



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 Boy Scouts of America, Grand Canyon Council, to the Gila River Indian Community for a total of \$125,000 to expand their traditional scouting programs.

Strategic Initiative:



Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for Boy Scouts of America, Grand Canyon Council's application to the Gila River Indian Community for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$125,000 to expand their traditional Scouting programs. The Council Resolution supports this effort to secure the grant and commits the City to receive it on behalf of Boy Scouts of America 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 Boy Scouts of America Grand Canyon Council in their service to youth across Arizona. Specifically the assistance will expand traditional Scouting programs within the community including Cub Scout (ages 6-10), Boy Scouts (ages 11-to 18) and Venturing and Exploring (Co-ed programs that are based on special interests such as high adventure and career exploration).

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Boy Scouts of America Grand Canyon Council to file their application 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 sponsorships for this request and require Boy Scouts of America Grand Canyon Council 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 Boy Scouts of America Grand Canyon Council 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.