



City Council Report

Date: May 3, 2021
To: City Council
Through: John Pombier, Assistant City Manager
From: Ken Cost, Police Chief
James McCormick, Commander
Subject: East Valley Drug Enforcement Task Force – Grant Agreement HT-21-2933 (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 enter into a Grant Agreement with the City of Tucson to accept \$30,000 in grant funds under the East Valley Drug Enforcement Task Force Program to be used for overtime and supplies for the Police Department's Organized Crime Section.

Background

The East Valley Drug Enforcement Task Force is a partnership of Mesa Police, the Drug Enforcement Agency, Arizona National Guard and Police Departments from Salt River, Apache Junction, Pinal, Chandler and Gilbert. The team regionally focuses its efforts to combat the increasing size and sophistication of the Drug Trafficking Organizations.

Discussion

The East Valley Drug Enforcement Task Force pursues and apprehends felony fugitives in collaboration with federal, state and local law enforcement partners to enhance public safety. The Task Force allows access to resources to combat the growing threats of fentanyl and other illegal drugs.

Alternatives

If this Grant Agreement is declined, the Mesa Police Department's Organized Crime Section will not be able to effectively conduct investigations of the growing threats of fentanyl and other illegal drugs.

Fiscal Impact

The award amount is for \$25,000 for overtime and \$5,000 for supplies; the costs of the unreimbursed expenses for fringe benefits will amount to approximately 68.75% or \$17,188. Funding for this expense will be absorbed by the Police Department's operating budget.

Mesa Police Department personnel will be responsible for submitting invoices monthly to the City of Tucson. The City of Tucson will remit monies due upon receipt of the invoices.

Coordinated With

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval of accepting funds made available from the East Valley Drug Enforcement Task Force Grant Agreement with the City of Tucson.