



City Council Report

Date: April 20, 2020
To: City Council
Through: Scott J. Butler, Deputy City Manager, Government Relations
From: Sharon Skinner, Grants Coordinator
Subject: Resolution of support for the submittal of a grant application by Junior Achievement of Arizona to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$10,000 to provide K-12 Financial and Career Literacy In-Classroom programming and approving 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 Junior Achievement of Arizona's application to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$10,000 in funding to provide K-12 Financial and Career Literacy In-Classroom 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 this program serves the needs of City of Mesa residents, staff recommendation is for Council to adopt this resolution.

Background

Junior Achievement of Arizona is an established local non-profit with a long history of providing financial literacy, workforce readiness, and entrepreneurship education for youth.

The K-12 Financial and Career Literacy In-Classroom program complements what educator partners are already doing to prepare students to succeed in the future, both personally and professionally. This program will provide Mesa's students with an education that focuses on financial literacy, workforce readiness, and entrepreneurship. The program will teach students basic financial concepts and money management skills such as budgeting, saving, investing, how goods and services work in an economy, and the responsible use of credit.

This funding would allow Junior Achievement to provide financial literacy education 294 primarily low-income City of Mesa students.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Junior Achievement to file their application by May 1, 2020 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 Junior Achievement 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 Junior Achievement, 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.