



City Council Report

Date: April 16, 2018
To: City Council
Through: Christopher J. Brady, City Manager
From: Scott J. Butler, Deputy City Manager, Government Relations
Subject: Resolution of support for the submittal of a grant application by Mesa Arts Center to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$15,000 for Summer Arts & Culture for Kids (SACK) and Youth Classes and approving the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds. (Citywide)

Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for Mesa Arts Center's application to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$15,000 for Summer Arts & Culture for Kids (SACK) and Youth Classes. A Council Resolution supports this effort to secure a grant and commits the city to receive it on behalf of the department 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:

Mesa Arts Center provides extraordinary access to young people involved in the Summer Arts & Culture for Kids (SACK) camp and classes. MAC's seven-acre multidisciplinary visual and performing arts center houses four theaters, 14 art studios, and a five-gallery contemporary art museum. SACK youngsters have access to state-of-the-art facilities for metalworking, ceramics, painting, printmaking, glass, jewelry, sculpture, photography, welding, drama, dance and music. Led by professional teaching artists, youngsters are exposed to culture and arts in a fun, engaging, age-appropriate way.

SACK camp runs five days per week for eight weeks. The camp offers extended hours from 7 am until 6 pm for working parents, with 6.25 hours per day of instruction. SACK classes typically run one to two hours, one day per week for six-week sessions.

With the plethora of art offerings at MAC, in partnership with Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum, and through field trips to exhibitions at sister institutions within walking distance, including the i.d.e.a. Museum and the Arizona Museum of Natural History

(AzMNH), children gain hands-on, experiential exposure to the arts. Youngsters participate by the week in the summer camps or in specific focus, four-week classes. Mesa Arts Center will also offer tuition for individual Youth Classes with this funding.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Mesa Arts Center to file their application by May 1, 2018 and be considered for funding from Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation. Mesa's participation in Proposition 202 Indian Gaming Grants has helped invest 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 Mesa Arts Center to seek an alternate funding source for this program.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact on the City of Mesa, should this grant be awarded for Mesa Arts Center will be negligible except overhead expenses in accounting to accept and manage the grant funds and project related administrative costs.