



City Council Report

Date: October 6, 2014
To: City Council
Through: John Pombier, Deputy City Manager
From: Harry Beck, Fire Chief
Jim Bloomer, Assistant Chief
Subject: Subgrantee Agreement with the Arizona Department of Homeland Security, Rapid Response Team Sustainment “Citywide” project

Strategic Initiatives



Purpose and Recommendation

The City of Mesa Fire and Medical Department is respectfully requesting that the Mesa City Council authorize the City Manager or his designee to approve and execute a Subgrantee Agreement with the Arizona Department of Homeland Security. The Agreement provides \$216,000 to the Mesa Fire and Medical Department for the Rapid Response Team program (RRT) for equipment, training and planning.

Background

The United States Department of Homeland Security (USDHHS) through the Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS) Grant Program provides grant funding to support areas of equipment, training exercise and planning to support a response to a terrorist incident and aid in the prevention of such events. The AZDOHS 2014 Homeland Security Grant Program has identified funds for the City of Mesa Fire & Medical Department of \$216,000. If approved, the funding will be used to support the City’s ability to prevent and respond to acts of terrorism.

Discussion

The Mesa Fire & Medical Department Rapid Response Team is part of the Phoenix Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI). The 2014 funds will be used to sustain two Rapid Response Team Squads, and one Rapid Response Team CBRNE Support Unit. The 2014 UASI RRT grant will provide \$216,000 for:

- Equipment
- Training
- Planning

Alternatives

If the Subgrantee Agreement is not approved, the funding will remain with the State to be distributed to other Valley agencies resulting in a loss of funding for the Mesa Fire & Medical Department RRT program.

Fiscal Impact

The award amount is \$216,000 and no match is required. Approving the use of these grant funds will allow the City of Mesa to accept grant funding allocated to the sustainment of the Rapid Response Team.

Coordinated With

This grant funding will be managed through the Mesa Fire and Medical Department and they are in support of this resolution.