10 with 7 others that have been seized, which would leave them short by 1 vehicle. Lt. Garza said that providing a vehicle to the personnel of the unit helped to get buy-in from agencies. Mr. Johnsons asked if the salaries and benefits are being paid 100% for personnel. Lt. Garza said that they are. Chief Fengel said that historically it was hard to get buy-in if salaries and benefits were not picked up by the grant.

Chairman Piazza asked if they could talk about training. Lt. Garza said that they already did some training at the Cook County Retail Organized Crime Center in North Riverside with multiple jurisdictions where they talked about recent trends in auto theft. He also said the good

thing with having a unit tied to SOS is that ultimately retagged vehicles come through this office and they are uniquely equipped to be involved in investigations.

Ms. Brticevich asked how the \$25,000 build-out will be used in the leased office space from the Village of Thornton. Lt. Garza said the facility is an old school, which has large rooms that need compartmentalized into smaller offices and a meeting/training room. Ms. Brticevich asked about the purchase of 10 computers. Lt. Garza said those are laptops, which will be used in the field. Ms. Brticevich asked why there is a cost of \$8400 for subsequent years, related to the computers. Lt. Garza said that each IWIN computer has an air card which uses cellular towers and that the cost would go toward the software, provider and licensing.

Ms. Brticevich asked what functions Auditor #1 and Auditor #2 would have. Lt. Garza said that they would be investigating recyclable metal theft and vehicle theft in salvage yards, similar to the former Special Audit Team that SOS used to have. Ms. Brticevich asked how many total personnel would be participating with the task force. Lt. Garza said 17 (of 25 total) would be paid from the grant. Ms. Brticevich asked why they were requesting 20 desks, chairs and workstation computers if personnel would be working from satellite offices. Lt. Garza said that it would be to accommodate staff working out of the main facility and those who are visiting.

Ms. Brticevich asked if there was a difference between the Thornton Financial Officer listed for \$50,000 and the CPA who they are hiring. Lt. Garza said that the day-to-day operation and quarterly reports will be managed by the Thornton Financial Officer, who is currently working for the Village of Lansing and manages their grants. He said that she will retire and come work for the Village of Thornton. Mr. Beckman said that the CPA will be paid as a function of auditing the task force.

Ms. Brticevich said that if all of the grants were awarded, 7 counties out of the top 11 counties (outside of Cook) would not be represented in the grant funding. She noted that the 2019-2022 Motor Vehicle Theft Strategy outlined the counties in Illinois with the highest auto thefts and the need to address them. She asked how the Village of Thornton and SOS partnership would use their statewide coverage to assist those counties. Lt. Garza said that the overwhelming majority of auto thefts are occurring in Cook and the collar counties, however they are requesting travel in their budget so that they can deploy resources to those counties. He noted that SOS investigators in the region could also be deployed to assist the task force in those areas.

Chief Fengel said that if you look at the funding being requested near the Chicago area from multiple applicants, it looks top-heavy, but he noted that historically all of the units have worked well together. He said they never had a problem getting assistance from anyone in the Chicago area in the past. Lt. Garza noted that nobody is interested in working the same cases, but they will all be working together as vehicle theft either leads into Chicago or out of Chicago.

Ms. Brticevich said that if the Council approves funding, Lt. Garza would need to resubmit the grant application on a 1-year basis instead of a 4-year budget. Ms. Popish asked for all of the grant applicants, if approved, if the funding would be upfront. Ms. Brticevich said that the first

year of funding will be upfront and as they draw down on those funds, each quarter they will submit receipts for what was spent. She said that for the next year they will evaluate what was spent, while adjusting their requested funding. She also noted that at the end of the fourth year, if there are funds that are not spent, they will be returned to the Council.

Mr. Johnson said that he has a better understanding of how the Village of Thornton and SOS will be working with the Chicago Major Auto Theft Unit, but asked how Thornton and SOS will be working with the other potential units throughout the state. Chairman Piazza said that task forces have tended to be territorial in the past, but he would like to see cooperation on a statewide level. He continued that if any task forces need SOS support, they simply need to reach out. He also noted that if SOS needs any support, the others should be willing to do the same. Ms. Popish asked if the other counties in Illinois realize that SOS is a resource for them to provide support for auto theft. Lt. Garza said they are starting to understand.

Chairman Piazza asked if there were any further questions, hearing none, he thanked Mr. Beckman and Lt. Garza for their time.

4. Break for Lunch

Mr. Miller called for a 30 minute lunch break. Ms. Williams reminded members to not discuss any of the grants until reconvening.

5. Vote on Grant Proposals

Chairman Piazza reconvened the GRC at 12:45 p.m. He thanked everyone for their hard work and said that he would support all of the grants, but they need to show results before being approved for funding in the following years. Ms. Popish asked if the reporting requirements are going to be consistent for all of the grant recipients and ask about specific metrics that they are meeting. Ms. Brticevich said that not all grant recipients have outlined the same goals, for instance the LPR's being used in Bartonville.

Ms. Popish asked if the members should still consider some guidelines to adhere to for the reporting requirements. Mr. Johnson said in the past, there were some consistent metrics used for all of the task forces, for instance the amount of vehicle recoveries, arrests and prosecutions. Chief Fengel concurred and said that in the past, they had to make sure that "overlapping grantees" did not count the same numbers.

Mr. Miller reminded the GRC members that they will be meeting quarterly, reviewing data from the grantees, and will be able to provide updates at full Council meetings about activity. According to the schedule, he noted that when the GRC meets in October, they should have an idea of how the grants are going. Then in January and April of next year there will be two more GRC meetings to hear feedback before voting on continued grant funding.

Mr. Miller said that at any point, if the Council believes that grants are not being properly utilized, there are mechanisms to follow up. He said that the administrative rules allow Council

staff to monitor programs, including site visits and examination of financial records and program records. He also said that grants may be suspended and/or terminated for noncompliance.

Ms. Popish asked how many vehicles the Council is able to repurpose. Chairman Piazza said they currently have 8 Council-owned vehicles. He said that they all came from Tri-County and he has a bill for towing and for new batteries for the first 4 vehicles that were acquired. Mr. Miller noted that Chicago Police Department asked for 4 Council-owned vehicles in their grant request. Ms. Brticevich said that the Council would decide who to award the vehicles to, which would require an adjustment in the amount of vehicles requested by that grant applicant. She also said that the GRC would vote with budget amendments, so once they are approved, they could decide how to distribute vehicles.

- St. Clair County Vote

Chairman Piazza asked if there were any other questions about St. Clair County’s grant. The members agreed that the previously discussed changes should be made and their grant should be resubmitted. Pending those changes, Ms. Popish made the motion to approve the grant. Chief Fengel seconded the motion. Mr. Miller took a roll call vote, which passed 4-0.

St. Clair County

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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		Unofficial vote due to participation by phone

- Bartonville Police Department Vote

Chairman Piazza asked if there were any other questions about Bartonville’s grant. Chief Fengel excused himself from any conversations pertaining to the grant and vote. The members agreed that the previously discussed changes should be made and their grant should be resubmitted. Ms. Brticevich asked for more clarification on the \$2000 unknown service when the changes are submitted. Ms. Popish asked if receipts for those services could be denied if they aren’t justifiable. Ms. Brticevich said yes and acknowledged that any unused portion of their budget would be returned to the Council at the end of their budget cycle.

Pending those changes, Chairman Piazza made the motion to approve the grant. Ms. Popish seconded the motion. Mr. Miller took a roll call vote, which passed 3-0.

Bartonville Police Department

Name	Yes	No	Notes
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			Abstained from vote
Larry Johnson, Farmers Insurance	X		Unofficial vote due to participation by phone

- Chicago Police Department Vote

Chairman Piazza asked if there were any other questions about Chicago Police Department’s grant. The members agreed that the previously discussed changes should be made and their grant should be resubmitted. Ms. Brticevich reminded the members that they wanted to buy 2 vehicles, lease 2 vehicles and obtain 4 Council-owned vehicles, so once they vote on the grant, they could revisit how to distribute vehicles.

Pending the budget changes, Chairman Piazza made the motion to approve the grant. Ms. Popish seconded the motion. Mr. Miller took a roll call vote, which passed 4-0.

Chicago Police Department

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Pete Piazza, Director, Secretary of State Police	X		
Dana Popish, Allstate Insurance	X		
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Larry Johnson, Farmers Insurance	X		Unofficial vote due to participation by phone

- Tri-County Auto Theft Vote

Chairman Piazza asked if there were any other questions about Tri-County Auto Theft’s grant. The members agreed that the previously discussed changes should be made and their grant should be resubmitted. Ms. Brticevich reminded the members that they wanted to buy 3 vehicles. Ms. Popish asked how many Council-owned vehicles they still have. Mr. Miller said according to his records, the Council has no interest in any of the vehicles Tri-County still has.

Pending the budget changes, Chairman Piazza made the motion to approve the grant. Chief Fengel seconded the motion. Mr. Miller took a roll call vote, which passed 4-0.

Tri-County Auto Theft

Name	Yes	No	Notes
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		Unofficial vote due to participation by phone

- Village of Thornton/Secretary of State (SOS) Vote

Chairman Piazza excused himself from any conversations pertaining to the grant and vote. Ms. Brticevich asked if there were any other questions about the Village of Thornton/SOS's grant. The members agreed that the previously discussed changes should be made and their grant should be resubmitted. Ms. Brticevich reminded the members that they wanted to buy 10 vehicles. Ms. Popish asked about the replacement of the vehicles for subsequent years. Ms. Brticevich said that since they were purchasing 10 used vehicles they requested replacements as some of them wear out. Ms. Brticevich said that they should clarify that those vehicles are used.

Ms. Popish asked if the Trust Fund can support all of the funding. Mr. Miller acknowledged that the Council could support \$6 million conservatively, which they are still under that threshold.

Pending the budget changes, Ms. Popish made the motion to approve the grant. Mr. Feltman seconded the motion. Mr. Miller took a roll call vote, which passed 3-0.

Village of Thornton/Secretary of State (SOS)

Name	Yes	No	Notes
Pete Piazza, Director, Secretary of State Police			Abstained from vote
Dana Popish, Allstate Insurance	X		
Todd Feltman, State Farm Insurance	X		
Brian Fengel, Chief, Bartonville Police Department	X		
Larry Johnson, Farmers Insurance	X		Unofficial vote due to participation by phone

- Allocation of Council Owned Vehicles

Chairman Piazza asked if the members wanted to vote on how to distribute the 8 Council-owned vehicles. Ms. Brticevich noted that the Chicago Police Department requested 4 of them, which if not approved could eventually change their request. Ms. Popish suggested that Tri-County could take 3 and the Village of Thornton/SOS could take the remaining vehicle. The members also discussed the option of these three grantees being able to swap vehicles if they chose to do so, for instance if a vehicle is being noticed and no longer good for covert operations in a certain area. Ms. Williams said that if they are all titled under the Secretary of

State’s office, then she saw no legal reason why this couldn’t occur. Ms. Popish asked if the cost of vehicle repairs could be submitted in the revised budget, since some of the vehicles needed tires, brakes, batteries, etc... Ms. Williams said that would be an appropriate way to perform needed maintenance on some of the vehicles.

Ms. Popish made the motion to award 4 vehicles to the Chicago Police Department, 3 to Tri-County and 1 to the Village of Thornton/SOS, and the grantees will decide how to distribute the vehicles and will submit the cost of repairs into their revised budgets. Chief Fengel seconded the motion. Mr. Miller took a roll call vote, which passed 4-0.

Allocation of Council Owned Vehicles

Name	Yes	No	Notes
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		Unofficial vote due to participation by phone

Ms. Brticevich said that since the GRC approved all of the grants, she will follow up with each of the grantees and request their revised budgets. Mr. Miller said that the Full Council will meet in June to vote upon the GRC recommendations.

5. Adjournment

Chairman Piazza made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Feltman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.