



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 the City of Mesa Police Department to the Tohono O'odham Nation for \$24,150 to support the R.A.D. program.

Strategic Initiative:



Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for City of Mesa Police Department's application to the Tohono O'odham Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$24,150 in support for their Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) program. 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 Police Department in their expansion of the R.A.D. program providing ongoing women's self-defense classes. Funding will support free classes for up to an additional 120 women in the east valley. These programs include educational components comprised of lecture, discussion, and physical resistive strategies. In 2012 within the City of Mesa there were 172 rapes and 1,150 aggravated assaults. Additionally, this funding will allow the program instructors to acquire additional training expand this program to include R.A.D. for kids.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for City of Mesa Police Department to file their application by June 14, 2013 and be considered for funding from the Tohono O'odham Nation. 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 Police 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 Police Department will be negligible except overhead expenses in accounting to manage the grant funding.