

Automobile Theft Authority

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	FY 2000 Actual	FY 2001 Estimate	FY 2002 Approved	FY 2003 Approved
PROGRAM BUDGET				
Automobile Theft Authority	515,900	467,100	425,600	436,400
Automobile Theft Authority Grants SLI	1,906,300	2,851,400 ^{1/}	3,464,600	3,475,500
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	2,422,200	3,318,500	3,890,200	3,911,900
OPERATING BUDGET				
Full Time Equivalent Positions	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Personal Services	141,600	182,100	187,500	198,400
Employee Related Expenditures	26,000	27,200	36,500	36,400
Professional and Outside Services	91,700	75,000	25,000	25,000
Travel - In State	2,400	2,500	2,500	2,500
Travel - Out of State	12,700	12,000	7,500	7,500
Other Operating Expenditures	220,100	133,300	156,600	156,600
Equipment	21,400	35,000	10,000	10,000
<i>Operating Subtotal</i>	515,900	467,100	425,600	436,400
Special Line Items (SLI)	1,906,300	2,851,400	3,464,600	3,475,500
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	2,422,200	3,318,500	3,890,200 ^{2/}	3,911,900 ^{2/}
FUND SOURCES				
Auto Theft Authority Fund	2,422,200	3,318,500 ^{1/}	3,890,200	3,911,900
<i>Subtotal - Other Appropriated Funds</i>	2,422,200	3,318,500	3,890,200	3,911,900
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	2,422,200	3,318,500	3,890,200	3,911,900

AGENCY DESCRIPTION — *The Automobile Theft Authority (ATA) is responsible for analyzing the methods of combating the problem of vehicle theft and promoting successful methods of reducing the number of vehicle thefts in Arizona. The Authority is primarily funded from motor vehicle insurance premium fees.*

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002-03
	Est./Actual	Est./Actual	Estimate	Estimate
• Vehicles stolen statewide	37,600/34,900	31,410/31,250	29,000	26,000
• % reduction in auto thefts	10/17	10/11.7	7.7	10.3
• Felony auto theft arrests by Auto Theft Task Force	300/212	200/310	320	350/375
• % of stolen vehicles recovered	3/5.2	3.5/6.4	7.8	9.6/10.6
• Chop shops closed	20/24	24/30	30	35/40
• Administration as a % of total cost	NA	7.4/NA	9	9.2/9.1
• Customer satisfaction rating (Scale 1-8)	NA	NA	NA	6

Automobile Theft Authority Program — The approved amount includes a FY 2002 one-time increase of \$25,000 for a vehicle recovery partnership program with Sonora, Mexico. The approved increase will cover web page

design costs, modems, software, consulting fees, and start-up costs.

The approved amount includes an increase of \$23,300 in both FY 2002 and FY 2003 above FY 2001 for the “Watch

^{1/} Includes \$287,200 approved in the April 6, 2001 JLBC Meeting. A footnote in the *FY 2000 and FY 2001 Appropriations Report* allowed for additional expenditures up to \$287,200 in the event additional revenues were collected in excess of \$2,325,000.

^{2/} General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as a Lump Sum by Agency with Special Line Items.

Your Car” program, which is a volunteer public awareness program where vehicle owners register their vehicles with the ATA. The approved increase will cover advertising and printing expenses.

The approved amount includes a decrease of \$(50,000) in both FY 2002 and FY 2003 from FY 2001 from the operating budget for Professional and Outside Services due to the discontinued use of a public relations firm and utilization of local police departments in public awareness programs and advertising.

The approved amount includes a decrease of \$(25,000) in both FY 2002 and FY 2003 from FY 2001 due to elimination of one-time FY 2001 equipment funding.

The approved amount includes a decrease of \$(4,500) in both FY 2002 and FY 2003 from FY 2001 from the operating budget for travel resulting from decreased conference participation.

Automobile Theft Authority Grants Special Line Item — The ATA awards grants to state, county, and local law enforcement agencies to support law enforcement, prosecution, and public awareness programs designed to increase the effectiveness of auto theft investigation and prosecution. This Special Line Item receives funding from a semi-annual insurance assessment fee per vehicle.

The approved amount includes a FY 2002 increase of \$931,600 above FY 2001 and a FY 2003 increase of \$982,500 above FY 2001 for grants to the ATA Task Force. These grants will cover Personal Services, Equipment, and training for 8 additional local law enforcement positions in the Task Force and replacement equipment of 2 Task Force vehicles with over 100,000 miles.

The approved amount includes a FY 2002 increase of \$75,000 above FY 2001 and a FY 2003 increase of \$85,000 above FY 2001 for grants to support prosecution of auto theft criminals. The approved FY 2002 and FY 2003 increases will fund additional 1.5 county positions for a legal secretary and attorney.

The approved amount includes a FY 2002 increase of \$344,700 above FY 2001 and a FY 2003 increase of \$315,500 above FY 2001 for ATA’s Operation Eagle Eye – Port of Entry. The FY 2003 increase is lower due to the elimination of one-time equipment. The approved amounts will fund hardware, software, operational expenses, and Professional and Outside Services for the Task Force to contract with 3 information technology specialists.

The approved amount includes a FY 2002 increase of \$80,300 above FY 2001 and a FY 2003 increase of \$84,500 above FY 2001 for grants to local law enforcement agencies. Grants will be targeted to

communities in the state experiencing high rates of vehicle theft that lack financial resources to combat the problem and cover costs for investigation, prosecution, and public awareness programs.

FY 2001 Supplemental — In addition, the ATA received a FY 2001 supplemental adjustment of \$556,200 for grants to the Task Force. The supplemental adjustment will cover 8 additional Task Force positions in FY 2001 and expanded operational costs for equipment, training, travel expenses, and replacement of 3 vehicles.

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