



# City Council Report

**Date:** June 1, 2026  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Scott Butler, Assistant City Manager  
**From:** Dan Butler, Chief of Police  
Pat Phelps, Deputy Director, Strategic Initiatives Bureau  
Wayne Kwong, Police Information Technology Administrator  
**Subject:** 2025 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program (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 enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Phoenix and Maricopa County for the distribution of grant funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program under which the City will receive \$185,598 for Arizona State University to provide technical and training assistance in criminal analysis within the Police Department Planning and Research Division.

## Background

The 2025 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 the City of Phoenix, the City of Mesa and Maricopa County is \$1,411,234. The funding is received by the City of Phoenix and passed through to the partnering jurisdictions.

## Discussion

As part of the application process, the City of Phoenix compiles information from each of the jurisdictions and submits one application. In addition, an IGA 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, the City of Phoenix will administer the account.

Funds from the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant will be used by the Mesa Police Department for Arizona State University to provide technical and training assistance in criminal analysis. Through this program, two ASU crime analysts will be embedded within the Department to improve organizational capacity to use applied crime analysis to generate, analyze, and report data to assist with operations, decision-making, and policy development.

**Alternatives**

Decline the funds. If the funds are declined, the City of Phoenix will redistribute them to the partnering jurisdictions.

**Fiscal Impact**

The award amount is \$185,598 and no match is required. The City of Phoenix will distribute funds within 30 days of receipt. 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.

**Coordinated With**

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval of accepting funds from Maricopa County through the 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.