

***Public Safety Initiatives:*** This program centers around the services provided at the community's police storefront, the Greenspoint Public Safety Center at Greenspoint Mall. Partnerships are established with the Houston Police Department and the Harris County Sheriff's Department to provide programs that addresses auto theft and narcotic activity, adding additional patrol hours and increasing police visibility. While the space for the storefront is donated by Greenspoint Mall, GCP must secure funding for the Center's operating expenses, equipment, vehicles and other costs associated with crime prevention programs. In addition, funding provides for community outreach and public education campaigns, with the goal of providing the area's residents and employees with the knowledge and resources to work with local law enforcement to fight crime.

*Funding Needs:*

Operation Greensweep is a contract between GCP and the Houston Police Department. The program seeks to rid the area of drug-related crime and adds approximately 120 hours of patrol time each week. HPD is responsible for the required personnel and equipment costs, while GCP funds only the overtime incurred as a result of the additional coverage. In its first year, the program resulted in more than 400 felony arrests and nearly \$2 million in narcotics being taken off Greenspoint streets. ***The programs annual expense to GCP is \$270,000.***

Greenspoint Stopping Auto Theft (GSAT) is a special unit of Harris County Sheriff's office that adds approximately 160 patrol hours each week. This program focuses on stopping auto theft through special police focus, as well as increasing the knowledge and awareness levels of the public. The program is currently funded through local partnerships and a grant from the Texas Auto Theft Prevention Authority. During its first year of operation, three auto theft organizations were disbanded; \$850,000 in stolen vehicles and property were recovered; and there were 29 arrests, including one check/identification counterfeiting ring. ***Although the program is funded through a state grant, GCP is seeking the donation of a "bait" vehicle. In addition, GCP targets raising \$20,000 for costs associated with maintaining and equipping vehicles used in the program and for public awareness campaigns and/or events.***

Public Safety Center Operations supports Greenspoint's police storefront, located at Greenspoint Mall. The building space, valued at \$175,000 annually, is donated by the mall. The 5,000 square-foot facility provides space for 45 officers, from both the Houston Police Department and the Harris County Sheriffs Department. In addition, it is open to all local law enforcement and is used for special operations that require cooperation between agencies. The Center serves two HPD beats, 6B50 and 6B60. Within a three-mile radius of the Center, there are 95,000 residents and 63,000 employees.

Before the Center opened in 1994, officers had to report to a station 20 minutes outside of the community. Providing a center here gave approximately 1,800 hours of patrol time back to this community. Police overtime programs, high-visibility police operations, surveillance activities and community awareness initiatives are examples of the services supported through the Center. ***GCP must raise the \$30,000 necessary to equip and operate the facility.***

