



City Council Report

Date: August 24, 2015
To: City Council
Through: Christopher J. Brady, City Manager
From: Scott J. Butler, Assistant to the City Manager, Government Relations
Subject: Resolution approving and authorizing the City Manager to accept Proposition 202 funds from the Gila River Indian Community and administer awarded funds as pass-through grants to designated awardees.

Strategic Initiatives



Purpose and Recommendation

This requested resolution will approve and authorize the City Manager to accept Proposition 202 funds from the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) and administer awarded funds as pass-through grants to designated awardees.

The Gila River Indian Community wishes the City of Mesa to receive and distribute \$226,269.00 from its 2015 12% revenues for grants as follows:

\$50,000.00 to Arizona Autism Charter School to support the comprehensive needs of students with autism. (Total award of \$150,000.00 to be distributed over three years.)

\$100,000.00 to A New Leaf, Inc. for the La Mesita Family Homeless Shelter.

\$25,000.00 to i.d.e.a. Museum for the Access for All—No Barriers to Learning Community Fund. (Total award of \$50,000.00 to be distributed over two years.)

\$ 42,769.00 to Mesa Counts on College to support their General Education Development Preparation Course.

\$5,000.00 to Save the Family Foundation of Arizona for their Homeless Families Intervention Project.

\$3,500.00 to Mesa Public School District/Westwood High School, to support the 1st Annual Native American Student College and Career Ready Conference.

Staff recommends approval of this resolution.

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.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Gila River Indian Community to move forward with funding the selected awardees. Proposition 202 Indian Gaming Grants has returned over \$9 million to our community since its passage in 2002 from five surrounding tribal governments.

Alternatives

The only alternative to adopting this resolution would be to not adopt. Such an action would deny the awarded organizations access to this funding source, including \$42,769 for Mesa Counts on College GED Prep course and \$25,000 (\$50,000 over two years) for the city's i.d.e.a. Museum Access for All—No Barriers to Learning Community Fund.

Fiscal Impact

City of Mesa's Mesa Counts on College department will receive \$42,769 to support their General Education Development Preparation Course. Operations and maintenance expenses will not increase as a result of this grant.

City of Mesa's i.d.e.a. Museum will receive \$25,000 for the Access for All—No Barriers to Learning Community Fund. (Total award of \$50,000.00 to be distributed over two years.) Operations and maintenance expenses will not increase as a result of this grant.

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

Coordinated With

Staff has coordinated with the i.d.e.a. Museum and Mesa Counts on College staff, who helped to prepare the funding requests to GRIC.