

**AUTO THEFT AUTHORITY**

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<b>Auto Theft Authority Fund</b>	<b>FY 1998 Actual</b>	<b>FY 1999 Estimate</b>	<b>FY 2000 Approved</b>	<b>FY 2001 Approved</b>
FTE Positions	2.0	2.0	5.0	5.0
Personal Services	86,400	103,300	178,500	182,100
Employee Related Expenditures	15,400	19,800	26,200	27,200
Professional and Outside Services	100	0	300,000	400,000
Travel - In State	1,200	0	5,000	5,000
Travel - Out of State	0	0	2,500	2,500
Other Operating Expenditures	16,800	600	93,200	93,200
Equipment	200	0	100,000	0
<b>Operating Subtotal</b>	<b>120,100</b>	<b>123,700</b>	<b>705,400</b>	<b>710,000</b>
Auto Theft Authority Grants	1,053,400	1,053,400	1,515,000	1,615,000
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>1,173,500</b>	<b>1,177,100</b>	<b>2,220,400</b> <sup>1/2</sup>	<b>2,325,000</b> <sup>1/2</sup>

**Agency Description** — *The Automobile Theft Authority 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.*

**Conversion to Appropriated Status C** The approved FY 2000 amount includes an increase of 3 FTE Positions and \$154,300 to reflect the conversion to appropriated status of the Authority's remaining non-appropriated insurance premium fee revenues as per Laws 1997, Chapter 290. This amount is continued in FY 2001.

will expand the task force by 10 officers, thereby including at least 1 officer from each county.

**Public Awareness C** The approved FY 2000 amount includes an increase of \$300,000 for public awareness funding. The FY 2001 amount includes a further increase of \$50,000. These monies will be used to promote the Authority's "Watch Your Car" program through radio, TV, and print advertisements.

**Border Interdiction C** The approved FY 2000 amount includes \$100,000 for the creation of a border interdiction program. In FY 2001, this amount is reduced by \$(50,000) due to one-time start-up funding. The border interdiction program will use computers and modems to speed the identification of stolen U.S. vehicles in Mexico and improve communication with Mexican law enforcement.

**Auto Theft Authority Grants C** The approved FY 2000 amount includes an increase of \$461,600 to expand the Auto Theft Task Force. The approved FY 2001 amount includes a further increase of \$100,000 to continue this expansion. Auto Theft Authority Grants are used to fund the participation of local law enforcement personnel in a statewide Auto Theft Task Force. The approved increase

<sup>1/</sup> General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency.

<sup>2/</sup> All insurance premium fee revenues collected in excess of \$2,220,400 in FY 2000 and \$2,325,000 in FY 2001 are appropriated for public awareness and Auto Theft Authority Grants up to \$2,611,700 in FY 2000 and \$2,612,200 in FY 2001. Before the expenditure of these monies, the Authority shall submit an expenditure plan to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for review. (General Appropriation Act footnote as adjusted for state employee pay increase)