



# City Council Report

**Date:** October 6, 2014  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** John Pombier, Deputy City Manager  
**From:** Frank L. Milstead, Police Chief  
Kim Fiorucci, Forensics Services Administrator  
**Subject:** U.S. Department of Justice, Fiscal Year 2014 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program Grant Number 2014-DN-BX-0007 Citywide

## Strategic Initiatives



### Purpose and Recommendation

The City of Mesa Police Department is respectfully requesting the Mesa City Council authorize the City Manager or his designee to accept a Fiscal Year 2014 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program Grant Award from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$109,190 for overtime and software for the Police Department's Forensic Services Division.

### Background

The Mesa Police Department's Forensic Services Biology Unit consists of seven employees, is responsible for processing biological evidence from homicides, sexual assaults, burglaries, and numerous other crimes. During 2013, members of this unit processed over 1,300 samples and prepared over 1,200 reports regarding their scientific analyses.

### Discussion

The funding from this award will support personnel services and employee related expenses to reduce DNA backlogs and purchase new software to increase the efficiency of analysis.

**Alternatives**

If this Grant Award is declined, the Mesa Police Department's Biology Unit will not accomplish their goal of increasing the number of samples processed and reducing the turnaround time for all requests (persons and property crimes).

**Fiscal Impact**

The award amount is \$109,190 for salaries, employee related expenses and software. Mesa Police Department personnel will be responsible for submitting invoices on a quarterly basis to the U.S. Department of Justice. The U.S. Department of Justice will remit monies due upon receipt of the invoices.

**Coordinated With**

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval of the Fiscal Year 2014 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program Grant Award from the U.S. Department of Justice.