



# City Council Report

**Date:** November 1, 2021  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** John Pombier, Assistant City Manger  
**From:** Ken Cost, Police Chief  
Robert Rash, Commander  
**Subject:** Subrecipient Agreement with the Arizona Department of Homeland Security, Police Department Hazardous Device Team (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 Subrecipient Agreement with the Arizona Department of Homeland Security to accept \$136,000 in grant funds for equipment to support the Police Department's Hazardous Device Team.

## **Background**

Eight cities and the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office participate in the Rapid Response Task Force program. The Hazardous Device Team is within the Rapid Response Task Force program. The Hazardous Device Team is considered a regional support team and may be called to assist anywhere in the state. Recent support activities have included Presidential campaign locations as well as major sporting events.

## **Discussion**

The Mesa Police Department's Hazardous Device Team is designed to provide the region with an all-hazards response capability. To be effective, the Hazardous Device Team needs to have the appropriate equipment for the various incidents they may encounter.

## **Alternatives**

If the Subrecipient Agreement is not approved, the funding will remain with the State to be distributed to other Valley agencies. The Hazardous Device Team may not have the appropriate equipment to respond to various incidents.

**Fiscal Impact**

The award amount is \$136,000 and no match is required. Mesa Police Department personnel will be responsible for submitting invoices on a quarterly basis to the Arizona Department of Homeland Security. The Arizona Department of Homeland Security will remit monies due upon receipt of the invoices.

**Coordinated With**

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval of the Subrecipient Agreement with Arizona Department of Homeland Security.