



# City Council Report

**Date:** February 8, 2016  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** John Pombier, Assistant City Manager  
**From:** John Meza, Police Chief  
William Peters, Commander  
**Subject:** SubGrant Award Agreement between the City of Mesa and the Arizona Department of Public Safety - 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 SubGrant Award Agreement with the Arizona Department of Public Safety, Victim Assistance Grant Program to accept \$159,072 for salary and fringe benefits of three Victim Service Specialists and related expenses.

### Background

The Mesa Police Department Victim Services Unit has been the recipient of Arizona Department of Public Safety funds through the Victims of Crime Act since 1997. Grantees must be operated by a public agency, must provide direct services to crime victims, must assist victims in obtaining victim compensation, must utilize volunteers and must promote coordinated public and private efforts to aid victims.

### Discussion

The Police Department's Victim Services Unit responds to emotional and physical needs of crime victims, assists victims of crime to stabilize their lives, assists victims through the criminal justice system and provides a measure of safety and security.

The Victim Services Specialists provide services to victims of domestic violence, sex crimes and violent felony crimes. Personnel are responsible for providing crisis intervention, educational and emotional support and referrals to community services.

## **Alternatives**

Decline the funding. If the funds are declined, they will be returned to the Department of Public Safety who will then reallocate the funds. If the funding is declined, the Mesa Police Department Victim Services Unit will not be able to provide crisis intervention to victims of crime.

## **Fiscal Impact**

The total cost for salary and benefits for the three Victim Services Specialists is \$76,048 greater than the award amount and will be absorbed by the Division's budget. A match of \$39,768 is required, the amount is included within the \$76,048 funded by the Division.

Mesa Police Department personnel will be responsible for submitting invoices to the Arizona Department of Public Safety which will remit monies due upon receipt of the invoices.

## **Coordinated With**

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval of accepting funds through a SubGrant Award Agreement with the Arizona Department of Public Safety, Victims of Crime Act (VOCA).