



City Council Report

Date: February 26, 2024
To: City Council
Through: Scott Butler, Assistant City Manager
From: Ken Cost, Police Chief
Stephanie Derian , Commander
Subject: Resolution supporting the submittal of grant applications to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety authorizing the City Manager to apply for and accept awarded funds for the Mesa Police Department for Projects within 2025 - Citywide

Purpose and Recommendation

This request seeks a City Council Resolution supporting the submittal of grant applications by the City of Mesa Police Department to the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety for FY 2025 grant funds in the amount of \$370,540. The Department is seeking funding for the following:

- \$138,800: Impaired and DUI funding for overtime and supplies.
- \$91,970: Selective Traffic Enforcement Program for overtime and supplies.
- \$55,000: Street Racing Enforcement for overtime and supplies.
- \$41,500: Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety for overtime and supplies.
- \$20,000: Civilian Motorcycle Training for overtime and supplies.
- \$12,270: Accident Investigation for training and professional services.
- \$11,000: Occupant Protection for overtime and supplies.

A Council Resolution supports the applications to secure these grants and allows and authorizes the City Manager to negotiate and accept the Governor's Office Highway Safety Contracts for each grant.

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 work together to promote traffic safety. The partnership with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety provides funding for overtime, materials, professional services, and supplies used for these purposes.

Discussion

The Governor's Office of Highway Safety has provided grant funds to the Mesa Police Department for years for DUI Task Forces, Pedestrian and Bike Safety, Selective Traffic Enforcement, and Accident Investigation. Grant funds have been used for overtime, employee benefits, equipment, training, professional services, materials, and supplies.

Historically the Governor's Office of Highway Safety Contracts are received and based on their amount are either accepted by Council or by the City Manager, if less than \$100,000.

The Fiscal Year 2025 Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grant Application process requires the submission of a Council Resolution accepting the application amounts submitted and allowing the City Manager to negotiate and accept contracts upon award.

Alternatives

If this Resolution is declined, the Mesa Police Department will not submit grant applications to the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

Fiscal Impact

The potential award amount is \$370,540 includes up to \$211,429 for overtime, \$84,571 for employee related expenses and \$74,540 for materials, professional services, and supplies. The maximum reimbursement allowed for employee related expenses is 40%, the unreimbursed expenses are approximately \$51,187. 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.