



# City Council Report

**Date:** July 8, 2021  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** John Pombier, Assistant City Manager  
**From:** Ken Cost, Interim Police Chief  
Michael Bellows, Commander  
**Subject:** Agreement with the Hickey Family Foundation (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 an Agreement with the Hickey Family Foundation to accept \$188,000 for overtime, equipment and training for the Police Department to combat Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking, and to comply with the requirements set forth in the award notice.

## Background

Combating Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking is important to the Mesa Police Department. To that end, the Police Department requested funds from the Hickey Family Foundation to support an initiative targeting the sexual exploitation and trafficking of juveniles in the City of Mesa. The goals of the initiative are to rescue victims, investigate individuals and dismantle organizations engaged in sex trafficking, child prostitution and other related crimes.

## Discussion

The Hickey Family Foundation has been one of the Police Department's strongest partners in combatting sex trafficking in our community. The funding from this award will be used for overtime, equipment and training to ensure investigations and operations are conducted safely.

## Alternatives

If this Acceptance and Agreement is not approved, the Police Department will have limited ability to conduct investigations to combat Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking.

**Fiscal Impact**

The award amount is \$188,000 and no match is required. The Police Department will be required to submit a Mid-Term Status Report and a Final Report.

**Coordinated With**

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval of the Acceptance and Agreement with Hickey Family Foundation.