



City Council Report

Date: October 19, 2020
To: City Council
Through: John Pombier, Assistant City Manager
From: Ken Cost, Police Chief
Robert Rash, Commander
Subject: Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant - 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 Highway Safety Contract with the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety to accept \$86,218 in grant funds. The funds will be used by the Police Department's Traffic Division for overtime, employee related expenses, materials and supplies for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program in the City of Mesa.

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 to work together to promote traffic safety.

Discussion

Through this program the Department seeks to:

- Educate the public about the importance of obeying the speed limit, buckling up, proper child safety seat use, and impairment issues through media, training, and public education campaigns.
- Decrease the number of speed related crashes.

Alternatives

If this Contract is declined, the Mesa Police Department will be limited in providing the selective traffic enforcement throughout the City.

Fiscal Impact

The award amount is \$50,000 for overtime, \$20,000 for employee related expenses and \$16,218 for materials and supplies. The maximum reimbursement allowed for employee related expenses is 40%, the unreimbursed expenses are approximately \$12,645. 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.