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Wednesday, October 3, 2007, 3:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers, 200 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona 85003

ITEM 76, Ordinance S-34440

#### Arizona Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

Request to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract between the Phoenix Police Department and the U.S. Department of Justice to accept grant funds for the Arizona Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force program. This grant is for a 23-month period (February 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008). Authorization is also requested for the City Controller to receive and disburse funds.

Funds will be used for continued funding for one Sergeant position, travel and training for law enforcement officers, supplies, consultant/contractual services, and other costs. Funds will be distributed to affiliated ICAC Arizona law enforcement agencies that have a signed memorandum of understanding with the Phoenix Police Department/AZ ICAC Task Force, allowing them to use sub-grant funding for additional training and equipment.

Current task force representatives include one sergeant and four detectives from the Phoenix Police Department, one part-time investigator from the Scottsdale Police Department, and other assistance as-needed from various investigators with 46 different law enforcement agencies throughout Arizona who are affiliated with the Task Force via memoranda of understanding. The Task Force works closely with the FBI, ICE, and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

The Task Force also works closely with the Arizona Department of Public Safety Forensic Laboratory, which is located at the Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center (ACTIC) facility and houses three Phoenix Police Department forensic examiners. The Task Force works closely with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, which provides a full-time attorney, paralegal, and administrative staff to prosecute task force cases. The Task Force also works with the Arizona Attorney General's office to address Internet safety and security training initiatives. The AZ ICAC Task Force has a seven-year history of success involving over 3,000 investigations, 300 arrests, and training and education for thousands of citizens, children, and law enforcement officers.

By entering into this agreement, statewide efforts will be enhanced to identify, arrest, and prosecute sexual predators who utilize the Internet for the purpose of sexually exploiting children.

No matching funds are required. The impact will be statewide. This item is recommended by Mr. Washington and the Police Department.

**ADOPTED**

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