



City Council Report

Date: April 15, 2019
To: City Council
Through: John Pombier, Assistant City Manager
From: Ramon Batista, Police Chief
Kim Meza, Forensic Services Administrator
Subject: Grant Agreement with the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, Grant Number CV 18-19-003 (Citywide)

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 a Grant Agreement with the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission to accept \$62,925 in grant funds which will be used for training, equipment and supplies for the Police Department's Forensic Services Division.

Background

The Mesa Police Department's Forensic Services Division is internationally accredited with ANSI National Accreditation Board and provides services to approximately 750 sworn officers and investigators. The Division provides forensic needs that include crime scene response, evidence collection, examination and analysis and expert witness court testimony.

Discussion

As an accredited laboratory, the Forensic Services Division is eligible to receive grant funds from the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program with the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission. The Forensic Services Division has been awarded funds in the amount of \$62,925 for the following:

- \$12,295 - On-Site Training
- \$50,630 - Cameras and Related Equipment, Hand-Held Narcotics Analyzer, Supplies

Alternatives

Decline the funds. If the funds are declined, they will be returned to the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission. Without the requested funds, the Police Department's Forensic Services Division will not be able to purchase equipment or receive training.

Fiscal Impact

The award amount is \$62,925 and no match is required. Mesa Police Department personnel will be responsible for submitting invoices to the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission. The Arizona Criminal Justice Commission will remit monies due upon receipt of the invoices.

Coordinated With

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends approval of the Grant Agreement with the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission.