



# City Council Report

**Date:** May 21, 2018  
**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 BLOOM Development to the Tohono O'odham Nation in the amount of \$20,000.00 for their BLOOM Leadership Development program and authorizing the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds as a pass-through grant.

## **Purpose and Recommendation**

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for BLOOM Development's application to Tohono O'odham Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$20,000.00 for their BLOOM Leadership Development program. A Council Resolution supports this effort to secure a grant and commits the City to receive it on behalf of the non-profit and pass it through in its entirety to them if awarded. As these programs serve the needs of City of Mesa residents, staff recommendation is for Council to adopt this resolution.

## **Background**

The purpose of the BLOOM Leadership Development program is to equip high school and college aged girls for future leadership roles across different career fields and industries. Students are paired with women in current leadership positions for a semester of guided education and career mentoring meetings, attend BLOOM Basecamp, a leadership conference, and can apply for a summer internship with a community business.

BLOOM Development will partner with the Mesa Public School District, Mesa charter and private schools to offer the BLOOM Leadership Development program to high school girls. In addition, BLOOM will partner with Mesa based community colleges to offer the BLOOM program to college girls. BLOOM Development seeks to serve 100 students each semester, pairing them with 100 women leaders in the Arizona community for the structured mentoring program. In addition, the BLOOM Basecamp leadership conference is open to 200+ attendees and community internships will be available to 50+ students. The agency estimates that the Mesa community will comprise approximately 20% of participation.

## **Discussion**

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for BLOOM Development to file their application by June 1, 2018 and be considered for funding from Tohono O'odham Nation. Mesa's participation in Proposition 202 Indian Gaming Grants has returned 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 BLOOM Development to seek an alternate local government for access to this funding source.

## **Fiscal Impact**

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