



City Council Report

Date: December 01, 2021
To: City Council
Through: John Pombier, Assistant City Manager
From: Ken Cost, Police Chief
Wayne Kwong, Police Information Technology Administrator
Subject: 2021 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program (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 enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Phoenix and various partnering agencies within Maricopa County for the distribution of grant funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program under which the City will receive \$136,382 to be used for a joint broadband radio project between the Police Department and the Department of Innovation and Technology.

Background

The 2021 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant funding is only available to local units of government that have reported at least three years of data on Part I violent crimes to the FBI. This year, the total allocation available for Maricopa County is \$1,554,900. The funding is received by City of Phoenix and passed through to the partnering jurisdictions. Representatives from all jurisdictions have agreed upon the distributions each agency will receive.

Discussion

As part of the application process, the City of Phoenix compiles information from each of the jurisdictions and submits one application. In addition, an IGA between the partnering agencies must be signed. No funding will be available to any agency until the requested information has been completed. When the funds become available, the City of Phoenix will administer the account.

Funds from the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant will be used by the Mesa Police Department to purchase equipment in support of an ongoing broadband radio service project within the City of Mesa in conjunction with the Department of Innovation and Technology. The Police Department will utilize the broadband infrastructure in support of technology for the Real Time Crime Center and will provide the public access to online police resources.

Alternatives

Decline the funds. If the funds are declined, the City of Phoenix will redistribute them to the partnering jurisdictions. If the funding is declined, it may impact the size of the broadband coverage area and the ability of the Police Department and public to access the broadband services.

Fiscal Impact

The award amount is \$136,382 and no match is required. The City of Phoenix will distribute funds upon receipt. Mesa Police Department personnel will provide quarterly programmatic and financial reports. Mesa Police Department personnel will also monitor the account balance for the project. This is a three-year grant.

Coordinated With

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval of accepting funds from Maricopa County through the 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.