



City Council Report

Date: October 17, 2016
To: City Council
Through: Christopher J. Brady, City Manager
From: Scott J. Butler, Deputy City Manager
Subject: Resolution approving and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Tohono O'odham Nation for the receipt and distribution of Proposition 202 funds in the total amount of \$12,500 on behalf of the Gene Lewis Boxing Club. **(Citywide)**

Strategic Initiative:



Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution approving and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Tohono O'odham Nation for the receipt and distribution of Proposition 202 funds in the total amount \$12,500 on behalf of the Gene Lewis Boxing Club. The awarded grant will provide \$12,500 to provide free after school instruction and classes to students. The Council Resolution commits the City to receive the award on behalf of Gene Lewis Boxing Club, and pass it through to the organization in its entirety. Staff recommendation is for Council to adopt this resolution.

Background

The requested grant will support Gene Lewis Boxing Club in their efforts to provide a program to teach the basics of improved health through exercise and confronts the problems leading to truancy and school drop-outs. The club provides supportive classes, activities, and education that promote high school graduation, physical fitness, goal setting, academic success, weight management, anti-bullying and self-discipline. The Club serves youth from the East Valley but their largest base is located in Mesa. The gym population is comprised of primarily “at-risk” youth, seeking alternatives to gang involvement and criminal activities.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Gene Lewis Boxing Club to receive their award funding from Tohono O'odham Nation. Mesa's participation in 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 Mesa sponsorship for this request and would disallow Gene Lewis Boxing Club from receiving this funding.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact on the City of Mesa, should this grant eventually be awarded for Gene Lewis Boxing Club will be negligible except overhead expenses in accounting to accept and reissue the grant check. The City does not administer the grant and signs an MOU/IGA with the tribe to limit our liability to only the pass-through transaction.