



City Council Report

Date: May 1, 2014
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 Gene Lewis Boxing Club to the Gila River Indian Community requesting a total of \$35,000 to support their Building Futures, One Child at a Time program.

Strategic Initiative:



Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for Gene Lewis Boxing Club's application to the Gila River Indian Community for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$35,000 for their Building Futures, One Child at a Time program. The Council Resolution supports this effort to secure the grant and commits the City to receive it on behalf of Gene Lewis Boxing Club, 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 Gene Lewis Boxing Club in their efforts to provide a program to teach the basics of physical fitness, goal setting, physical education, weight management and self-discipline. The club works with youth and adults from disadvantaged and "at-risk" backgrounds to prepare them for life's challenges and confronts the problems leading to truancy and school drop-outs. The Club serves youth from the East Valley but their largest base is located in Mesa. The gym population is comprised of primarily "at-risk" youth, seeking alternatives to gang involvement and criminal activities.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Gene Lewis Boxing Club to file their application by June 6, 2014 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 Gene Lewis Boxing Club 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 Gene Lewis Boxing Club 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 MOU with each tribe to limit our liability to only the pass-through transaction.