

CITY COUNCIL REPORT



Meeting Date: June 23rd, 2026
General Plan Element: **Neighborhoods**
General Plan Goal: **Enhance and Protect Neighborhoods**

ACTION

Adopt Resolution No. 13714 authorizing:

1. The city manager or designee to execute on behalf of the City of Scottsdale contract No. 2026-118-COS with Operation Light Shine to accept a grant in the amount of \$207,970 to fund one full-time detective position (1.00 FTE) for a two-year period to support activities aimed at reducing human exploitation and trafficking.
2. A budget transfer of up to \$207,970 from the adopted Fiscal Year 2026/27 Grants Contingency Budget to a newly created cost center to record the related grant activity.

BACKGROUND

The Scottsdale Human Exploitation and Trafficking (HEAT) Unit, established in 2021. This specialized unit has evolved into a highly trained team focused on investigating child and adult sex trafficking, commercial sexual exploitation, online child predators, and other crimes affecting the Scottsdale community.

Operation Light Shine is a nonprofit organization focused on fighting child exploitation and human trafficking by equipping law enforcement and frontline professionals with the technology, training, and resources they need. Through initiatives like the INTERCEPT Task Force and its "Equip, Educate, Empower" approach, the organization supports investigations, rescues victims, and raises community awareness to help prevent abuse and bring offenders to justice. Part of their mission includes funding positions to combat crimes effecting child exploitation and human trafficking.

The funding will be used exclusively for the detective's base salary who will allocate their time for the purpose of investigating child exploitation and human trafficking. Specifically, the detective will proactively identify, investigate, and disrupt individuals who utilize online gaming and digital communication platforms to exploit, groom, or solicit minors for sexual purposes. Through the use of trained undercover investigators, advanced digital investigative techniques, and coordinated partnerships with ICAC and allied agencies, the Human Exploitation and Trafficking Unit seeks to hold offenders accountable while prioritizing the protection of children within the City of Scottsdale, the State of Arizona, and possibly other jurisdictions (if applicable).

ANALYSIS & ASSESSMENT

Action Taken _____

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The HEAT Unit, along with its supporting law enforcement personnel, aims to expand its presence in the Scottsdale metropolitan area through enhanced enforcement and investigation activities related to human trafficking. The program's effectiveness will be assessed tracking arrests made, prosecution of cases, and rescue of victims of human trafficking.

Significant Issues to be Addressed

None

RESOURCE IMPACTS

Available funding

By accepting the grant, funding for a full-time Police Officer – Detective position (1.00 FTE), which supports efforts to reduce human exploitation and trafficking, will shift from the General Fund. If the grant is not awarded in future years, the position will return to being funded by the General Fund.

This action requests a budget transfer of up to \$207,970 from the adopted FY 2026/27 Grants Contingency Budget to provide budget appropriation for the purpose of the grant.

Staffing, Workload Impact

No additional staffing required.

Cost Recovery Options

There are no additional cost recovery opportunities nor is there a match requirement associated with the grant.

OPTIONS & STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Recommended Approach

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RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT(S)

Police Department

STAFF CONTACT(S)

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APPROVED BY



Joe LeDuc, Chief of Police

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5/28/26 14:30 MST

Date



Scott Selin, Budget Division Director

(For Financial Policies Compliance and Budget Appropriation)

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Date

5/29/26 07:50 MST



Greg Caton, City Manager

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5/28/26 17:27 MST

Date

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution No. 13714
2. Contract No. 2026-118-COS

RESOLUTION NO. 13714

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING, ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT, IF AWARDED, WITH OPERATION LIGHT SHINE FOR ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$207,970.

WHEREAS, the City has applied for a grant in the amount of \$207,970 from Operation Light Shine purpose of investigating child exploitation and human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Operation Light Shine will reimburse the City for payroll expenses and equipment related to the reduction of human exploitation and trafficking; and

WHEREAS, the Future Grants Budget in the Grant Fund allows the City the budget authority to accept grants throughout the fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Scottsdale, Maricopa County, Arizona as follows:

Section 1. Authorize, the City Manager or designee to execute on behalf of the City of Scottsdale Contract No. 2026-118-COS with Operation Light Shine to accept a grant in the amount of \$207,970 to fund one full-time detective position (1.00 FTE) for a two-year period to support activities aimed at reducing human exploitation and trafficking.

Section 2. Authorize, a budget transfer of up to \$207,970 from the adopted Fiscal Year 2026/27 Future Grants Budget and/or Grant Contingency Budget to a newly created cost center to record the related grant activity, if awarded.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Scottsdale this ____ day of _____, 2026.

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, an
Arizona municipal corporation

ATTEST:

Ben Lane, City Clerk

Lisa Borowsky, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Luis Santaella, City Attorney
By: James Heard, Assistant City Attorney

OPERATION LIGHT SHINE

GRANT AGREEMENT

Between Operation Light Shine and the City of Scottsdale

This Grant Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between Operation Light Shine ("OLS"), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that collaborates with law enforcement, field specialists, and subject matter experts to combat child exploitation and human trafficking, and the City of Scottsdale ("City"), an Arizona Municipal Corporation on behalf of the Scottsdale Police Department ("SPD") (collectively, "the Parties").

I. Purpose:

This Agreement establishes a grant agreement between the Parties for the purpose of supporting and strengthening City's efforts to combat child exploitation and human trafficking through dedicated personnel support within the SPD's Human Exploitation and Trafficking Unit (HEAT).

II. Roles and Responsibilities:

A. Operation Light Shine's Support to Scottsdale Police Department:

1. Salary Funding Support:

OLS will provide funding to support the base salary of one full-time Detective assigned to the Human Exploitation and Trafficking Unit (HEAT). This funding will not exceed \$207,970 annually and is intended to directly enhance SPD's investigative capacity in cases involving child exploitation and human trafficking.

2. Assigned Detective:

The assigned Detective's primary responsibility will be to investigate crimes related to child exploitation and trafficking. While the Detective may assist with other duties as required by SPD, such assignments, whenever possible, should be limited and not interfere with the primary mission outlined in this AGREEMENT. Notwithstanding this section, the City reserves the right to redeploy the Detective to other duties in the event of an emergency or other urgent situation.

3. Intent of Funding:

OLS funding under this Agreement is provided to support an existing full-time Detective position already established and assigned by SPD to the Human Exploitation and Trafficking Unit (HEAT). This funding is intended to supplement, and not supplant, the City's existing financial commitment to this position. The City will continue to fund the Detective

position with its own resources as it would in the absence of this Agreement, and OLS funding is provided in addition to, not in place of, those existing City funds. The purpose of OLS funding is to increase investigative capacity dedicated to child exploitation and human trafficking cases, and it shall not be used to reduce, replace, or offset any funding the City would otherwise allocate to this position or to the HEAT Unit.

4. Mission Alignment and Support:

OLS will provide ongoing support, guidance, and resources where possible to strengthen investigative capacity and outcomes. This partnership reflects a shared commitment to protecting children, supporting victims, and holding offenders accountable.

5. Exclusions:

In addition to the salary support described above, OLS will provide a one-time payment of \$7,000 to fund equipment that supports the assigned Detective's investigative work under this Agreement. Except for the salary support and the \$7,000 equipment payment expressly provided in this Agreement, OLS funding does not include benefits, retirement contributions, overtime, vehicles, or any additional compensation unless otherwise agreed to in writing by both Parties.

B. City's Responsibilities:

1. Designation of Personnel:

SPD will assign one full-time Detective to SPD's Human Exploitation and Trafficking Unit (HEAT) whose primary responsibility will be cases involving child exploitation and human trafficking.

2. Use of Funds:

SPD agrees to utilize OLS-provided funding strictly for the purposes outlined in this Agreement and to ensure that the funding directly supports the assigned Detective role except as otherwise provided in this Agreement.

3. Documentation and Accountability:

SPD will maintain appropriate documentation related to salary funding and will provide reasonable updates or information upon request to demonstrate alignment with the mission of this partnership.

4. Quarterly Reporting and Impact Updates:

SPD agrees to provide quarterly updates to OLS outlining key statistics and outcomes

resulting from this partnership. These updates may include, but are not limited to, cases initiated, arrests, victim identifications, and other relevant investigative metrics that demonstrate impact. OLS is not entitled nor authorized to receive protected criminal justice information or other information that would be otherwise deemed confidential pursuant to law.

5. Compliance and Certification:

SPD agrees to use all funding in accordance with this Agreement. Misuse of funds may result in review and potential termination of this Agreement. SPD may be required to certify and provide proof that funding was utilized appropriately.

III. General Provisions:

A. Performance and Collaboration:

To the extent permitted by law, the Parties agree to maintain open communication regarding investigative impact, case activity, and opportunities for continued collaboration. To the extent permitted by law and City policy, SPD agrees to collaborate, when appropriate, with its Public Information Officer (PIO) and OLS's marketing team to share success stories and outcomes through local media outlets and OLS communication channels. All external marketing communications will be coordinated and mutually agreed upon.

B. Disclaimer of Non-Entitlement

Participation in this Agreement does not entitle any Party or individual to benefits or considerations not specifically outlined herein and no employee of either Party shall be considered an employee of the other Party

C. Term of Agreement:

This Agreement will commence on July 1, 2026, and will remain in effect for a period of two (2) years, ending on June 30, 2028, unless extended by mutual agreement or terminated earlier by either Party.

Either Party may terminate this Agreement with 60 days' written notice. Amendments to this Agreement must be made in writing and signed by both Parties.

D. Entire understanding:

This Agreement embodies the entire understanding between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous Agreements and understandings, inducements and conditions, express or implied, oral or written, except as herein contained. This Agreement may not be modified or amended other than by an Agreement in writing.

E. Binding nature of agreement:

This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, except no party may assign or transfer such party's rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party.

F. Statutory cancellation right:

In addition to its other rights hereunder, the City shall have the cancellation rights specified in A.R.S. § 38-511 (relating to conflicts of interest).

G. Compliance with the E-Verify program:

To the extent applicable under the provisions of A.R.S. §41-4401, both Parties warrant to the other that each party will comply with all Federal Immigration laws and regulations that relate to their employees and that each now complies with the E-Verify Program under A.R.S. §23-214(A).

H. Severability:

The provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed severable and the invalidity or enforceability of any provision shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the other provisions hereof.

I. No Partnership, Employer or Joint Venture Relationship:

It is hereby expressly understood and agreed that this Agreement does not in any way or for any purpose create or intend to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture or association as between the parties at any time during the term of this Agreement or any renewal thereof.

J. Indemnification:

To the extent permitted by law, each Party does hereby covenant and agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the other Party, its elected officials, officers, employees, volunteers and agents from and against any and all suits, actions, legal or administrative proceedings, claims, demands or damages of any kind or nature relating to this Agreement which, are the result of any act or omission of the Party, its elected officials, officers, employees, volunteers, agents, and anyone acting under its direction or control, whether intentional or negligent, in connection with or incident to this Agreement.

In witness whereof, the parties have executed this Agreement on the day and year first written above.

Operation Light Shine

Bryan Weight, Executive Director & Date

City of Scottsdale, an Arizona Municipal Corporation:

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By _____
Lisa Borowsky, Mayor

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