



City Council Report

Date: August 19, 2019
To: City Council
Through: John Pombier, Assistant City Manager
From: Ramon Batista, Police Chief
Michael Beaton, Commander
Subject: High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area – Grant Agreement HT-19-2910
Citywide

Purpose and Recommendation

The City of Mesa Police Department is respectfully requesting the Mesa City Council approve and authorize the City Manager or his designee to enter into a Grant Agreement with the City of Tucson to accept \$52,000 in grant funds under the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Program to be used for overtime for the Police Department's Violent Offender Unit.

Background

Through a Memorandum of Understanding, the Mesa Police Department's Violent Offender Unit has one sergeant and six detectives assigned to assist the U.S. Marshals Service with an Apprehension Task Force, Arizona WANTED. The East Valley component of the Arizona WANTED Task Force pursues and apprehends felony fugitives who commit violent crimes to include but not limited to homicide, armed robbery, aggravated assault and sex crimes.

Discussion

The East Valley component of the Arizona WANTED Task Force pursues and apprehends felony fugitives in collaboration with federal, state and local law enforcement partners to enhance public safety. The Arizona WANTED targets criminals who commit the most violent crimes. The investigations often extend beyond pre-determined hours and require travel outside the City of Mesa.

Alternatives

If this Grant Agreement is declined, the Mesa Police Department's Violent Offender Unit will not be able to effectively conduct investigations of violent criminals.

Fiscal Impact

The award amount is for \$52,000 for overtime; the costs of the unreimbursed expenses for fringe benefits will amount to approximately 62.21% or \$32,349. Funding for this expense will be absorbed by the Police Department's operating budget.

Mesa Police Department personnel will be responsible for submitting invoices monthly to the City of Tucson. The City of Tucson will remit monies due upon receipt of the invoices.

Coordinated With

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval of accepting funds made available from the High Intensity Drug Area (HIDTA) Grant Agreement with the City of Tucson.