



# City Council Report

**Date:** May 20, 2013  
**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 Arizonans for Children, Inc. to the Gila River Indian Community for a total of \$120,000 to support their Children's Visitation centers and enrichment programs.

**Strategic Initiative:**



## Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for Arizonans for Children, Inc. application to the Gila River Indian Community for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$120,000 in program expenses for operating their Children's Visitation Centers and providing a mentor/tutor and enrichment program which operates out of these Centers. The Council Resolution supports this effort to secure the grant and commits the City to receive it on behalf of Arizonans for Children, Inc. 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 Arizonans for Children, Inc. in their service to children with special needs, abused, neglected and/or abandoned. They focus on improving the lives of wards of the state by providing a safe, comfortable and neutral environment where they can establish and maintain the best possible relationship with non-custodial parents and family.

## Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Arizonans for Children, Inc. to file their application by June 7, 2013 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 Arizonans for Children, Inc. 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 Arizonans for Children, Inc. 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 agreement with each tribe to limit our liability to only the pass-through transaction.