



# City Council Report

**Date:** October 19, 2020  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** John Pombier, Assistant City Manager  
**From:** Mary Cameli, Fire Chief  
**Subject:** Subrecipient Agreement with the Arizona Department of Homeland Security, Prevention Threat Liaison Officer "Citywide" project

## Purpose and Recommendation

The City of Mesa Fire and Medical Department is respectfully requesting that the Mesa City Council authorize the City Manager or his designee to approve and execute a Subrecipient Agreement with the Arizona Department of Homeland Security. The Agreement provides \$87,700 to the Mesa Fire and Medical Department for the Prevention Threat Liaison Officer Program (TLO) for equipment and training.

## Background

The United States Department of Homeland Security (USDOHS) through the Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS) Grant Program provides grant funding to support areas of equipment and training to support a response to a terrorist incident and aid in the prevention of such events. The AZDOHS 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program has identified funds for the City of Mesa Fire and Medical Department of \$87,700. If approved, the funding will be used to support the City's ability to prevent and respond to acts of terrorism.

## Discussion

The Mesa Fire and Medical Department Prevention Threat Liaison Officer is part of the Phoenix Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI). The project will allow Mesa Fire and Medical Department to increase the capability of the Prevention Threat Liaison Officer's in their performance mission. Training will continue to educate our Threat Liaison Officers with the latest trends regarding terrorism threats impacting areas around the world. The equipment will update the current 2007 TLO Vehicle allowing our TLO's to respond to any incident within the region and state.

## Alternatives

If the Subrecipient Agreement is not approved, the funding will remain with the State to be distributed to other Valley agencies resulting in a loss of funding for the Mesa Fire and Medical Department TLO program.

**Fiscal Impact**

The award amount is \$87,700 and no match is required. Approving the use of these grant funds will allow the City of Mesa to accept grant funding allocated to the sustainment of the Threat Liaison Officer.

**Coordinated With**

This grant funding will be managed through the Mesa Fire and Medical Department and they are in support of this resolution.