



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 Mesa Community College Athletic Department to the Gila River Indian Community for a total of \$45,000 over three years to provide scholarships to the Fiesta Bowl Junior College Shootout.

Strategic Initiative:



Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for Mesa Community College Athletic Department's application to the Gila River Indian Community for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$45,000 over three years to provide scholarships to the Fiesta Bowl Junior College Shootout. The Council Resolution supports this effort to secure the grant and commits the City to receive it on behalf of Mesa Community College Athletic Department, 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 Mesa Community College Athletic Department in providing matching funds for scholarships for worthy college age students to the Fiesta Bowl Junior College Shootout which is held on their campus in January each year. The event is a showcase basketball event which hosts seven collegiate teams from across the United States and exposes them and their families and supporters to the Mesa area. The event brings the best of Junior college basketball to Mesa.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Mesa Community College Athletic 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 Mesa sponsorship for this request and require Mesa Community College Athletic Department 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 Mesa Community College Athletic Department 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.