



# City Council Report

**Date:** May 20, 2013  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Christopher J. Brady, City Manager  
**From:** Frank L. Milstead, Police Chief  
Lee White, Deputy Chief  
**Subject:** Grant Agreement with City of Tucson, Grant Number HT21-13-2304  
Citywide

**Strategic  
Initiatives**



## **Purpose and Recommendation**

The City of Mesa Police Department is respectfully requesting the Mesa City Council authorize the City Manager or his designee to accept funding made available through a High Intensity Drug Area (HIDTA) Grant Agreement with the City of Tucson. This Agreement provides \$40,000 to the Police Department's Violent Offender Unit for overtime.

## **Background**

Through a Memorandum of Understanding, the Mesa Police Department's Violent Offender Unit has one sergeant and seven detectives assigned to assist the U.S. Marshals Service with an Apprehension Task Force, Arizona WANTED. The East Valley component of the Arizona WANTED Task Force pursues and apprehends felony fugitives who commit violent crimes to include but not limited to homicide, armed robbery, aggravated assault and sex crimes. From January 2012 through December 2012, the task force closed 848 cases.

## **Discussion**

The East Valley component of the Arizona WANTED Task Force pursues and apprehends felony fugitives in collaboration with federal, state and local law enforcement partners to enhance public safety. The Arizona WANTED targets criminals who commit the most violent crimes. The investigations often extend beyond pre-determined hours and require travel outside the City of Mesa.

**Alternatives**

If this Grant Agreement is declined, the Mesa Police Department's Violent Offender Unit will not be able to effectively conduct investigations of violent criminals.

**Fiscal Impact**

The approved budget for the WANTED Detail is \$40,000. However, the Grant Agreement provides a total budget and spending ceiling of 48% until additional funding is made available when enacted through public law.

The costs of the unreimbursed expenses for fringe benefits will amount to approximately 32.5% or \$13,000. Funding for this expense will be absorbed by the Police Department's operating budget.

**Coordinated With**

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval of accepting funds made available from the High Intensity Drug Area (HIDTA) Grant Agreement with the City of Tucson.