



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 Police Department to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$70,000 for their Mobile Field Force Pickup Project 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 Police Department's application to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$70,000 for their Mobile Field Force Pickup Project. 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:

The mission the Mesa Mobile Field Force Team (MFF) ensures individual rights to free speech are protected at small and large public gatherings or marches, all the while protecting the community from seriously disruptive or dangerous behavior. To achieve this undertaking, MFF seeks FMYN grant funding for a designated truck with the capability of 1. transporting a team of officers to move with a peaceful march, 2. towing MFF trailers to events, and 3. providing storage for sensitive MFF specialized equipment.

There are no vehicles assigned to MFF Team and the team needs to be able to haul the mentioned MFF trailers to spontaneous and planned demonstrations. The trailers are used to transport the MFF heavy cutting equipment, riot shields and protective vests for 90 personnel.

Discussion

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