CityofRedmond
WASHINGTON

MEMO TO: City Council

FROM: John Marchione, Mayor

DATE: February 7, 2012

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF CONTINUED FUNDING OF WASHINGTON AUTO THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY GRANT (WATPA) AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT OF ONE LIMITED-DURATION EMPLOYEE

Grant Number 11-13-GG-WATPA-003
Project Title - East King County Cooperative Auto Theft Initiative

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

Accept continuing funding from the Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority (WATPA) grant and approve the continued employment of one limited-duration crime analyst for the Police Department effective January 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013. This position is funded solely through the WATPA grant, which was approved on September 28, 2011, and expires on June 30, 2013. WATPA previously extended 2011 grant funding through December 31, 2011.

Renewal: The parties anticipate that grant funding will be available on an annual basis through WATPA. Recommend renewal from July 1 to June 30 of each year without any further action by Council, as long as grant funding is approved from WATPA to the East King County Cooperative Auto Theft Initiative for that ensuing year. WATPA regularly provides for grant extensions and renews funding beyond the expiration date.

II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS

Ron Gibson, Chief of Police	425.556.2528
Terry Morgan, Operations Commander	425.556.2523
Tim Gately, Operations Support Lieutenant	425.556.2615

III. DESCRIPTION

On September 28, 2011, the Redmond Police Department was awarded continued funding under the Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority (WATPA) grant for the East King County Cooperative Auto Theft Initiative. Eastside police agencies are involved in the funding which totals $120,000. Kirkland Police Department receives a portion of this grant funding ($15,750). The grant authorizes the funding of one crime analyst, to include wages, benefits, overtime, and training. It also funds a leased vehicle

training. The funding is valid through June 2013, at which time WATPA will evaluate continued funding. The grant receives funding from a legislative mandate, which takes a portion of traffic fines and dedicates the funds to auto theft reduction.

IV. FISCAL IMPACT

The WATPA grant is a regional auto theft reduction grant. Funding to the Redmond Police Department includes one limited-duration employee to include wages, benefits, and overtime, as well as one leased vehicle and a gas stipend. Additional funding is available for Redmond Police training and education.

Continuing position:	**$88,415.86**

• Crime Analyst (Full-time position, hired October 17, 2011. Reduced to 32-hour/week employee effective January 1, 2012.). This includes wages and overtime ($72,416.00) benefits ($13,874.86), and training ($2,125.00).

ProAct Team Training:	**$4,000.00**
Supplies: • 1 leased vehicle • Gas stipend	**$11,834.14**
TOTAL FOR REDMOND:	**$104,250.00**

V. ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve as proposed

2. Do not approve receipt of the grant and authorization to hire the limited-duration employees. This will impact the regional auto theft reduction initiative by not allowing crime analyst functions at neighboring agencies, which contributes to the regional effort to reduce auto thefts; current employee will no longer be funded.

Ron Gibson, Chief of Police — Date: 1-24-12

Approved for Council Agenda:

John Marchione, Mayor — Date: 1/24/12