



City Council Report

Date: November 4, 2019
To: City Council
Through: John Pombier, Assistant City Manger
From: Ramon Batista, Police Chief
Robert Rash, Acting Commander
Subject: Subrecipient Agreement with the Arizona Department of Homeland Security, Police Department Rapid Response Task Force (Citywide)

Purpose and Recommendation

The City of Mesa Police Department is respectfully requesting the Mesa City Council approve and authorize the City Manager or designee to enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with the Arizona Department of Homeland Security to accept \$180,000 in grant funds for equipment and training to support and sustain 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. Funding from this project will continue to enhance and support the existing resources by providing training and equipment.

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. Funding from this award will be used to purchase specialized equipment, body armor and training.

Alternatives

If the Subrecipient Agreement is not approved, the funding will remain with the State to be distributed to other Valley agencies. The Rapid Response Task Force Teams provided by the Police Department will not have the equipment and training for incidents such as: structural collapse situations, rescue incidents, SWAT situations or natural disasters.

Fiscal Impact

The award amount is \$180,000 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.