



City Council Report

Date: October 17, 2016
To: City Council
Through: Christopher J. Brady, City Manager
From: Jim Smith, City Attorney
John Belatti, City Prosecutor
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Subject: Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Arizona Attorney General's Office for the receipt and administration of grant funds for the City Prosecutor's Office, Victim Services Unit. (Citywide)

Strategic Initiatives



Purpose and Recommendation

The requested resolution will authorize the City Manager to sign an Award Agreement on behalf of the City of Mesa with the Arizona Attorney General's Office (AG's Office), Office of Victim Services, to receive grant funds totaling \$25,900. The grant funds will support direct costs of implementing victims' rights laws pursuant to those provisions of Arizona Revised Statutes Title 13, Chapter 40, Article 7 impacting City Prosecutors:

\$ 25,900.00 to the **City of Mesa** for the **Prosecutor's Office, Victim Services Unit** - for a part-time Victim Notification Clerk who provides mandated notification services. \$20,504 for salary at the rate of \$14.57 per hour, and \$5,396 employee related expenses.

Background

The Mesa City Prosecutor's Office has mandated responsibilities to provide notifications to victims of crime upon request. Victim Notification Clerk Position number G0003941 is funded 80% by the AG's Office, Victims' Rights Program grant and the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, Crime Victim Assistance grant, and 20% by the City of Mesa. The AG's Office grant award historically was \$21,000 or less. However, the grant Award exceeded \$25,000 this year and is being presented to council for the first time.

Discussion

The AG's Office has elected to distribute \$25,900 to the City of Mesa. The AG's

Office does not require a resolution of support for applicants to apply for funding. To receive this funding, the City must first enter into an Award Agreement with the AG's Office for the receipt of funds.

Alternatives

The only alternative to authorizing this Intergovernmental agreement is to deny it. Such action would negate the grants in the amount of \$25,900 for victims' rights notifications and funds would be redistributed by the AG's Office to other local governments and programs of their choosing.

Fiscal Impact

City of Mesa Prosecutor's Office will receive \$25,900 for salary and employee related expenses for their on-going grant funded Victim Notification Clerk position to provide mandated notifications.

Coordinated With

N/A