

City Council Report

Date: September 22, 2014

To: City Council

Through: Christopher J. Brady, City Manager

From: Scott J. Butler, Assistant to the City Manager-Government Relations

Sharon Skinner, Grants Coordinator

Subject: Resolution approving and authorizing the City Manager or his

designated representative to enter into an intergovernmental

agreement with the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation for the receipt and

administration of grant funds.

Citywide

Strategic Initiatives





Purpose and Recommendation

The requested resolution will authorize the City Manager or his designated representative to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement on behalf of the City of Mesa with the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation to receive and disburse Proposition 202 grant funds totaling \$96,260. The grant funding amounts, recipients and purposes are:

- \$ 13,000.00 to **Visit Mesa** for tourism promotion.
- \$ 30,000.00 to the **Mesa Public Schools Freemont Jr./Red Mountain High School** for Native American Education programs.
- \$ 53,260.00 to **Mesa Public Schools Salk Elementary** for Native American Education programs.

Background

Proposition 202, passed with the 2002 Gaming Compact in Arizona, directs participating Tribal Governments to share 12% of their gaming revenues with surrounding local governments. Nonprofit organizations are only eligible to compete with a local government agreeing to serve as a pass-through agent.

City Council previously adopted a resolution supporting submission of these grant award applications to the Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation on March 17, 2014.

Discussion

The Ft. McDowell Yavapai has elected to distribute a total of \$96,260 to Mesa non-profit organizations. City Council previously adopted a resolution supporting

submission of these grant award applications to the Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation on March 17, 2014.

To disburse this funding to entities other than the City, the City must first enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation for the receipt and distribution of funds.

Alternatives

The only alternative to authorizing this Intergovernmental agreement is to deny it. Such action would negate the grants to these education and nonprofit entities serving the City of Mesa community and return the funds to the Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation for redistribution to other local governments of their choosing.

Fiscal Impact

The pass-through grants will have a negligible fiscal impact in the form of administration costs to accept payment and cut checks for fund disbursement.