

**Caroline County
Board of Supervisors Agenda
Executive Summary**

Meeting Date: September 27, 2022

Title: Consent Agenda – Supplemental Appropriation to Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Sheriff’s Office Budget (HEAT Program Grant)

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Summary: The Caroline County Sheriff’s Office has been awarded a Help Eliminate Auto Theft (HEAT) grant in the amount of \$10,000 from the Virginia Department of State Police. Financial support from the grant is designed to reimburse local law enforcement agencies for the purchase of equipment used for investigating vehicle thefts or promoting the prevention of vehicle theft. The Sheriff’s Office has ordered neighborhood cameras to combat auto theft and will be reimbursed by the Virginia State Police with HEAT grant funds once the equipment arrives and has been paid for.

Budget Impact: No local matching funds are required to receive the grant funds.

Requested Action from Board of Supervisors: Approve supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$10,000 to the FY 2022/2023 Sheriff’s Office budget as outlined above to appropriate the grant revenue and authorize the expenditure of the funds.



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June 6, 2022

Dear Chief/Sheriff

As you are well aware, the theft of motor vehicles and vehicle parts, particularly catalytic converters, has dramatically increased and resulted in millions of dollars in replacement and repair costs to our citizens. Incidents of violent carjackings are also increasing and combating these crimes along with countless others, stretches our resources to the limit. July is National Vehicle Theft Prevention Month and I am pleased to announce an initiative that I hope will help vehicle theft enforcement efforts.

The Help Eliminate Auto Theft (HEAT) program is allocating funds to provide financial support for the auto theft investigation efforts of state and local law enforcement agencies. Financial support of up to **\$10,000** will be awarded to reimburse agencies for the purchase of equipment that will be used for investigating vehicle thefts or promoting the prevention of vehicle theft. Examples of approved equipment may be etching materials used to mark catalytic converters for identification in the event of theft and surveillance cameras or similar equipment to be used in investigations of auto theft cases. To qualify for this funding, an agency must have a least one fulltime investigator whose responsibilities include the investigation of vehicle thefts. **Funding will be allocated on a first come basis.**

To receive this funding, a brief justification letter itemizing the equipment you intend to purchase and the cost of the equipment should be emailed to Lieutenant David Beckner, HEAT Program Administrator, at david.beckner@vsp.virginia.gov. The request will be quickly reviewed and you will be notified via email if the purchase is approved for reimbursement. Once approved and your purchase is completed, submit copies of the payment invoice/receipt to Lieutenant Beckner in the same manner for reimbursement up to the maximum allowable amount.

If you desire additional information regarding this funding opportunity or the HEAT program, please contact Lieutenant David M. Beckner by telephone (804) 840-3957 or the above noted email address.

Your continued support and participation in HEAT initiatives is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary T. Settle".

Superintendent