



# 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 Gina's Team to the Gila River Indian Community for a total of \$75,000 over three years to support Gina's ATHENA Team project.

**Strategic Initiative:**



## Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for Gina's Team's application to the Gila River Indian Community for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$75,000 over a three year period for programs to improve transitions for recently released female felons from juvenile facilities and prisons. The Council Resolution supports this effort to secure the grant and commits the City to receive it on behalf of Gina's Team and pass it through in its entirety to them if awarded. Staff recommendation is for Council to adopt this resolution.

## Background

The requested grant will support Gina's Teams programs that serve female felons and recently released ones from prisons and juvenile facilities. Just last year over 1,000 ex-felons were released within the City of Mesa. If funded, this grant will support education inside of prison and support and mentorship for released ex-felons.

## Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Gina's Team to file their application by June 7, 2013 and be considered for funding from the Gila River Indian Community. 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 Mesa sponsorships for this request and require Gina's Team seek an alternate local government for access to this funding source.

## **Fiscal Impact**

The fiscal impact on the City of Mesa, should this grant eventually be awarded for Gina's Team 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 agreement with each tribe to limit our liability to only the pass through transaction.