



## City Council Report

**Date:** November 17, 2008  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Christopher J. Brady, City Manager  
**From:** George Gascón, Chief of Police  
**Subject:** Grant Agreement with Between the City of Mesa and the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission – DNB-09-001

### Purpose and Recommendation

The City of Mesa Police Department is respectfully requesting that the Mesa City Council authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute a Grant Agreement with the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission through the Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Grant Program. Funds in the amount of \$63,190 will be used to purchase equipment and software for the Mesa Police Department's Forensic Services Unit.

### Background

Funding from this grant is made available to assist local units of government to reduce DNA case turnaround time and reduce DNA forensic casework backlogs. These improvements help prevent future backlogs and help the criminal justice system use the full potential of DNA technology.

### Discussion

The Mesa Police Department's Forensic Services Unit has achieved positive results with funds received from previous grants. The funds provided through this grant will be used to purchase equipment and software that will ultimately reduce the processing time of cases requiring DNA analysis.

## Fiscal Impact

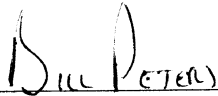
The award amount is \$63,190 and no match is required. Mesa Police Department personnel will be responsible for submitting invoices on a quarterly basis to the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission. The Arizona Criminal Justice Commission will remit monies due upon receipt of the invoices.

## Alternative

If this agreement is declined, the Forensic Services Unit will not be able to purchase the equipment and software needed to streamline DNA investigations.

## Concurrence

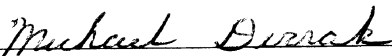
The following staff members concur with the City of Mesa Police Department's recommendation to approve the Grant Agreement with Arizona Criminal Justice Commission through the Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Grant Program.



Bill Peters  
Operations Support Commander



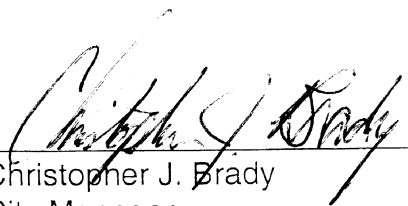
Nancy Sprensen  
Police Staff Attorney



Mike Dvorak  
Office of Support Services  
Assistant Chief



George Gascon  
Police Chief



Christopher J. Brady  
City Manager

**COPY OF THE AGREEMENT IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST  
IN THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION. FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,190 WILL BE PROVIDED THROUGH THE FORENSIC DNA BACKLOG REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM (DNB-09-001).

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Approving a Grant Agreement with the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission. Funds in the amount of \$63,190 will be provided through the Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Grant Program (DNB-09-001).

Section 2: Authorizing and directing the City Manager, or his designated representative, to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Mesa, and authorizing the City Clerk to attest to the signature of the City Manager thereon.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

APPROVED:

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MAYOR

ATTEST

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CITY CLERK