



City of Maricopa

Legislation Text

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The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to provide consent to submit a grant application to Target & Blue Public Safety Grants in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for Bike Patrols and National Night Out. Consent to submit a grant application provides the City Manager with the authority to sign all documents necessary to complete the application and grant process. Discussion and Action.

Public Safety is critical to the well-being of every community. Target is committed to partnering with law enforcement and public safety organizations to build stronger and safer communities across the nation. This partnership is called Target & Blue. Target assists public safety agencies through the following:

1. Safe City
2. National Night Out
3. Law Enforcement Grant Program
4. Equipment Donation Program
5. Investigative Support
6. Forensic Services
7. Sting Trailers

National Night Out is a key part of Target & Blue as it brings neighborhoods together. National Night Out is designed to heighten the awareness of crime and drug prevention, generate support for and participation in local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood unity and police-community partnerships, and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Since 1990, the Law Enforcement Grant Program has awarded more than \$3.5 million dollars to law enforcement agencies across the county. The program funds equipment, training and programs that enhance safety in communities. Grant focus areas in this program are crime prevention, law enforcement training and education, youth programs, preparedness/crisis response, and organized retail crime.

There is a need in Maricopa for direct preventative patrol measures within the City limits that cannot be accomplished by vehicle or foot patrol. Parents have expressed concern regarding a lack of presence in a school zone, liquor violations of juveniles, and narcotics usage in the community parks. The city is also experiencing residential burglaries, commercial burglaries, and thefts where visible patrol efforts provide criminals the opportunity to escape capture. Bicycle patrol efforts allow for a more concealed effort of policing and preventing criminal escape. The City is also sponsoring many community events in large park areas. Bicycle patrol will allow officers visibility and flexibility to cover more area in a quicker and efficient manner.

Grant expenditures would include the cost to refurbish and tune up currently owned patrol bicycles, equipment for four bicycle patrol officers, overtime for National Night Out, and marketing activities.

Staff recommends submitting a grant application to Target & Blue Public Safety Grants in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for Bike Patrols and National Night Out.