



City Council Report

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Subject: Intergovernmental Agreement with Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority
Council District 6

Strategic Initiatives



Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to continue the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority (PMGAA). The term of this agreement is for three years commencing on July 1, 2015 and continuing until June 30, 2018.

Background

The City has had a formal agreement to provide aircraft rescue and firefighting (ARFF) services since 1993. The current proposal was reviewed and updated by staff from PMGAA and the Mesa Fire and Medical Department. The proposed IGA has been approved by the PMGAA Governing Board.

Discussion

Under the current IGA, the Mesa Fire and Medical Department provides one ARFF certified captain and two certified engineers per shift in order to provide 24-hour coverage at the PMGAA airport. Since the Fire and Medical Department operates three different 24 hour shifts, the contract reimburses for nine fire suppression personnel. Under the proposed IGA, firefighting staffing levels have not changed. The proposed IGA also addresses compensation, training, certifications, ARFF responses on and off the field and other responsibilities and obligations of PMGAA and the City.

Alternatives

The City could choose to end the IGA with PMGAA and cover ARFF services to the airport. The benefit of keeping an IGA is salary, training and equipment reimbursements for fire protection services provided at PMGAA.

Fiscal Impact

Reimbursements for the 2015-16 fiscal year for salaries, protective clothing, training and apparatus reserve total \$1,160,013. The City invoices for actual cost incurred so final reimbursements may be less than this total. For example, in the contract, there is a \$6,175.00 reimbursement allowance for protective clothing; if the City does not incur cost for protective clothing, the City will not invoice expenses in this area. There is a three percent reimbursement increase factored in each remaining fiscal year of this IGA. If invoiced reimbursements increase at a higher rate, the contract allows the City and PMGAA to negotiate a new reimbursement amount.