



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 City of Mesa i.d.e.a. Museum to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$25,000 for their Artful Tales Experience in the ArtVille Gallery and approving the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds. (Citywide)

Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for City of Mesa i.d.e.a. Museum's application to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$25,000 for their Artful Tales Experience in the ArtVille Gallery. A Council Resolution supports this effort to secure a grant and commits the city to receive it on behalf of the department 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:

City of Mesa i.d.e.a. Museum's Artful Tales Experience is an art and literacy program designed for preschool-age children (3-5 years). The program is designed for organized early childhood groups including daycare, preschool, homeschool groups, and other similar groups and aligns with numerous Arizona Early Learning Standards. The program includes 60 minutes in a classroom for a private story time led by one of our trained Gallery Educators/Volunteer Docents and a hands-on art activity that is based on the theme of the book.

Awarded FMYN funding will help underwrite Artful Tales Experience, an art and literacy program, for approximately 2,500 early learners ages three to five, to help prepare them for kindergarten and beyond.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for City of Mesa i.d.e.a. Museum 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 helped invest 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 City of Mesa i.d.e.a. Museum to seek an alternate funding source for this program.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact on the City of Mesa, should this grant be awarded for City of Mesa i.d.e.a. Museum will be negligible except overhead expenses in accounting to accept and manage the grant funds and project related administrative costs.