



**City of Mesa**  
**Human Services**  
**Community Safety Support Investment Model:**

**What is the Community Safety Support Investment Model?**

The Community Safety Support Funding Model provides high-level direction and recommendations for the City's investment in the safety of its residents. It will help set human services investment priorities, guide budgeting decision and select the most effective strategies.

**What does the Community Safety Support Investment Model do and why is it important?**

State and federal funding for human services program is declining and unpredictable, and cities bear the impact. At the same time, City revenues are down. The Community Safety Support Investment Model:

- Guides our efforts to use limited human services resources as wisely and effectively as possible to ensure the safety of our community and its residents.
- Helps us to identify the programs that are most successful at improving community safety conditions.
- Supports the Mesa City Councils priority of funding human service programs that impact community safety.

**What will change as a result of the Community Safety Support Investment Model?**

We will continue to move away from simply purchasing units of service and toward funding those programs that contribute most to improving community conditions. To help with this effort, the City will improve evaluation of funded programs and direct dollars to the programs that get the best results. Over time, our investment in the safety and support of our residents will help people to achieve economic and social success as well as reduce potential crime, violence and human suffering.

**What are the implications of the Community Safety Support Investment Model?**

The Community Safety Support Investment Model is a policy framework and emphasizes a movement toward contracting that is more focused on outcomes that may have a direct impact on police, fire and safety services provided by the City. All of our contracts are already "outcome based" and agencies will remain accountable for their contract outcomes. The Office of Human Services will collect individual performance data from contracted agencies. We will continue to issue requests for proposals (RFP's) and focus contract and investments on services that are most effectively improving community conditions.

**How was the Community Safety Support Investment Model developed?**

In July 2005 The Mesa City Council determined that it needed a more definitive policy priority be established for human services funding which ensures a network of services that support community safety. Staff was directed to draft a model that included funding guidelines for review and approval by the Human Services Advisory Board and ultimate approval by the Mesa City Council.