



# City Council Report

**Date:** November 5, 2018  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** John Pombier, Assistant City Manger  
**From:** Ramon Batista, Police Chief  
Gina Nesbit, Commander  
**Subject:** Subrecipient Agreement with the Arizona Department of Homeland Security, Police Department Bomb Robot Replacement (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 Subrecipient Agreement with the Arizona Department of Homeland Security to accept \$53,536 in grant funds to replace two outdated bomb robots with an upgraded model for the Police Department's Rapid Response Task Force.

## **Background**

Eight cities and the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office participate in the Rapid Response Task Force (RRTF) program. The Mesa Police Department has two Rapid Response Task Force Teams with a total of 36 officers and support staff. The law enforcement component of one RRTF includes 18 officers with specialized weapons and tactics skills, an explosive ordnance detail, command officers and support staff.

## **Discussion**

The Mesa Police Department's Rapid Response Task Force Teams are designed to provide the region with an all-hazards response capability. To be effective, the RRTF needs to have the equipment and training for the various incidents they may encounter. Funding from this award will be used to replace two bomb robots.

## **Alternatives**

If the Subrecipient Agreement is not approved, the funding will remain with the State to be distributed to other Valley agencies. Bomb robots for the Rapid Response Task Force Teams provided by the Police Department will not be replaced.

## **Fiscal Impact**

The award amount is \$53,536 and no match is required. Mesa Police Department personnel will be responsible for submitting invoices on a quarterly basis to the Arizona Department of Homeland Security. The Arizona Department of Homeland Security will remit monies due upon receipt of the invoices.

**Coordinated With**

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval of the Subrecipient Agreement with Arizona Department of Homeland Security for Rapid Response Task Force Sustainment.