



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 by the City of Mesa Parks, Recreation and Commercial Facilities Department to the Gila River Indian Community for \$62,250 over three years to support their Youth Sports Access and Safety Program.

Strategic Initiative:



Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for City of Mesa Parks, Recreation and Commercial Facilities Department's application to the Gila River Indian Community for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$62,250 over three years in support of their efforts to increase participation in their Youth Sports Access and Safety Program. The Council Resolution supports this effort to secure the grant and authorizes the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement if awarded. Staff recommendation is for Council to adopt this resolution.

Background

The requested grant will support Mesa Parks in their efforts to include more participation from economically challenged youth in youth sports. The requested funding will provide outreach events, league scholarships, staff training in safety, coach training, educational materials for parents, and take home sports equipment for 200 youth, personal safety equipment and athletic shoes.

The City of Mesa Youth Sports program currently serves approximately 2,000 youth annually with growing wait lists of 20 youth per program and an estimated additional 500-700 youth who are deterred from participating due to cost, access, or other barrier.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for City of Mesa Parks, Recreation and Commercial Facilities Department 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 the City's Parks Department access to this funding source.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact on the City of Mesa, should this grant eventually be awarded for the City's Parks Department will be negligible except overhead expenses in accounting to manage the grant funding.