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Resolution/Ordinance Cover Memo

Meeting Date: September 8, 2025

Subject/Title: Auto Theft Grant

Submitted By: Kerry Cronin-Jones

Recommendation: Approve

Background: DPD has participated in the MN Auto Theft Prevention program for over 15 years. This spring, we applied for and were selected to receive a grant to purchase a stationary Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) system, along with overtime reimbursement for our dedicated Auto Theft Investigator. This stationary ALPR system will complement our existing mobile ALPR to further impact DPD's ability to investigate automobile thefts in our City.

Flock's system allows seamless data sharing among agencies around Minnesota, strengthening state-wide, multi-jurisdictional efforts to respond to and combat auto theft. The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office is utilizing Flock Safety and has agreed to participate in this powerful data sharing with the DPD. In addition, Flock cameras will greatly assist department crime and intelligence analysts. Analysts will use Flock to analyze vehicle data, track crime patterns, identify crime hotspots, track stolen vehicles, corroborate information gained through other sources, and assist law enforcement with crime prevention and investigations.

Budget/Fiscal Impact: The grant we have been awarded will cover the cost of this service and will reimburse Investigator overtime.

Necessary Action: Please approve.

Attachments: 2026 Auto Theft Grant agreement



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