



City Council Report

Date: March 15, 2021
To: City Council
Through: John Pombier, Assistant City Manager
From: Ken Cost, Police Chief
Robert Rash, Commander
Subject: 2021 Contract 207 Fund GOHS Grant for Overtime and Supplies -
Citywide

Purpose and Recommendation

The City of Mesa Police Department is respectfully requesting the Mesa City Council approve and authorize the City Manager or designee to enter into a 2021 Contract 207 Fund with the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety to accept \$71,280 in grant funds. The funds will be used by the Police Department's Traffic Division for overtime, employee related expenses and materials and supplies to support drug enforcement in the City of Mesa.

Background

States with marijuana legislation similar to Arizona's Proposition 207 have seen an increase in injury and fatal collisions. The Mesa Police Department is committed to traffic safety, crime prevention and the protection of all citizens who live and drive in our community. The Police Department will develop enforcement practices where the police and public to work together to promote traffic safety and reduce driving under the influence of marijuana.

Discussion

The funding from this award is for personnel services and employee related expenses to sustain drug related enforcement efforts. Through this funding effort the Department seeks to:

- Educate the public about the importance of not driving while impaired through media, training, and public education campaigns.
- Decrease the number of impaired related crashes.

Alternatives

If this Contract is declined, the Mesa Police Department will be limited in providing the drug enforcement throughout the City. The Governor's Office of Highway Safety will reallocate the funds.

Fiscal Impact

The award amount is \$35,714 for overtime, \$14,286 for employee related expenses and \$21,280 for materials and supplies. The maximum reimbursement allowed for employee related expenses is 40%, the unreimbursed expenses are approximately \$9,032. Funding for these expenses will be absorbed by the Police Department's Operating Budget.

Mesa Police Department personnel will be responsible for submitting reports on a quarterly basis to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

Coordinated With

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval of the 2021 Contract 207 Fund with the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety.