



# City Council Report

**Date:** April 15, 2019  
**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 A.T. Still University (ATSU) National Center for American Indian Health Professions (NCAIHP) to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$11,450 for their Preparing School Counselors for Health Career Guidance program and approving 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 A.T. Still University NCAIHP's application to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$11,450 in funding for their Preparing School Counselors for Health Career Guidance program. 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 this program serves the needs of City of Mesa residents, staff recommendation is for Council to adopt this resolution.

## Background

NCAIHP's Preparing School Counselors for Health Career Guidance program aims to train counselors guiding American Indian/Alaskan Native (AI/AN) students at universities, tribal colleges, tribal education departments, community colleges, and high schools across Arizona.

Via this workshop, NCAIHP will provide educational materials, meals, and travel/lodging funds (as needed) to approximately 42 counselors serving (AI/AN) students. Counselors will attend a 1-day workshop held at ATSU's Mesa campus, enhancing their abilities to help promising students pursue health professions careers and giving them first-hand exposure to such an educational setting. NCAIHP estimates 48% of workshop attendees (approximately 20 people) will be from the Mesa/Phoenix area and most of the remaining attendees will come from other areas of our state.

## **Discussion**

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for ATSU National Center for American Indian Health Professions to file their application by May 1, 2019 and be considered for funding from Fort McDowell Yavapai 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 A.T. Still University NCAIHP 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 A.T. Still University NCAIHP, 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.