



City Council Report

Date: November 16, 2020
To: City Council
Through: John Pombier, Assistant City Manager
From: Ken Cost, Police Chief
Michael Bellows, Commander
Subject: Child and Family Advocacy Center Fund Grant (Citywide)

Purpose and Recommendation

The City of Mesa Police Department is respectfully requesting that the Mesa City Council approve and authorize the City Manager or designee to accept up to a \$53,535 grant from the Arizona Attorney General's Office Child and Family Advocacy Center Fund for the Police Department's Mesa Family Advocacy Center.

Background

The Office of the Arizona Attorney General set aside a portion of a multistate settlement to provide grant support for Child and Family Advocacy Centers. Awards are based upon the services provided in calendar years 2018 and 2019.

Discussion

The Mesa Police Department has designed a unique, community-oriented, collaborative approach to investigating and intervening in adult and child sexual and severe physical abuse cases. The Mesa Family Advocacy Center is a police-based multi-disciplinary team within the Mesa Police Department. It is our mission to ensure that victims are treated with dignity and respect throughout the investigative process through a comprehensive, trauma-informed collaborative process. The services are free of charge and include forensic examinations, victim advocacy, counseling, crisis intervention and connection to community resources.

Alternatives

Decline the funds. If the funds are declined, the Office of the Arizona Attorney General will redistribute the funds to other qualified State Agencies.

Fiscal Impact

The award amount is up to \$53,535 and no match is required. The Office of the Arizona Attorney General will send the grant funds to the City of Mesa.

Mesa Police Personnel will report to the Office of the Arizona Attorney General regarding fund usage.

Coordinated With

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the acceptance of the Child and Family Advocacy Center Fund Grant from the Office of the Arizona Attorney General.