



City Council Report

Date: May 20, 2013
To: City Council
Through: John Pombier, Deputy City Manager
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Subject: Sub Grantee Agreement with the Arizona Department of Homeland Security for **2012 SHSGP MMRS** funds “Citywide” project

Strategic Initiatives



Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to request Council approval to accept grant funding from the State of Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDHS). Approving this request will allow the Mesa Fire and Medical Department to receive grant funding in the amount of \$69,922. The Mesa Fire and Medical Department recommends accepting this grant.

Background

The United States Department of Homeland Security (USDHS) through AZDHS Grant Programs provides grant funding to support areas of equipment, training, exercise and planning to support a response to a terrorist incident or large scale disaster. AZDHS awarded \$69,992 to the City of Mesa to fund the Emergency Management Captain Position as well as training and equipment to maintain the MMRS Cache deployed in the event of a large scale mass casualty incident.

Discussion

The Mesa Fire and Medical Department is one of four designated MMRS jurisdictions in the state of Arizona. As a statewide asset we work very closely with our surrounding partners to build a cache of equipment and resources that are able to work seamlessly together on large scale mass casualty events. As funding to maintain these assets has decreased, we have utilized a regional approach to find cost savings. This has allowed us to maintain this capability.

Alternatives

If the Sub Grantee Agreement is not approved, the funding will remain with the State to be distributed to other valley agencies. This will result in a loss of equipment and planning funds to sustain the Mesa Fire and Medical Department MMRS cache.

Fiscal Impact

The award amount is \$69,922 and no match is required. Accepting these grant funds will allow the Mesa Fire and Medical Department to sustain the MMRS cache and provide planning funds for the Emergency Management Captain.