



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 City of Mesa Police Department to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$96,000 for their Youth Development programs 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 City of Mesa Police Department's application to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$96,000 to purchase two vans to transport youth participating in their Youth Development programs, including MESA program and the Cadet program. 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:

The mission of the unit is to focus on the needs of youth and parents, to empower youth to become successful members of the community while building a positive relationship with the police. The unit currently operates an after-school program out of Kino Junior High School, a teen court program with Mesa Counts on College, a police athletics league at Eagles Recreation Center and Boys and Girls Club, and a cadet program at the police training facility. Through these programs, police personnel mentor youth through fitness, education and leadership programs.

Each one of these programs serves approximately 30 youth during each session that runs throughout the year. Some of these programs run concurrently, so we are serving approximately 60 to 90 youth at various locations during the same timeframe. Awarded funding will serve approximately 400-450 youth a year through the programs and approximately 1500 additional youth through community partnership events.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for City of Mesa Police Department 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 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 City of Mesa Police Department 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 City of Mesa Police Department will be negligible except overhead expenses in accounting to accept and manage the grant funds and project related administrative costs.