

CITY COUNCIL REPORT



Meeting Date: October 20, 2026
General Plan Element: **Neighborhoods**
General Plan Goal: **Enhance and Protect Neighborhoods**

ACTION

Adopt Resolution No. 13810 authorizing:

1. Acceptance, if awarded, of a grant from the Arizona Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$500,000 for overtime wages, equipment, and training related to the reduction of human exploitation and trafficking; and
2. City Manager or designee(s) to conduct all negotiations and to execute and submit all documents and other necessary or desirable instruments in connection with the acceptance of the grant; and
3. A budget transfer of up to \$500,000 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 Police Department (SPD) has applied for funding through the Arizona Department of Public Safety's Local Border Support Fund to expand regional efforts aimed at combating human trafficking, human smuggling, child exploitation, drug trafficking, and other border-related offenses. Scottsdale's status as a major tourism and special-events destination creates seasonal surges in visitors, lodging activity, and transportation corridors that can be exploited by criminal networks. Prior joint investigations with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and the Arizona FBI Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force show that illegal activity detected locally often connects to larger regional or interstate operations, reinforcing the need for coordinated enforcement and intelligence sharing.

SPD is requesting grant funding for investigative overtime associated with a two-year Regional Border-Related Trafficking and Exploitation, specialized training, and for investigative software. These resources will expand proactive enforcement, digital-evidence review, undercover operations, and victim-recovery activities, particularly during high-activity event periods. Training will support proficiency in emerging investigative techniques, digital evidence practices, victim-centered responses, and cross-border activity indicators, while software tools will strengthen online-facilitated exploitation investigations. The project also includes internal performance evaluation and documentation across operations, investigations, training, and prosecution.

ANALYSIS & ASSESSMENT

Action Taken _____

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The Local Border Support Fund award would significantly enhance SPD's ability to conduct intelligence-led operations, respond to trafficking and exploitation indicators during high-activity periods, and coordinate effectively with federal and regional partners. Acceptance of this grant would expand investigative capacity, improve victim-identification capabilities, and support more effective prosecution outcomes in cases involving border-related criminal activity

Significant Issues to be Addressed

None

RESOURCE IMPACTS

Available funding

Approval of the grant will allow the Human Exploitation and Trafficking (Heat) unit to conduct additional targeted enforcement and education details.

This action requests a budget transfer of up to \$500,000 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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2. A budget transfer of up to \$500,000 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.

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT(S)

Police Department

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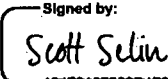
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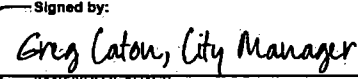
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ATTACHMENTS

- 1.. Resolution No. 13810

RESOLUTION NO. 13810

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT, IF AWARDED, WITH THE STATE OF ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000.

WHEREAS, the City has applied for a grant in the amount of \$500,000 from the Arizona Department of Public Safety related to the Anti-Human Trafficking Grant Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Public Safety will reimburse the City for overtime, equipment, and training related to the reduction of human exploitation and trafficking; and

WHEREAS, the Grants Contingency Budget 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 acceptance, if awarded, of a grant from the Arizona Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$500,000 for overtime wages, equipment, and training related to the reduction of human exploitation and trafficking; and

Section 2. Authorize the City Manager or designee(s) to conduct all negotiations and to execute and submit all documents and other necessary or desirable instruments in connection with the acceptance of the grant; and

Section 3. Authorize a budget transfer up to \$500,000 from the Fiscal Year 2026/27 Grants 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.

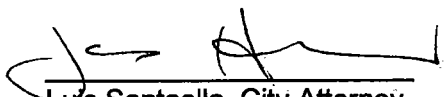
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Arizona municipal corporation

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Lisa Borowsky, Mayor

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By: James Heard, Assistant City Attorney