



City Council Report

Date: September 17, 2018

To: City Council

Through: Scott J. Butler, Deputy City Manager, Government Relations

From: Sharon Skinner, Grants Coordinator

Subject: Resolution approving and authorizing the City Manager to accept Proposition 202 funds from the Gila River Indian Community and administer awarded funds as pass-thru grants to designated awardees. (Citywide)

Purpose and Recommendation

This requested resolution will approve and authorize the City Manager to accept Proposition 202 funds from the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) and administer awarded funds as pass-through grants to designated awardees.

The Gila River Indian Community wishes the City of Mesa to receive and distribute \$348,548 from its 2018 12% revenues for grants as follows:

Furnishing Dignity - \$30,000.00 to provide essential home furnishings to youth aging out of foster care, and individual and families transitioning from homelessness.

Junior Achievement of Arizona, Inc., - \$35,000.00 to provide JA's Biztown Program to Low-Income Mesa Students

Native American Fatherhood and Families Association - \$203,548.00 (2-year grant) to help fund direct services for fathers and their families living or working in Mesa.

Mesa Chamber of Commerce Business in Education Foundation - \$60,000.00 (3-year grant) to support teen suicide prevention, particularly among East Valley teens, by providing speakers, training, and resources to teens, parents, and others who work with teens.

Save the Family - \$20,000.00 to house homeless families with children, provide services that will help homeless and impoverished families regain and sustain self-

sufficiency, and provide children's programs in an effort to halt cycles of homelessness and poverty.

Staff recommends approval of this resolution.

Background

Proposition 202, passed with the 2002 Gaming Compact in Arizona, directs participating Tribal Governments to share 12% of their gaming revenues with surrounding local governments. Nonprofit organizations are only eligible to compete with a local government agreeing to serve as a pass-through agent.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Gila River Indian Community to move forward with funding the selected awardees. Proposition 202 Indian Gaming Grants has returned over \$10 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 awarded organizations access to this funding source.

Fiscal Impact

These pass-through grants will have a negligible fiscal impact in the form of administration costs to accept payment and cut checks for fund disbursement.