



City Council Report

Date: November 17, 2025
To: City Council
Through: Miranda DeWitt, Government Relations Director
From: Sharon Skinner, Grants Coordinator
Subject: Resolution approving and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) and administer awarded funds as pass-through grants to designated awardees.
Citywide

Purpose and Recommendation

The requested resolution will authorize the City Manager to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement on behalf of the City of Mesa with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) to receive and disburse grants totaling \$1,615,000 in Proposition 202 Funds. **(Citywide)**

The specific grant funding amounts and recipients are:

- \$300,000.00 to the **City of Mesa** for four city programs: Fire and Medical Department, Community Health Immunization Program (\$100,000); Falcon Field, Sustainability Plan (\$99,000); Mesa Library, Digital Wall (\$55,500); Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities, Teen program Expansion (\$45,500).
- \$200,000.00 to **A New Leaf** for Emergency homeless and domestic violence shelter service programs.
- \$ 50,000.00 to **U.S. Vets – Phoenix** to support mental health services for homeless and at-risk veterans. Funding would be used to expand services in Maricopa County.
- \$ 100,000.00 to the **Child Crisis Center** for the Family Education and Resource Distribution Center to provide families with the support and resources they need to improve family stability and wellness.
- \$ 50,000.00 to **Alice Cooper's Solid Rock Teen Center** for the Play Ball, physical fitness for non-athletic youth program to improve the health of youth.

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- \$ 20,000.00 to **Visit Mesa** for the Allegiant Non-stop flight markets campaign.
- \$175,000.00 to the **United Food Bank** for the Emergency Food Assistance Produce Box Program.
- \$100,000.00 to the **Paz De Cristo** for relief services to empower individuals that include: food assistance, clothing, and empowerment services.
- \$200,000.00 to the **Arizona Museum of Natural History** for the Mobile Exploration and Discovery (MEAD) program to provide hands on science and literacy education.
- \$ 30,000.00 to **First Tee Phoenix** for the On Course, School, and Community Outreach programs to enhance youth development.
- \$300,000.00 to the **Mesa Public Schools** for the Pathway to Success: Continuing the journey of empowering students through community partnerships.
- \$ 40,000.00 to the **Strong Enough Boxing Club** for the Strong Enough to lead: Youth Boxing and character program.
- \$ 50,000.00 to **A Mighty Change of Heart** for personalized support for Foster/Kinship Children in Arizona.

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

The SRPMIC has elected to distribute a total of \$1,615,000 to the City of Mesa and local non-profit organizations. SRPMIC does not require a resolution of support for applicants to apply for funding. To disburse this funding to entities other than the City, the City must first enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with SRPMIC for the receipt and distribution of funds.

Alternatives

The only alternative to authorizing this Intergovernmental agreement is to deny it. Such action would negate the grants to the entities, including \$300,000 in funding for the City of Mesa Fire and Medical Department, Falcon Field, Mesa Library, and Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities and return the funds to the SRPMIC for

redistribution to other local governments of their choosing.

Fiscal Impact

\$300,000 will support City of Mesa Departments in providing programmatic services.

Overall operations and maintenance expenses will not increase due to this grant.

The other pass-through grants will have a negligible fiscal impact in the form of administration costs to accept payment and cut checks for fund disbursement.

Coordinated With

Staff has coordinated with the Mesa Fire and Medical Department, Falcon Field, Mesa Library, and Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities staff, who helped to prepare the funding request.

SRPMIC invited the City of Mesa to apply.

SRPMIC does not accept unsolicited grant requests.