



City Council Report

Date: April 21, 2025
To: City Council
Through: Scott J. Butler, Assistant City Manager
From: Sharon Skinner, Grants Coordinator
Subject: Resolution of support for the submittal of a grant application by Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$10,000 to support out-of-school-time youth development programming and approving the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds as a pass-thru grant.

Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley's application to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$10,000 in funding to support out-of-school-time youth development programming. 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

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley (BGCAZ) is a local non-profit organization whose mission is to empower young people, especially those who need them most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible members of the community and is the largest childcare provider in the Valley.

Boys and Girls Clubs seeks support for their Mesa-located Grant Woods Club, serving primarily Mesa youth. BGCAZ provides out-of-school-time youth development programming for low- to-moderate income youth, ages 5 – 18, year-round. Programming centers on four Priority Outcomes: 1) Academic Success, 2) Healthy Lifestyles, 3) Good Character & Leadership, and, 4) Career Pathways and Workforce Readiness.

At the Grant Woods Club in Mesa, 88% of youth are persons of color, 67% live with a single parent or adult other than a biological parent, and 74% come from families living at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. Most have experienced at least one Adverse Childhood Experience (ACEs) shown to have long-term negative health

consequences into adulthood.

Mesa families benefit from having a low-cost childcare option where children are safe, allowing family adults to keep jobs—93% of parents say participation in BGCAZ allows them to keep their job. An independent study shows that for every \$1 invested in BGCAZ, \$15.60 is returned.

It is anticipated that 418 Mesa residents will be served by this program

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for the organization to file their application by the funder's deadline and be considered for funding from Fort McDowell Yavapai 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 the organization 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, 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.