



# 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 from Arizona Foundation For Women to the Gila River Indian Community for a total of \$105,000 to support their Live and Learn assistance program.

**Strategic Initiative:**



## Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for Arizona Foundation For Women's application to the Gila River Indian Community for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$35,000 per year over 3 years for a total of \$105,000 in program expenses for their *Live and Learn* assistance for survivors of domestic violence, substance abuse, and/or homelessness. The Council Resolution supports this effort to secure the grant and commits the City to receive it on behalf of Arizona Foundation For Women 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 Arizona Foundation For Women in their service to women in crisis. They focus on improving the lives of victims of domestic violence with emergency shelter and counseling services for business/life skills, career training, employment opportunities, and post job placement support.

## Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Arizona Foundation For Women 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 sponsorship for this request and require Arizona Foundation For Women 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 Arizona Foundation For Women 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.