



# City Council Report

**Date:** October 2, 2023  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Scott J. Butler, Assistant City Manager  
**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 \$1,210,000.00 in Proposition 202 Funds. **(Citywide)**

The specific grant funding amounts and recipients are:

\$300,000.00 to the **City of Mesa** for Fire and Medical Department, Immunization Program (\$100,000); Environmental and Sustainability - Trees for Heat Mitigation (\$48,000) City Manager's Office, Special Projects – MacDonald Plaza Pilot Project (\$72,000), Mesa K-Ready, Kindergarten Readiness Program (\$40,000); and Arts and Cultural Department, Mesa Arts Center, MCA Disadvantaged Artist Support (\$40,000).

\$200,000.00 to **A New Leaf** for homeless and domestic violence shelter services.

\$ 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 Educating Caregivers to Keep Children Safe program. Programming will focus on family Education and the FANS distribution center.

\$ 50,000.00 to **Alice Cooper's Solid Rock Teen Center** for programming of A Safe and Creative Space for Teens. The goal to provide teens with skill building, job mentoring, job placement, and develop is to build skills, be mentored, and develop artistic skills in music, dance, photography, etc.

\$ 20,000.00 to **Visit Mesa** for the Mesa Nightlife and Events Campaign to market the growing nightlife activities in Mesa.

\$175,000.00 to the **United Food Bank** for the Emergency Food Assistance Produce Box Program.

\$ 75,000.00 to the **Arizona Museum of Natural History** for an internship initiative to train science professionals in an inclusive environment.

\$150,000.00 to **Sun Life Health** for the purchase of an automated medicine dispenser unit.

## **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 SRP-MIC has elected to distribute a total of \$1,210,000 to the city of Mesa and local non-profit organizations. SRP-MIC 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 SRP-MIC 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, Environmental and Sustainability, City Manager's Department (Special Projects and Mesa K-Ready), and Mesa Arts Center and return the funds to the SRP-MIC for redistribution to other local governments of their choosing.

## **Fiscal Impact**

**Mesa Fire and Medical Department** Immunization Program: (\$100,000).

**Special Projects** MacDonald Plaza Pilot Project: (\$72,000).

**Environment and Sustainability** Trees for Heat Mitigation: (\$48,000).

**Mesa Arts Center** MCA Disadvantaged Artist Support: (\$40,000).

**Mesa K-Ready** Kindergarten Readiness: (\$40,000).

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, Environmental & Sustainability, Mesa Arts Center, Special Projects, and Mesa K-Ready, staff, who helped to prepare the funding request.

SRPMIC invited the City of Mesa to apply.

SRPMIC does not accept unsolicited grant requests.