



City Council Report

Date: October 19, 2020
To: City Council
Through: John Pombier, Assistant City Manager
From: Ken Cost, Police Chief
Robert Rash, Commander
Subject: DUI/Impaired Driving Enforcement Grant Program - 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 Highway Safety Contract with the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety to accept \$123,569 in grant funds. The funds will be used by the Police Department's Traffic Division for overtime, employee related expenses, materials and supplies for DUI/Impaired Driving Enforcement in the City of Mesa.

Background

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 objective is to develop policing practices whereby the police and public to work together to promote traffic safety.

Discussion

Through this program the Department seeks to:

- Educate the public about the danger of impaired driving through media, training, and public education campaigns.
- Target underage drinking and alcohol/drug impaired drivers.
- Participate in holiday task force operations, special enforcement projects and saturation patrols.

Alternatives

If this Agreement is declined, the Mesa Police Department will be limited in DUI and Impaired Driving Enforcement and educational programs.

Fiscal Impact

The award amount is \$82,143 for overtime, \$32,587 is for employee related expenses, and \$8,569 for materials and supplies. The maximum reimbursement allowed by this grant for employee related expenses is 40%; the unreimbursed expenses are approximately \$20,774. 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 Highway Safety Contract with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.