



**Office of Arizona Attorney General  
Mark Brnovich  
Law Enforcement Equipment Funding Program**

**Notice of Funds Available**

**PURPOSE**

The Office of Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich (AGO) has set aside approximately \$2.5 million in total funds of Arizona's portion of the Wells Fargo multistate settlement monies for purposes of funding requests by Arizona law enforcement agencies to procure police safety equipment that is not currently funded by other sources. The goal of the AGO is to award grants to every eligible law enforcement agency in Arizona that requests qualified funding for officer safety equipment. **Funding will be awarded in capped contract amounts to eligible agencies based on the current number of law enforcement personnel with AZPOST certification in each agency as of May 1, 2020.**

**AVAILABLE FUNDS**

**Grant awards of up to \$49,000 are available for law enforcement agencies with a AZPOST certified office workforce of 500-999 certified officers.** The grant funds will be distributed through an executed Intergovernmental Agreement (see Attachment I) between the agency and the AGO. The Awarded funds are available for a period of twelve (12) months upon notice of award and are subject to available funds. All funds must be expended by the end of the contract period. Agencies will be required to provide proof of purchase of approved equipment purchased with AGO funds.

Available funds have been divided into ten (10) award category funding tiers, based upon current agency AZPOST certification (as of 05/01/2020).

In the event eligible submission requests in a particular funding category exceed the capped amount of funds available for that funding tier, the overall money distributed to each qualified requestor in that tier will be adjusted proportionally.

**ELIGIBLE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

Applications can be submitted by law enforcement agencies identified by the AGO that include local governmental police departments, County Sheriff offices, and Tribal law enforcement offices. Statewide agencies and county attorney offices are not eligible for grant awards. Agencies that serve a primary function as game or wildlife management are not eligible for funding. Agencies affiliated with community colleges, state universities, or private universities are not eligible for funding. Agencies with an AZPOST certified force of less than two (2) officers are not eligible for funding.

**ALLOWABLE SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

Examples of police safety equipment include, but are not limited to: personal protective equipment (PPE), body armor, body cameras and video storage, improvements and repairs to existing law enforcement patrol vehicles, replacement side arms, radios, GPS, cuffs and restraints devices, holsters, recording devices, shields, batons, helmets, and / or electrical incapacitation devices. The AGO is providing each law enforcement agency with the flexibility to determine what safety equipment is most appropriate for each agency, however, the AGO reserves the right to reject any funding request that is determined to be outside of the scope or purposes of law enforcement



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safety equipment. Funds from the AGO may be used to fund portions of requested qualified equipment. Agencies are encouraged to request full funding made available by the AGO.

**REQUIREMENTS**

Applications should provide a clear response to each question below and include a Cost Sheet (see Attachment II) with a narrative that provides a clear and concise explanation of the methods used to determine the actual anticipated costs for each line item in the budget. The AGO will provide funding to law enforcement agencies that intend to purchase pre-approved safety equipment or that can provide proof of planned purchase orders of pre-approved safety equipment. Previously purchased safety equipment is not eligible for reimbursement.

**The AGO reserves the right to reject any initial funding request in whole or in part for any reason. Approved safety equipment purchases cannot be altered or modified without express prior written authorization from the AGO.**

The application must be signed by the head of the agency or an authorized agency representative. **Completed applications must be received or postmarked by July 24, 2020.** Please email [EquipmentFunding@azag.gov](mailto:EquipmentFunding@azag.gov) or mail to:

Office of the Attorney General - Procurement Section  
2005 N. Central Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85007  
Attn: Cindy Palmer, Procurement Officer  
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<b>Law Enforcement Agency Name</b>	Mesa Police Department		
<b>Legal entity (government agency or body)</b>	City of Mesa		
<b>Mailing Address</b>	20 E. Main Street	<b>County</b>	Maricopa
<b>City</b>	Mesa	<b>Zip Code</b>	85201
<b>Chief / Sheriff</b>	Chief Ken Cost	<b>Phone</b>	(480) 862-5445
<b>Email</b>	kenneth.cost@mesaaz.gov	<b>Secondary Email</b>	jason.troth@mesaaz.gov
<b>Grant Contact</b>	Krisa York	<b>Phone</b>	(480) 644-5986
<b>Email</b>	krisa.york@mesaaz.gov		
<b>Total number of current law enforcement personnel with ACT certification (as of 05/01/20):</b>	863	<b>Total Funding Amount Requested:</b>	\$49,000.00



Please list the description / type of equipment, quantity of each item, and dollar amount of items you intend to purchase with the AGO funds. Explain why the equipment is needed.

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**Please explain how each item of requested equipment will assist with or promote officer safety.**

Since the death of U.S. Marshall Robert Forsyth more than 200 years ago, more than 14,000 officers have fallen in the line of duty—many of these men and women killed by firearms.

The use of weapons of all types, particularly handguns by those with criminal intent, poses a constant threat to police officers, whether they are responding to a domestic quarrel or to an armed robbery. All too frequently, a domestic disturbance erupts into violence when family members redirect their anger toward the officer attempting to affect a peaceful resolution. Similarly, a routine patrol operation can result in an unexpected armed confrontation. At times like these, an officer needs the protection provided by ballistic helmets and shields.

Logic dictates the routine use of both ballistic helmets and shields. However, those who go without due to expired equipment are exposed to unnecessary pain and suffering or even death. Not only does an officer risk personal consequences not having the appropriate PPE available, their families also suffer the potential impact of suffering the anxiety of awaiting the uncertain outcome of surgery, the burden of caring for the injured or permanently disabled officer in the home, or—worse—the anguish of the officer's death and the challenges of raising a family alone.

In addition to logic and the consideration of loved ones, case studies and statistics also support the importance of the routine use of ballistic helmets and shields during active shooting situations. As part of the Uniform Crime Reports, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) publishes its annual report *Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted* (LEOKA), which contains detailed analysis of the situations and circumstances surrounding assaults on law enforcement officers—a “must read” for all law enforcement personnel.

Ask yourself the following question: *“If I could do something that would increase my chances of surviving a shooting incident by 14 times, would I do it?”* If the answer is “Yes,” then you should wear appropriate PPE every time you are on duty. The 1994 edition of the LEOKA report contains a summary of an FBI study that demonstrates that the risk of sustaining a fatal injury for officers who do not routinely utilize ballistic protection is 14 times greater than for officers who do. This information alone should be sufficient to provide justification for the purchase ballistic helmets and shields.

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) believes that it is in the best interest of all police departments to promote the appropriate use of PPE. Aside from this essential PPE sparing officers and their family's pain and suffering, the economic impact on a department when an officer is killed in the line of duty is staggering.



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**Describe personnel who will use each type of equipment you propose to purchase.**

Patrol officers and supervisors.

**What is the expected timeline to purchase each type of equipment?**

Immediate purchase with delivery in November 2020.

**Please verify that the AGO monies will not supplant funds, i.e., they will not be used to take the place of any existing state or federal funding for the purchase of the equipment.**

Funding for the ballistic helmets and ballistic shields listed herein is not available within the FY 20-21 City of Mesa Police Department budget.



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**Are there specific department-related funding requests that are outside the scope of this grant, but are needed by your agency and you would like to see addressed in the future? If so, please describe and explain the need.**

None at this time.

**Authorized Signature:**

**Printed Name:**

Christopher J. Brady

**Title:**

city manager

**Date:**

7/22/20