



City Council Report

Date: August 24, 2015
To: City Council
Through: John Pombier, Assistant City Manager
From: John Meza, Police Chief
David Hagar, Commander
Subject: 2015 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program Award - 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 Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Phoenix and Maricopa County to accept funding in the amount of \$120,000 to upgrade the building security camera system in multiple City facilities. These funds are made available from a 2015 Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.

Background

The 2015 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant funding is only available to local units of government that have reported at least three years of data on Part I violent crimes to the FBI. This year, the total allocation available for Maricopa County is \$952,411. The funding is received by Maricopa County and passed through to the partnering jurisdictions. Representatives from all jurisdictions have agreed upon the distributions each agency will receive.

As part of the application process, Maricopa County compiles information from each of the jurisdictions and submits one application. In addition, an MOU between the partnering agencies must be signed. No funding will be available to any agency until the requested information has been completed. When the funds become available, Maricopa County will administer the account.

Discussion

The Police Department's analog video surveillance system used to monitor the activities both outside and inside the multiple campuses throughout the City is outdated and out of support. The Department will upgrade the video surveillance system to current technology. The new system will replace non-functioning and out of support equipment with a system that will centralize storage and allow multiple access paths to view data.

Alternatives

Decline the funds. If the funds are declined, Maricopa County will redistribute them to the partnering jurisdictions. If the funding is declined, the Police Department will not be able to purchase new video surveillance system.

Fiscal Impact

The award amount is \$120,000 and no match is required. Maricopa County will distribute funds upon receipt. Mesa Police Department personnel will provide quarterly programmatic and financial reports. Mesa Police Department personnel will also monitor the account balance for the project. This is a three year grant.

Coordinated With

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval of accepting funds from Maricopa County through the 2015 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program.