



## Legislation Text

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### **RESOLUTION NO. 5156 NEW SERIES**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ARIZONA, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 VICTIMS' RIGHTS PROGRAM AWARD (A.G. # 2017-044) IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$83,500, ON BEHALF OF THE GLENDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

Staff Contact: Rick St. John, Interim Police Chief

### **Purpose and Recommended Action**

This is a request for City Council to waive reading beyond the title and adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the State of Arizona, Office of the Attorney General, and accept the Fiscal Year 2017 Victims' Rights Program Award (A.G. # 2017-044) in the approximate amount of \$83,500 on behalf of the Glendale Police Department.

### **Background**

The City of Glendale has been accepting funding from the Victims' Rights Program Award through the State of Arizona Office of the Attorney General for over 20 years. The purpose of the Victims' Rights Program Award is to provide financial support to city, county, and state entities that are affected by Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S) Title 13, Chapter 40, Crime Victims' Rights, and A.R.S. Title 8, Chapter 3, Article 7, Victims' Rights for Juvenile Offenses. Victims' Rights Program Award monies are granted to offset costs associated with the performance of duties that are mandated under victims' rights laws. The funding provided through the Victims' Rights Program Award has consistently aided the City of Glendale Police Department and Prosecutor's Office with staffing, informational material, and technology necessary for the timely notification of victims regarding the status of their cases and the status of arrested suspects moving through the criminal justice system.

### **Analysis**

If Council approves the requested action, Glendale Police Department will use the Victims' Rights Program Award funds to continue to subsidize the salary and benefits for a current full-time Victim Assistance Caseworker, as well as operating costs for the victim notification database, the publication and distribution of victims' rights brochures and costs associated with victim notification. Staff is requesting Council adopt the proposed resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept the Fiscal Year 2017 Victims' Rights Program Award on behalf of the Glendale Police Department and enter into an agreement with the State of Arizona Office of the Attorney General.

### **Previous Related Council Action**

On August 25, 2015, Council adopted a resolution (No. 5010 New Series) authorizing the acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2016 Victims' Rights Program Award for the Glendale Police Department in the amount of \$83,495, and entered into an agreement with the State of Arizona, Office of the Attorney General.

### **Community Benefit/Public Involvement**

The Victims' Rights Program Award funds support the Victim Assistance Unit within the Glendale Police Department, which provides direct services to Glendale residents and their families who have become crime victims. Services offered include resource referrals, crisis counseling, court accompaniment, crime prevention, and advocacy services.

### **Budget and Financial Impacts**

There is no financial match required for this award. A specific project account will be established in Fund 1840, the City's grant fund, once the agreement is fully executed.