



City Council Report

Date: June 6, 2016
To: City Council
Through: John Pombier, Assistant City Manger
From: John Meza, Police Chief
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Subject: Cost Reimbursement Agreement with the Federal Bureau of Investigations (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 Cost Reimbursement Agreement with the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI).

Background

The City previously entered into a Memorandum of Understanding, with the FBI to assign Mesa police officers to the Southern Arizona Safe Trails Task Force. The mission of the Task Force is to identify and target for prosecution groups responsible for drug trafficking, violent street crimes, money laundering, crimes of violence, robbery, aggravated assault, violent street gangs, etc. The Task Force will enhance the effectiveness of federal/state/local/tribal law enforcement resources through a well-coordinated initiative seeking the most effective investigative avenues by which to convict and incarcerate dangerous offenders.

Discussion

The Federal Bureau of Investigations has received approval and funding to reimburse the City for overtime for officers assigned to the Task Force. Under the Agreement, the FBI will reimburse the City for overtime for officers assigned to the Task Force at the usual rate for which the officers' time would be compensated, not to exceed the monthly and/or annual limits established by the FBI. The Police Department will compensate the officers for any overtime that exceeds the FBI's reimbursement limits.

The Cost Reimbursement Agreement will be effective upon signatures of the parties and will remain in effect for the duration of the Police Department's participation in the Task Force.

Alternatives

If the funds are declined, the Police Department's ability to convict and incarcerate dangerous offenders will be restricted.

Fiscal Impact

Mesa Police Department personnel will be responsible for submitting invoices to the Federal Bureau of Investigations. The FBI will remit monies due upon receipt of the invoices.

The FBI will not reimburse costs for benefits, such as retirement, FICA, and other expenses. These costs will be absorbed by the Police Department.

Coordinated With

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval to accept funds made available from the Federal Bureau of Investigation through a Cost Reimbursement Agreement.