



City Council Report

Date: September 22, 2025

To: City Council

Through: Miranda DeWitt, Government Relations Director

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. (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.

The Gila River Indian Community wishes the City of Mesa to receive and distribute \$569,675.00 from its 2025 12% revenue award cycle for grants as follows:

- Mesa Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities, Mesa Parks and Recreation Scholarship Funding - \$50,000.00
- Native American Fatherhood and Families Association, Transforming Tomorrow's Youth Program - \$50,000.00 /2 years @ \$25,000 per year
- Gene Lewis Boxing Club and Youth Center, Ready for Take-Off! - \$95,000.00 /2 years @ \$45,000 year 1, \$50,000 year 2
- Desert Sounds Performing Arts, The Jeremy Project - \$24,675.00
- Southwest Shakespeare Company, Enhancing Literacy and Expanding Horizons through Theatre Experiences - \$80,000.00 /2 years at \$40,000 per year
- Anthology, Inc., Mesa Book Festival - \$15,000.00 /3 years @ \$5,000 per year
- Cultural Coalition, Inc., After School Arts Program at El Rancho del Arte - \$25,000.00
- Circle the City, East Valley Medical Respite Center - \$100,000.00 (funding in part)
- Stardust Non-Profit Building Supplies, Inc., Gifts in Kind - \$15,000.00
- Save the Family Foundation of Arizona, Homeless Families Intervention Project - \$100,000.00
- House of Refuge, Inc., Transitional Housing for Homeless Families - \$15,000.00

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.