



# City Council Report

**Date:** February 24, 2025  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Scott Butler, Assistant City Manager  
**From:** Ken Cost, Police Chief  
Stephanie Derivan, 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 the City of Mesa for FY 2026 - 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 Federal Fiscal Year 2026 grant funds in the amount of \$324,000. The Department is seeking funding for the following:

\$140,000: Impaired and DUI funding for overtime and supplies.

\$100,000: Selective Traffic Enforcement Program for overtime and supplies.

\$41,000: Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety for overtime and supplies.

\$20,000: Civilian Motorcycle Training for overtime and supplies.

\$12,000: 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 for years has provided grant funds to the Mesa Police Department 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, depending on the amount, are either accepted by Council or by the City Manager, if less than \$100,000.

The Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grant Application for Federal Fiscal Year 2026 grant funds 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 total potential award amount is \$324,000, which is allocated as follows: up to \$218,429 for overtime, \$87,371 for employee-related expenses, and \$18,200 for materials, professional services, and supplies. Employee-related expenses are eligible for a maximum reimbursement of 40%, meaning approximately \$49,081 will remain unreimbursed. These unreimbursed expenses will be covered 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.