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To: Judiciary Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives

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Subject: HB22-1217 Report

This report is submitted in response to 24-33.5-230 C.R.S. which requires the Department to submit a report on the Catalytic Converter Identification and Theft Prevention Grant Program to the Judiciary Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

HB22-1217 was signed into law on June 7, 2022, which provided \$300,000 of general fund money to the Catalytic Converter Identification and Theft Prevention Program (CCITP) Cash Fund. As a business unit of the Colorado State Patrol, the Colorado Automobile Theft Prevention Authority Office (CATPA Office) was assigned to administer this grant program. The CATPA Office began working with CSP Rules Administrator Angelina Page where an Open Comment Invitation was sent to 997 potential stakeholders on August 1, 2022 for proposed new rules under 8 CCR 1507-59 for the CCITP Grant Program Rules. On August 31, 2022, the CATPA Office then sent a Notice of Public Rulemaking (NPRM) for the CCITP Grant Program Rules, where the Notice and the redlined rules were adopted on October 5, 2022 after a public hearing and filed with the Colorado Secretary of State and the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) for publication in the Colorado Register on September 10, 2022. The CCITP Grant Program Rules, 8 CCR 1507-59, were effective on November 30, 2022. During FY22-23, the first year of the CCITP Grant was implemented and completed on June 30, 2023.

The second year of CCITP funding under HB22-1217 was limited to FY23-24, where the CATPA Office drafted and finalized the CCITP Grant Application, Grant Program Announcement and Grant Manager's Guidance Manual (instructions for completing a grant application). On June 17, 2023, the CATPA Office sent 736 invitations to potential stakeholders to attend a CCITP Grant Applicant's Workshop for consideration to apply for funding. On July 28, 2022, the CATPA Office posted the Grant Announcement on the State Patrol Website and lockdownyourcar.org and provided specialized training and information for interested applicants and further provided the grant announcement, application and instructions. The following schedule was provided for the administration of the CCITP Grant.

CCITP Grant Program Activity	Date
Grant Announcement	July 28, 2023
Grant Application Workshop	July 28, 2023
Application Opening	August 10, 2023
Application Deadline	August 18, 2023
CATPA Office Review & Award Determination	August 25, 2023
Final Application Deadline	September 8, 2023



CCITP Grant Program Activity	Date
Grant Agreement to Applicant	September 15, 2023
Grant Agreement Returned to CATPA	September 27, 2023
Grant Agreement Fully Executed	October 2, 2023
Grant Start (earliest begin date)	October 2, 2023
Grant End Date (latest completion date)	June 30, 2024

Summary of CCITP Grant Projects (As of June 2024)

A total of two (2) applicants submitted a request for funding under the CCITP Grant Program, where both applicants were recommended for awarding. The following is a summary of the funded projects including the program initiatives. As a note, the limited number of applicants was likely due to constraints in the CCITP Grant Program award timing (limited to a 9-month performance), due to the FY 2023-2024 performance of general fund money, composing and creating a new grant management system, reviewing and awarding of projects and engaging in grant agreements requiring processes for applicants to gain governing body, executive and budgetary approval. Additional constraints were experienced where eligible applicants were challenged with an inability to create a financial and programmatic infrastructure to perform a new or innovative program, limited amount of time to obtain approvals, the time constraints to develop strategic planning which may have required assignment of personnel not otherwise available and the inability to create partnerships with public and private organizations (e.g., salvage and recycle industries, victim advocates, etc.). In summary, the limited number of applicants requesting funding for intended purposes restricted the ideal target for funding apportionment in 24-33.5-230(4)(c).

The financial summary, referenced below, demonstrates 84.64% (\$253,938) of the funding appropriation (\$300,000) was awarded to two grant projects during FY23-24 for the CCITP Grant Program. The largest proportion of funding was provided to assistance to victims (39%), followed by prevention (32%), then enforcement (13%) and business impacts (9%).

Project	Enforcement	Business Impacts	Assistance to Victims	Prevention	Total Grant
Boulder County SO				\$ 9,496.00	\$ 9,496.00
CO State Patrol	\$ 34,801.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 73,000.00	\$ 244,442.00
Total Funding	\$ 34,801.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 82,496.00	\$ 253,938.00
% Funding	13.70%	9.84%	39.38%	32.48%	84.64%
HB22-1217 Funding	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
Target	25.00%	25.00%	20.00%	20.00%	100.00%
24-33.5-230(4)(c) "These apportionments may be subject to modification based on the limited number of applicants or qualified or approved applications in specific initiatives."					
Note: \$253,938.00 (84.64%) of the allocated funding (\$300,000) was awarded.					

The following chart considers the line items for grant awards, along with the overall average for expenditures as of June 2024. In summary, a large portion (69%) of the funding was awarded to projects for supplies for operating purposes and victim services, where the next larger portion (11%) was funded for overtime for law enforcement, followed by consulting services (10%) and equipment (4%). As this project was funded for nine (9) months, due to General Fund money being utilized, grant projects were unable to fund full-time positions to prevention efforts.



Expenses	Award	Modifications	Total Award	% Total	Payments	Balance	Spent
All Programs							
Personnel Overtime	\$ 27,501.00	\$ -	\$ 27,501.00	11%	\$ 9,557.06	\$ 17,943.94	
Operating Supplies	\$ 174,000.00	\$ -	\$ 174,000.00	69%	\$ 83,036.07	\$ 90,963.93	
Consulting Services	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	10%	\$ 0.00	\$ 25,000.00	
Equipment	\$ 9,496.00	\$ -	\$ 9,496.00	4%	\$ 9,496.00	0.00	
Travel	\$ 6,300.00	\$ -	\$ 6,300.00	2%	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,300.00	
Grant Admin.	\$ 11,641.00	\$ -	\$ 11,290.00	4%	\$ 2,481.72	\$ 9,159.28	
Grand Total	\$ 253,938.00	\$	\$ 253,938.00		\$ 104,570.85	\$ 149,367.15	58.82%

The following chart demonstrates the number of activities reported by all grant projects. As a note, these activities include those performed from the date in which the grant projects started (in October 2023) through the last monthly report submitted. As this grant program is still continuing, and all projects will not submit final reporting of activities until after July 1, 2024, the activities are not a final result of the projects.

Prevention Program Activities		Law Enforcement Program Activities	
1	No. of Public Service Announcements	5	Training - ISRI Scrap Theft Alert
1	No. of Community Outreach Events	5	Training - Business Inspections and CRS §18-13-111
0	No. of Social Media Impressions	4	No. of LE Operations
	No. of Persons Served	209	No. of Personnel Hours
0	No. of Materials Purchased	11	No. of Agencies Involved
0	No. of Materials Distributed	1	No. of Case Investigations
6800	Catalytic Converter ID Kits Purchased	0	No. of Recovered Catalytic Converters
6000	Catalytic Converter ID Kits Distributed	0	No. of Recovered Catalytic Converters from ID Kits
1000	Catalytic Converter ID Kits Installed	0	No. of Recovered Catalytic Converter Parts
		1	CRS §18-13-111 Commodity Metal Violation
		0	CRS §18-13-111 Catalytic Converter Violation
Business Impact Program Activities		0	CRS §18-4-420 Chop Shop Violation
4	Business Inspections	0	CRS §25-7-122 Air Quality Control Violation
3	Business Violations	0	CRS §18-4-401 Theft Violation
5	Training - CRS §18-13-111	0	
Victim Program Activities			
43	No. of Victims Served		
22	No. of Catalytic Converters Replaced		
58	No. of Victim Statements		

- Both the Aurora Police Department and Denver Police Department learned more in depth about this program in this fiscal year. They then requested and have received a series of training sessions to their investigators to help them participate further in this program and conduct investigations.
- According to Englewood Police Department, Inspections from previous years resulted in an immediate and significant decrease in catalytic converter theft in their area, along with gained compliance by a previous violator.
- While grantees have noted 0 personal recovered catalytic converters nor parts, other agencies not participating in this grant program reported the work completed in inspections has assisted



them in their recovery of catalytic converters, and, in one instance, resulted in a COCCA case filing.

- With staffing shortages, we began completing individual compliance communications via cold-calling and email campaigns using rote database searching and word-of-mouth information from already complying businesses to reach previously non-reporting, and/or unknown businesses that are operating within Colorado to gain further compliance.

