



City Council Report

Date: January 11, 2021
To: City Council
Through: John Pombier, Assistant City Manager
From: Ken Cost, Police Chief
Michael Beaton, Commander
Subject: United States Marshals Service – Joint Law Enforcement Operations Task Force Reimbursement of Overtime Expenses (Citywide)

Purpose and Recommendation

The City of Mesa Police Department is respectfully requesting the Mesa City Council approve and authorize the City Manager or his designee to accept \$78,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Marshals Service for Mesa Police Officer overtime worked in support of the Joint Law Enforcement Operations Task Force.

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 a Violent Offender Task Force. The primary mission of the Task Force is to investigate and arrest persons who have active state and federal warrants for their arrest. The intent of the joint effort is to investigate and apprehend local, state and federal fugitives. From October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, the task force affected 207 arrests.

Discussion

The Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Marshals Service allows for reimbursement of equipment purchases, travel, training, purchase or lease of police vehicles, fuel, supplies or equipment the task force incurs, that assists in apprehending fugitives. The funds provided by the U.S. Marshals will be used for overtime.

Alternatives

If the funds are declined, the Violent Offenders Unit's ability to apprehend the City's most violent offenders and fugitives will be restricted.

Fiscal Impact

The agreement is for \$78,000 for reimbursement of overtime expenses. The City of Mesa will be responsible for the Employee Related Expenses (EREs) associated with the overtime; the anticipated cost for the EREs is approximately \$50,926. Funding for this expense will be absorbed by the Police Department operating budget.

Mesa Police Department personnel will be responsible for submitting invoices to the U.S. Marshals Service. The U.S. Marshals Service will remit funds due upon receipt of the invoices.

Coordinated With

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval to accept funds through an Obligation Document with the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Marshals Service.