



City Council Report

Date: November 20, 2017
To: City Council
Through: John Pombier, Assistant City Manager
From: Ramon Batista, Police Chief
Kim Meza, Forensic Services Administrator
Subject: Grant Award from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for DUI / Impaired Driving Enforcement Related Equipment (Citywide)

Purpose and Recommendation

The City of Mesa Police Department is respectfully requesting that the Mesa City Council authorize the City Manager or his designee to enter into a Highway Safety Contract with the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety to accept \$142,500 in grant funds. The funds will be used by the Police Department's Forensic Services Division towards the purchase one Liquid Chromatograph Mass Spectrometer to enhance DUI/Impaired Driving Enforcement throughout the City of Mesa.

Background

The Mesa Police Department's Forensic Services Division is a full-service crime lab that uses state-of-the-art equipment and methodologies to identify suspects and aid in solving crimes. The Laboratory also provides services to the Gilbert Police Department. The Forensic Services Division is a nationally recognized crime lab that has been accredited by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board since April 2001. The Division also became accredited to an International Standard in June of 2015.

Discussion

Funds from the grant award will be used toward the purchase of a Liquid Chromatograph Time of Flight Mass Spectrometer system. This technology enhances the ability to thoroughly screen and confirm driving under the influence evidence samples for drugs of abuse and provides faster turnaround times. The in-house testing will also result in substantial savings. The Liquid Chromatograph Time of Flight Mass Spectrometer will replace equipment currently in use.

Alternatives

If the contract is declined, current equipment will continue to be used and the Department will continue to send samples to other agencies for additional analysis.

Fiscal Impact

The Grant award is \$142,500. The remaining balance, estimated at \$142,500, for the Liquid Chromatograph Time of Flight Mass Spectrometer is funded with Capital-General Funds.

Mesa Police Department personnel will be responsible for submitting invoices 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 for the purchase of forensic equipment.