



City Council Report

Date: November 9, 2015
To: City Council
Through: John Pombier, Assistant City Manager
From: Kim Meza, Forensic Services Administrator
Subject: Grant Agreement with the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, Grant Number FCL-16-002 (Citywide)

**Strategic
Initiatives**



Purpose and Recommendation

The City of Mesa Police Department is respectfully requesting that the Mesa City Council authorize the City Manager or his designee to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission to accept \$100,000 for equipment and training for the Police Department's Forensic Services Division.

Background

The goal of the Full Service Forensic Crime Laboratory Program is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the state's various full service crime laboratories. Funds are available to local law enforcement crime laboratories that provide services in the areas of controlled substances, forensic biology, DNA, blood and breath alcohol, firearms and tool marks.

Discussion

As an accredited laboratory, the Forensic Services Division is eligible to request funding through the Full Service Crime Laboratory Grant. The Forensic Services Division received funds in the amount of \$100,000 for the following:

- \$10,000 - Convert old forensic case records from microfilm to electronic records
- \$7,000 - Purchase a barcode inventory tracking system
- \$27,590 - Upgrade the current safety alarm system
- \$55,410 - Provide funding for training and travel expenses

Alternatives

Decline the funds. If the funds are declined, they will be returned to the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission to be distributed to another full-service forensic crime laboratory. Without the requested funds, the Police Department's Forensic Services Division will not be able to upgrade equipment or attend training.

Fiscal Impact

The award amount is \$100,000 and no match is required. Mesa Police Department personnel will be responsible for submitting invoices to the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission. The Arizona Criminal Justice Commission will remit monies due upon receipt of the invoices.

Coordinated With

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends approval of the Grant Agreement with the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission.