



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 Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$25,000 for their Park Rangers Squad 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 Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department's application to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$25,000 for their Park Rangers Squad. 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 Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department's Park Rangers often need to quickly and efficiently access areas of the parks and trails that are not accessible by their vehicles. Bicycles would allow them better access to cover a wide range of terrain and help them patrol effectively during large public events. The Park Rangers do not currently have any working and fully outfitted bicycles. Awarded FMYN funding will be used purchase new bikes and renovate a bicycle storage area for the Park Ranger squad.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for City of Mesa Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department 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 Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department 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 Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department will be negligible except overhead expenses in accounting to accept and manage the grant funds and project related administrative costs.