



# City Council Report

**Date:** May 21, 2012  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Christopher J. Brady, City Manager  
**From:** Frank L. Milstead, Police Chief  
Mario Lattanzio, Commander  
**Subject:** 2012 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program Award – Local Award

**Strategic  
Initiatives**



## **Purpose and Recommendation**

The City of Mesa Police Department is respectfully requesting that the Mesa City Council authorize the City Manager or his designee to accept funding made available through a Memorandum of Understanding through the 2012 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program. Funds in the amount of \$138,780 will be used to implement the Justice Web Interface Program for the Police Department.

## **Background**

The 2012 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 Maricopa County is \$1,404,287. The funding is received by Maricopa County and passed through to the partnering jurisdictions. Representatives from all jurisdictions have agreed upon the distributions each agency will receive.

As part of the application process, Maricopa County compiles information from each of the jurisdictions and submits one application. In addition, an MOU 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, Maricopa County will administer the account.

## **Discussion**

Since 2008, the Mesa Police Department and the East Valley Gang and Criminal Fusion Center have been participating with Maricopa County in a pilot information sharing initiative called the Justice Web Interface Program (JWI). JWI is a law enforcement initiative that improves the ability to share and retrieve information from various data sources such as the Department of Corrections and the Department of Transportation. The program has shown great success in delivering information to investigators and patrol officers to improve decision making capability.

The Mesa Police Department will implement the system to expand the JWI pilot program for use by the Mesa Police Department and the East Valley Gang and Criminal Fusion Center.

## **Alternatives**

Decline the funds. If the funds are declined, they will be returned to Maricopa County to redistribute to the partnering jurisdictions. If the funding is declined, the Mesa Police Department will not be able to proceed with implementing the Justice Web Interface Program for the Police Department.

## **Fiscal Impact**

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; no match is required.

## **Coordinated With**

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval of accepting funds from Maricopa County Sheriff's Office through the 2012 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program.