



# City Council Report

**Date:** November 4, 2019  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** John Pombier, Assistant City Manager  
**From:** Ramon Batista, Police Chief  
Robert Rash, Acting Commander  
**Subject:** Subrecipient Agreement with the Arizona Department of Homeland Security, Police Department Aviation Video Downlink (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 \$72,179 in grant funds for an Aviation Video Downlink system for the Police Department's Aviation Division.

## Background

Aviation units throughout the Central Region routinely work together during emergencies and high-profile events. The Police Department's aviation assets provide the Department and the City with a versatile tool that is used for support in emergencies, aerial surveillance, surveying capabilities, transportation and communications relay to various units. The Aviation Unit also provides assistance to Apache Junction, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Chandler, Gila River, Gilbert, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, Phoenix, Salt River, Scottsdale and Tempe.

## Discussion

The capabilities of the Aviation Unit will be enhanced with the use of a downlink system which will provide a real-time direct link between airborne assets and ground units to coordinate and work in unison during varying situations.

## Alternatives

If this Subrecipient Agreement is not approved, the funding will remain with the State to be distributed to other Valley agencies.

**Fiscal Impact**

The award amount is \$72,719 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 the Aviation Video Downlink.