



City Council Report

Date: September 11, 2017
To: City Council
Through: John Pombier, Assistant City Manager
From: Ramon Batista, Police Chief
William Peters, Commander
Subject: 2017 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program (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 an Intergovernmental Agreement with Maricopa County and the City of Phoenix for reallocation of grant funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program to resolve disparity between the County and the Cities as recipients of said funds, under which the City of will now receive \$127,000 to be used on or before September 30, 2020.

Background

The 2017 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant funding is only available to local units of government that have reported at least three years of data on Part I violent crimes to the FBI. This year, the total allocation available for Maricopa County is \$1,001,144. The funding is received by Maricopa County and passed through to the partnering jurisdictions. Representatives from all jurisdictions have agreed upon the distributions each agency will receive.

Discussion

As part of the application process, Maricopa County compiles information from each of the jurisdictions and submits one application. In addition, an IGA between the partnering agencies must be signed. No funding will be available to any agency until the requested information has been completed. When the funds become available, Maricopa County will administer the account.

Funds from the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant will be used by the Mesa Police Department to purchase body worn cameras, handheld fingerprint scanners and software.

Alternatives

Decline the funds. If the funds are declined, Maricopa County will redistribute them to the partnering jurisdictions. If the funding is declined, the Police Department will not be able to purchase the equipment and software which is needed by police personnel.

Fiscal Impact

The award amount is \$127,000 and no match is required. Maricopa County will distribute funds upon receipt. Mesa Police Department personnel will provide quarterly programmatic and financial reports. Mesa Police Department personnel will also monitor the account balance for the project. This is a three-year grant.

Coordinated With

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval of accepting funds from Maricopa County through the 2017 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program.