



# City Council Report

**Date:** September 23, 2019  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** John Pombier, Assistant City Manager  
**From:** Ramon Batista, Police Chief  
Robert Rash, Acting Commander  
**Subject:** DUI Abatement Grant Program - 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 Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety DUI Abatement Council to accept \$50,000 in grant funds. The funds will be used by the Police Department's Traffic Division for overtime and employee related expenses to enhance DUI Enforcement throughout the City of Mesa.

## Background

The City of Mesa has experienced serious injury and fatal collisions with a larger number of those attributed to alcohol and drug impairment. The Police Department has demonstrated its commitment to safer streets through several enforcement and education programs. DUI enforcement has been, and continues to be, a priority.

## Discussion

The funding from this award will support personnel services and employee related expenses to sustain DUI enforcement efforts. Through this program the Police Department seeks to:

- Reduce the incidence of alcohol and drug related driving or operating, fatalities and injuries through enforcement, education and public awareness.
- Participate in Impaired Driving or Operating Enforcement/DUI activities including DUI Task Forces.

## Alternatives

If this Agreement is declined, the Mesa Police Department will be limited in the DUI enforcement and educational programs.

## Fiscal Impact

The award amount is \$35,714 for overtime and \$14,286 for employee related expenses. The maximum reimbursement allowed for employee related expenses is

40%, the unreimbursed expenses are approximately \$7,932. 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 DUI Abatement Council at the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

**Coordinated With**

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval of the Grant Agreement with the Oversight Council on Driving or Operating Under the Influence Abatement.