



City Council Report

Date: October 19, 2015
To: City Council
Through: John Pombier, Assistant City Manager
From: Kim Meza, Forensic Services Administrator
Subject: Highway Safety Contract, Contract Number 2016-AL-065
DUI Abatement Grant Agreement DUIAC-I-019
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 DUI Abatement Grant Program Grant Agreement to accept \$84,500.

The Police Department is also requesting the Mesa City Council authorize the City Manager or his designee to enter into a Highway Safety Contract to accept \$84,500.

The Grant Agreement and the Highway Safety Contract are both provided by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. The combined total of \$169,000 will be used by the Police Department's Forensic Services Division to purchase equipment to analyze biological samples from DUI cases.

Background

The Mesa Police Department's Forensic Services Division is a full service forensic laboratory which has been accredited by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board since April 2001. The Forensic Services Division provides various forensic services for the City of Mesa Police Department and in July 2012 entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Gilbert to provide forensic services.

Discussion

Funds from the grant awards will be used toward the purchase of a Head Space Gas Chromatograph/Flame Ionization Detector Mass Spectrometer. The additional unit will increase the Forensic Services Divisions capacity to detect impairing substances and prevent analytical backlog.

Alternatives

If either or both the Grant Agreement and the Highway Safety Contract are declined, the Mesa Police Department's Forensic Services Division will continue to rely on its current equipment with limited capabilities to analyze cases for DUI enforcement.

Fiscal Impact

The combined award amount is \$169,000 and no match is required. Adequate Crime Lab Assessment funds are available within the FY 2015-16 budget should additional funds be needed for the purchase. Operational costs are within the approved Forensic Services Division budget.

Mesa Police Department personnel will be responsible for submitting invoices to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety. The Governor's Office of Highway Safety will remit monies due upon receipt of the invoices.

Coordinated With

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval of the DUI Abatement Grant Program Grant Agreement and the Highway Safety Contract, both provided by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for the purchase of forensic equipment.