



# City Council Report

**Date:** May 1, 2014  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Christopher J. Brady, City Manager  
**From:** Scott J. Butler, Assistant to the City Manager, Government Relations  
**Subject:** Resolution of Support for a grant application from ATLATL Native Arts Network to the to the Gila River Indian Community for \$15,000 to support the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Roy Track Mesa Pow Wow.

**Strategic Initiative:**



## Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for ATLATL Native Arts Network's application to the Gila River Indian Community for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$15,000 in program expenses for the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Roy Track Mesa Pow Wow. The Council Resolution supports this effort to secure the grant and commits the City to receive it on behalf of ATLATL, and pass it through in its entirety to them if awarded. Staff recommendation is for Council to adopt this resolution.

## Background

The requested grant will support the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Roy track Mesa Pow Wow held in Mesa's Pioneer Park October 24-26, 2014. For more than two decades, the Mesa Pow Wow has been one of the most eagerly anticipated and well attended Native American gatherings in the greater Phoenix area. The event draws an attendance of over 18,000 K-12 students, college students, seniors and their families. If awarded, this grant will provide support for the event insurance, security, audio/sound, lighting, printing and facilities.

## Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for ATLATL to file their application by June 6, 2014 and be considered for funding from

the Gila River Indian Community. Mesa's participation in Proposition 202 Indian Gaming Grants has returned over \$9 million to our community since its passage in 2002 from five 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 ATLATL seek an alternate local government for access to this funding source.

### **Fiscal Impact**

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