



# City Council Report

**Date:** November 20, 2017  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** John Pombier, Assistant City Manager  
**From:** Ramon Batista, Police Chief  
Sharon Burlingame, Commander  
**Subject:** Selective Traffic Enforcement Grant Program - Citywide

## 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 Highway Safety Contract with the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety to accept \$86,500 in grant funds. The funds will be used by the Police Department's Traffic Division for overtime, employee related expenses, and supplies for selective traffic enforcement throughout the City of Mesa.

## Background

The Mesa Police Department is committed to traffic safety, crime prevention and the protection of all citizens who live and drive in our community. The objective is to develop policing practices whereby the police and public to work together to promote traffic safety.

## Discussion

Through this program the Department seeks to:

- Educate the public about the importance of obeying the speed limit, buckling up, proper child safety seat use, and impairment issues through media, training, and public education.
- Target drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians who display dangerous habits.

## Alternatives

If this Contract is declined, the Mesa Police Department will be limited in providing the selective traffic enforcement throughout the City.

## Fiscal Impact

Of the \$86,500 award amount, \$50,000 is for overtime and \$20,000 is for employee

related expenses. The maximum reimbursement allowed for employee related expenses is 40%, the unreimbursed expenses are approximately \$9,370. Funding for these expenses will be absorbed by the Police Department's operating budget.

Mesa Police Department personnel will be responsible for submitting reports on a quarterly basis to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

**Coordinated With**

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval of the Highway Safety Contract with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.