



City Council Report

Date: November 18, 2019
To: City Council
Through: John Pombier, Assistant City Manager
From: Ramon Batista, Police Chief
Robert Rash, Acting Commander
Subject: DUI/Impaired Driving Enforcement and STEP Enforcement 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 designee to enter into a Highway Safety Contract with the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety to accept \$59,156 in grant funds. The funds will be used by the Police Department's Traffic Division to purchase a vehicle to enhance DUI/Impaired Driving Enforcement and STEP Enforcement in the City of Mesa.

Background

The Mesa Police Department is committed to traffic safety, crime prevention and the protection of all citizens who live and drive in our community. Through the Impaired Driving and Traffic Safety Programs, the Department will continue to educate law enforcement and the public about the danger of impaired driving and provide consistent enforcement activities that target underage drinking and alcohol drug impaired drivers.

Discussion

Through this program the Department seeks to:

- Decrease impaired driving-related fatalities and injury crashes.
- Participate in DUI saturation patrols and task force operations.
- Execute a DUI educational campaign.
- Provide a department-wide training class specific to law enforcement officers on traffic specific skills.

Alternatives

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

Fiscal Impact

The award amount is \$59,156 to purchase a vehicle. On-going maintenance costs will be absorbed by the operating budget. Mesa Police Department personnel will be responsible for submitting reports on a quarterly basis to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

Coordinated With

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval of the Highway Safety Contract with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.