



# City Council Report

**Date:** February 8, 2021  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** John Pombier, Assistant City Manager  
**From:** Ken Cost, Police Chief  
Kim Meza, Forensic Services Administrator  
**Subject:** Grant Agreement with the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, Grant Number CV 20-21-003 (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 his designee to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission to accept \$65,458 in grant funds which will be used for training, equipment and supplies for the Police Department's Forensic Services Division.

## Background

The Mesa Police Department's Forensic Services Division is internationally accredited with ANSI National Accreditation Board and provides services to approximately 801 sworn officers and investigators. The Division provides forensic needs that include crime scene response, evidence collection, examination and analysis and expert witness court testimony.

## Discussion

As an accredited laboratory, the Forensic Services Division is eligible to receive grant funds from the Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Program with the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission. The Forensic Services Division has been awarded funds in the amount of \$65,458 for the following:

- \$11,853 Training
- \$45,829 Equipment
- \$7,776 Supplies

**Alternatives**

Decline the funds. If the funds are declined, they will be returned to the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission. Without the requested funds, the Police Department's Forensic Services Division will not be able to purchase equipment or receive training.

**Fiscal Impact**

The award amount is \$65,458 and no match is required. Mesa Police Department personnel will be responsible for submitting invoices to the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission. The Arizona Criminal Justice Commission will remit monies due upon receipt of the invoices.

**Coordinated With**

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends approval of the Grant Agreement with the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission.