



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 by Junior Achievement of Arizona, Inc. to the Gila River Indian Community for a total of \$50,000 to support financial literacy programs.

Strategic Initiative:



Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for Junior Achievement of Arizona, Inc.'s application to the Gila River Indian Community for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$50,000 for programs teaching financial literacy, entrepreneurship and workforce readiness programs for 1,388 kindergarten through 12th grade students. The Council Resolution supports this effort to secure the grant and commits the City to receive it on behalf of Junior Achievement of Arizona, 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 Junior Achievement of Arizona, Inc.'s programs within Mesa Public Schools through their JA BizTown® and JA Finance Park®. These programs bring the free enterprise system to life in the classrooms, while teaching young people the importance and economic impact of staying in school.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Junior Achievement of Arizona, 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 sponsorships for this request and require Junior Achievement of Arizona, 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 Junior Achievement of Arizona, 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.