



City Council Report

Date: October 16, 2023
To: City Council
Through: Scott Butler, Assistant City Manager
From: Ken Cost, Police Chief
Wayne Kwong, Police Information Technology Administrator
Subject: 2023 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program (Citywide)

Purpose and Recommendation

The City of Mesa Police Department is respectfully requesting that the Mesa City Council approve and authorize the City Manager or designee to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement and related Special Conditions with the City of Phoenix and Maricopa County for the distribution of grant funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program under which the City will receive \$177,098 to be used to purchase a forklift for the Police Department Evidence Division.

Background

The 2023 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant funding is only available to local units of government that have reported at least three years of data on Part I violent crimes to the FBI. This year, the total allocation available for the City of Phoenix, the City of Mesa and Maricopa County is \$1,390,083. The funding is received by the City of Phoenix and passed through to the partnering jurisdictions.

Discussion

As part of the application process, the City of Phoenix compiles information from each of the jurisdictions and submits one application. In addition, an IGA between the partnering agencies must be signed. No funding will be available to any agency until the requested information has been completed. When the funds become available, the City of Phoenix will administer the account.

Funds from the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant will be used by the Mesa Police Department to purchase a specialized forklift equipped with a vehicle wheel lift attachment for the department's Evidence Division's impound lot. This equipment will ensure the department's Evidence personnel can continue to store evidence vehicles safely and securely, while maximizing the use of storage capacity at this location.

Alternatives

Decline the funds. If the funds are declined, the City of Phoenix will redistribute them to the partnering jurisdictions.

Fiscal Impact

The award amount is \$177,098 and no match is required. The City of Phoenix will distribute funds upon receipt. Mesa Police Department personnel will provide quarterly programmatic and financial reports. Mesa Police Department personnel will also monitor the account balance for the project. This is a three-year grant.

Coordinated With

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval of accepting funds from Maricopa County through the 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.