



City Council Report

Date: September 21,2020
To: City Council
Through: John Pombier, Assistant City Manager
From: Ken Cost, Police Chief
Christopher Withrow, Admin. Bureau Staff Lieutenant
Subject: Law Enforcement Safety Equipment Grant (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 accept a \$50,000 grant for Law Enforcement Safety Equipment Funding from the Arizona Attorney General's Office to purchase ballistic helmets and shields for the Police Department.

Background

The Office of the Arizona Attorney General set aside a portion of a multistate settlement monies requests by law enforcement agencies to procure police safety equipment that is not currently funded by other sources. Awards are based upon the number of AZPOST Officers per agency.

Discussion

Mesa Police Department received an invitation from the Office of the Arizona Attorney General to apply for the predetermined amount of \$50,000. The notice specified that funds are to be used to purchase police safety equipment including personal protective equipment. The ballistic helmets and shields will be distributed to and used by police officers and supervisors.

Alternatives

Decline the funds. If the funds are declined, the Office of the Arizona Attorney General will redistribute the funds to other qualified State Agencies.

Fiscal Impact

The award amount is \$50,000 and no match is required. The Office of the Arizona Attorney General will send the grant funds to the City of Mesa.

Mesa Police Personnel will provide updates to the Office of the Arizona Attorney General upon receipt of the equipment.

Coordinated With

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the acceptance of the Law Enforcement Safety Equipment Funding Grant from the Office of the Arizona Attorney General.