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## PRESS RELEASE

### **City Council Authorizes Acceptance of COPS Grant for Meth Task Force**

(Grand Junction, CO) – The Grand Junction City Council tonight authorized City Manager Laurie Kadrach to accept a \$449,777 federal grant that the Grand Junction Police Department applied for on behalf of the Mesa County Methamphetamine Task Force.

The GJPD will administer the 2007 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Methamphetamine Initiative grant from the United States Department of Justice, over the next two years from September 1, 2007, to August 31, 2009. Under the terms of the grant, the GJPD will be reimbursed for expenses incurred for the Mesa County Meth Task Force's initiatives during the funding cycle.

The funds will be used to hire a full-time Meth Prosecutor for the District Attorney's office; hire a dedicated Data Analyst; purchase and operate a coordinated intelligence and data-Sharing system; hire a consultant to evaluate the Fast Track Program; and fund overtime for the GJPD's and Mesa County Sheriff's Office's Street Crimes Units.

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