



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 by the City of Mesa's Library Services Department to the Gila Indian Community for \$5,100 to support Digital Literacy Community Education and Training.

Strategic Initiative:



Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for City of Mesa Library Service Department's application to the Gila River Indian Community for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$5,100 in support for Digital Literacy Community Education and Training at the Dobson Branch. The Council Resolution supports this effort to secure the grant and authorizes the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement if awarded. Staff recommendation is for Council to adopt this resolution.

Background

The requested grant will support Mesa Library Services in purchasing the necessary equipment to provide Digital Literacy Training to Mesa community children and families at the Dobson Branch. Mesa Public Library is committed to teaching digital literacy to our community through computer classes, one-on-one tech help at the Hotspot and providing mobile services for our patrons. The Tech Team has been instrumental in bringing new and needed technology services to patrons at our Main Library with the goal of branching out to our other locations to serve our wider community.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for City of Mesa Library Services 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 the City's Library Services Department access to this funding source.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact on the City of Mesa, should this grant eventually be awarded for the City's Library Services Department will be negligible except overhead expenses in accounting to manage the grant funding.