

# Automobile Theft Authority

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DESCRIPTION	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ESTIMATE	FY 2006 JLBC	FY 2007 JLBC
<b>OPERATING BUDGET</b>				
<i>Full Time Equivalent Positions</i>	5.0	5.0	6.0	6.0
Personal Services	254,100	273,000	293,600	293,600
Employee Related Expenditures	69,700	84,000	91,800	91,800
Professional and Outside Services	26,500	31,000	10,400	10,400
Travel - In State	2,800	2,500	2,500	2,500
Travel - Out of State	12,400	12,500	12,500	12,500
Other Operating Expenditures	146,800	140,100	181,800	181,800
Equipment	7,200	5,000	5,000	5,000
<b>OPERATING SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>519,500</b>	<b>548,100</b>	<b>597,600</b>	<b>597,600</b>
<b>SPECIAL LINE ITEMS</b>				
Auto Theft Authority Grants	3,497,200	4,002,000	4,150,500	4,150,500
Reimbursable Programs	0	0	25,000	50,000
<b>AGENCY TOTAL</b>	<b>4,016,700</b>	<b>4,550,100</b>	<b>4,773,100</b>	<b>4,798,100</b>
<b>FUND SOURCES</b>				
<i>Other Appropriated Funds</i>				
Auto Theft Authority Fund	4,016,700	4,550,100	4,773,100	4,798,100
SUBTOTAL - Other Appropriated Funds	4,016,700	4,550,100	4,773,100	4,798,100
<b>SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds</b>	<b>4,016,700</b>	<b>4,550,100</b>	<b>4,773,100</b>	<b>4,798,100</b>
Federal Funds	49,500	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL - ALL SOURCES</b>	<b>4,066,200</b>	<b>4,550,100</b>	<b>4,773,100</b>	<b>4,798,100</b>

CHANGE IN FUNDING SUMMARY	FY 2005 to FY 2006 JLBC		FY 2005 to FY 2007 JLBC	
	\$ Change	% Change	\$ Change	% Change
Other Appropriated Funds	223,000	4.9%	248,000	5.5%
Total Appropriated Funds	223,000	4.9%	248,000	5.5%
Non Appropriated Funds	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total - All Sources	223,000	4.9%	248,000	5.5%

**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 ATA is primarily funded from motor vehicle insurance premium fees.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Estimate	FY 2006 JLBC
• % reduction in auto thefts	(1.4)	NA	2.5	--
• Felony auto theft arrests by Auto Theft Task Force	333	312	275	330
• % of stolen vehicles recovered	4.8	NA	5.2	5.2
• Chop shops closed	49	NA	36	--
• Administration as a % of total cost	8.0	8.7	7.6	--
• Number of vehicles stolen statewide (calendar year) (NEW)	NA	NA	56,000	55,000
• Customer satisfaction rating (Scale 1-3, 1 highest)	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0

**Comments:** The agency did not submit information for any measure labeled as "NA." The agency reports a decrease of 21 felony auto theft arrests by Auto Theft Task Force due to budget constraints, resulting in a reduced number of task force officers in the field. The agency continues to achieve the highest customer satisfaction rating.

**RECOMMENDED CHANGES FROM FY 2005**

**Operating Budget**

The JLBC recommends \$597,600 from the Auto Theft Authority Fund for the operating budget in FY 2006 and FY 2007. These amounts would fund the following adjustments:

		<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>
<b>Standard Changes</b>	<b>OF</b>	<b>\$(2,400)</b>	<b>\$(2,400)</b>

The JLBC recommends a decrease of \$(2,400) from the Auto Theft Authority Fund in FY 2006 and FY 2007 for standard changes.

<b>New FTE Position</b>	<b>OF</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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The JLBC recommends an increase of 1 additional FTE Position using monies currently allocated for temporary help. This appropriation would transfer \$20,600 from Professional and Outside Services to Personal Services and \$10,900 from Other Operating Expenditures to Employee Related Expenditures. The additional FTE Position will provide clerical support for ATA due to increased workload from growth in its programs; primarily the Watch Your Car Program (WYC) where the number of enrollments increased from 25,000 to 65,000 from FY 2003 to FY 2004.

<b>Public Awareness</b>	<b>OF</b>	<b>51,900</b>	<b>51,900</b>
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The JLBC recommends an increase of \$51,900 from the ATA Fund in FY 2006 and FY 2007 for public awareness. This appropriation would replace an expired Federal Grant provided by the U.S. Department of Justice. Monies from the expired grant would continue to fund a cooperative program with the Motor Vehicle Division (MVD). The MVD includes a WYC/Auto Theft Prevention program flyer in every vehicle registration renewal packet sent out to vehicle owners. Based on a survey, in FY 2004, 29,000 vehicles were enrolled in the program as a result of the mailing partnership.

**Special Line Items**

**Auto Theft Authority Grants**

The JLBC recommends \$4,150,500 from the ATA Fund for the ATA Grants in FY 2006 and FY 2007. These amounts would fund the following adjustments:

**Task Force Vehicle**

<b>Replacement</b>	<b>OF</b>	<b>148,500</b>	<b>148,500</b>
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The JLBC recommends an increase of \$148,500 from the ATA Fund in FY 2006 and FY 2007 for Task Force Vehicle Replacement. These monies would replace 5 vehicles in both FY 2006 and FY 2007 at a cost of \$29,700 per vehicle. The vehicles replaced follow the standards set forth by the DPS vehicle replacement schedule requiring a vehicle to attain 100,000 miles prior to replacement.

Currently, ATA has 57 vehicles in its fleet of which 8 vehicles are in excess of 100,000 miles, 10 with 90,000 to 99,999 miles, 7 with 80,000 to 89,999 miles and the remaining 32 below 80,000 miles.

Monies in this line item fund grants awarded 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, prosecution and deterrence. This Special Line Item receives funding from a semi-annual insurance assessment fee per vehicle.

**Reimbursable Programs**

The JLBC recommends \$25,000 from the Auto Theft Authority Fund for a new Special Line Item, Reimbursable Programs, in FY 2006 and \$50,000 in FY 2007. These amounts would fund the following adjustments:

<b>Collections</b>	<b>OF</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>
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The JLBC recommends an increase of \$25,000 from the ATA Fund in FY 2006 and an increase of \$50,000 in FY 2007 for expected gifts, donations, grants and fee collections.

Monies in this line item would fund sponsored training seminars like the ATA Auto Theft Summit as well as covering the cost of sending various personnel to profession training seminars and contribute to ATA sponsored bait car system projects throughout the state. This Special Line Item would be funded from gifts, donations, grants and fee collections given to the agency from the private sector which include insurance companies, car dealerships, car rental companies, as well as other agencies like the National Insurance Crime Bureau. (See *New Footnotes* for additional conditions.)

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**JLBC RECOMMENDED FORMAT** — Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency

**JLBC RECOMMENDED FOOTNOTES**

*New Footnotes*

The Automobile Theft Authority shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for review prior to expending any monies for the Reimbursable Programs Special Line Item. The agency shall also show sufficient funds collected to cover the expenses indicated in the report. (*This footnote would allow ATA to receive monies from outside sources and spend them in the same fiscal year while ensuring the monies have been collected.*)

SUMMARY OF FUNDS	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Estimate
<b>Auto Theft Authority (ATA2060/A.R.S. § 41-3451)</b>		<b>Appropriated</b>
<b>Source of Revenue:</b> A semi-annual fee of \$0.50 per vehicle insured under a motor vehicle liability insurance policy for vehicles with a gross weight under 26,000 pounds.		
<b>Purpose of Fund:</b> To allocate monies to public agencies for the purpose of establishing, maintaining and supporting programs that are designed to prevent motor vehicle theft, and to cover the costs of administration not to exceed 10% of the fund.		
<b>Funds Expended</b>	4,016,700	4,550,100
<b>Year-End Fund Balance</b>	1,467,200	1,182,100
<b>Federal Grants (ATA2000/A.R.S. § 35-142)</b>		<b>Non-Appropriated</b>
<b>Source of Revenue:</b> Federal grants.		
<b>Purpose of Fund:</b> To support projects combating vehicle theft in Arizona.		
<b>Funds Expended</b>	49,500	0
<b>Year-End Fund Balance</b>	0	0

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