



City Council Report

Date: October 20, 2014
To: City Council
Through: John Pombier, Deputy City Manager
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Subject: Subgrantee Agreement with the Arizona Department of Homeland Security, Police Department Aircraft Radio Upgrade (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 enter into a Subgrantee Agreement with the Arizona Department of Homeland Security to accept \$179,528 for the purchase of radio systems for the Police Department's Aviation Unit.

Background

The Department of Public Safety upgraded their radio system per narrowbanding requirements. Mesa Police Department's air units routinely disseminate information regarding suspect activities. Currently multiple channels and bands are used during in-process multi-agency events. As other agencies are moving to ultra-high frequency narrowband devices, direct communications will cease. An upgrade to the Aviation Unit's radio system will provide connectivity and satisfy an identified gap when Department of Public Safety upgraded.

Discussion

The funding from this award will be used to purchase four radio systems for the Police Department's Aviation Unit.

Alternatives

If this Subgrantee Agreement is not approved then the funding will remain with the State to be distributed to other Valley agencies. The Mesa Police Department's Aviation Unit will not purchase upgraded radio systems, limiting its ability to communicate in multi-agency events.

Fiscal Impact

The award amount is \$179,528 and no match is required. Mesa Police Department personnel will be responsible for submitting invoices on a quarterly basis to the Arizona Department of Homeland Security. The Arizona Department of Homeland Security will remit monies due upon receipt of the invoices.

Coordinated With

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval of the Subgrantee Agreement with Arizona Department of Homeland Security for the aircraft radio upgrade.