



City Council Report

Date: September 9, 2024

To: City Council

From: Candace Cannistraro, Deputy City Manager

Subject: Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Maricopa County to receive \$100,000 of Community Solutions Funding (CSF) for improvements related to the Mesa Fire Fighter Memorial Park.
City Council District No. 4

Purpose and Recommendation

Staff recommends that City Council adopt the attached Resolution, which authorizes the City Manager, or his designated representative, to execute an IGA with Maricopa County to receive \$100,000 of Community Solutions Funding (CSF) to put toward renovations and improvements related to the Mesa Fire Fighter Memorial Park.

Background

The City of Mesa is renovating an existing public space adjacent to Fire Station 201 in downtown Mesa and is installing a memorial for Mesa's fallen Fire Fighters. The new memorial space will be named Fire Fighter Memorial Park. The renovation and new memorial include replacing brick pavers, upgrading lighting, and the installation of seat walls, flag poles, a Maltese Cross, bronze memorial plaques and a new monolith pilaster. Phase one of the project is estimated at \$480,000. The City has identified \$380,000 of funding, including community fundraising efforts.

Maricopa County Supervisor Thomas Galvin desires to use CSF to cover the remaining cost of the improvements. CSF are available to each County Supervisor to conduct activities within their district that advance Maricopa County's Strategic Goals and provide a clear public benefit for county residents.

Discussion

City staff presented the design concept for Fire Fighter Memorial Park to the City Council on November 9, 2023. The proposed improvements include two phases. The first phase comprises of hardscape improvements around the southern gathering space of the park as well as the addition of the memorial. The second phase includes hardscape improvements to the north section of the park as well as memorial related amenities in that area.

City funding was identified for most of phase one of the project with the intent to complete the project with additional community funding. Community fund raising

efforts continue. The Maricopa County funds will ensure that the project will continue to progress in a timely manner. Phase two of the project will be considered in future reviews of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Alternatives

The City Council can choose not to enter into the IGA. Alternate funding would be needed to complete the renovations in phase one.

Fiscal Impact

The IGA results in a positive financial impact. The City will receive \$100,000 toward a desired project.

Coordinated With

Coordinated with the following departments: City Manager's Office, City Attorney's Office, and Parks, Recreation, & Community Facilities.