



City Council Report

Date: May 21, 2018
To: City Council
Through: Christopher J. Brady, City Manager
From: Scott J. Butler, Deputy City Manager, Government Relations
Subject: Resolution of support for the submittal of a grant application by the NABI Foundation to the Tohono O'odham Nation in the amount of \$10,000 for their 2019 Educational Summit and authorizing the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds as a pass-through grant.

Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for the NABI Foundation's application to Tohono O'odham Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$10,000 for their 2019 Educational Summit. A Council Resolution supports this effort to secure a grant and commits the city to receive it on behalf of the non-profit and pass it through in its entirety to them if awarded. As these programs serve the needs of City of Mesa residents, staff recommendation is for Council to adopt this resolution.

Background

The NABI Foundation currently operates a week-long basketball tournament each Summer. The event generates approximately 1500 Native American student-athletes from across the United States, as well as New Zealand and Canada. Predicated on this number, approximately 5% of participants are from the City of Mesa. The primary objective is to capitalize on the event by providing educational information to support their Native community beyond the court. Funding from the Tohono O'odham Nation would be used to integrate resources to support this initiative, which includes their 2019 Educational Summit.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for the NABI Foundation to file their application by June 1, 2018 and be considered for funding from Tohono O'odham Nation. Mesa's participation in Proposition 202 Indian Gaming Grants has returned over \$1 billion to Arizona communities since its passage in 2002 from four 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 require the NABI Foundation to seek an alternate local government for access to this funding source.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact on the City of Mesa, should this grant be awarded for the NABI Foundation, 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 or IGA with each tribe to limit our liability to only the pass-through transaction.