



City Council Report

Date: April 6, 2015
To: City Council
Through: Christopher J. Brady, City Manager
From: Scott J. Butler, Assistant to the City Manager, Government Relations
Subject: Resolution authorizing and supporting the submittal of a grant application by the City of Mesa's Library Department to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$22,731 to create an Interactive Learning Environment at the Dobson Ranch Branch, and approving the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds.

Strategic Initiative:



Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for the City of Mesa Library Department's application to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$22,731 to create an Interactive Learning Environment at the Dobson Ranch Branch. The Council Resolution supports this effort to secure the grant and authorizes the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement if awarded. Staff recommendation is for Council to adopt this resolution.

Background

The requested grant will support the City of Mesa Library Department to create an Interactive Learning Environment at the Dobson Ranch Branch. Specifically, to create a comprehensive interactive learning environment that is responsive to our community's changing needs, the Library staff wish to purchase 12 laptops for computer training and an interactive touch screen white board for early childhood literacy development and learning. The interactive learning environment will potentially serve 2,795 children and 17,223 adults and seniors, while meeting their specific technology and learning needs.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for the City of Mesa Library Department to file their application by May 1, 2015 and be considered for funding from the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation. Mesa's participation in Proposition 202 Indian Gaming Grants has returned over \$9 million to our community since its passage in 2002 from surrounding tribal governments.

Alternatives

The only alternative to adopting this resolution would be to not adopt. Such an action would deny the City of Mesa's Library Department access to this funding source.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact on the City of Mesa, should this grant eventually be awarded for the City of Mesa Library department will be negligible except overhead expenses in accounting to manage the grant funding.