



City Council Report

Date: August 21, 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 accept Proposition 202 funds from the Gila River Indian Community and administer awarded funds as pass-thru grants to designated awardees. (Citywide)

Purpose and Recommendation

This requested resolution will approve and authorize the City Manager to accept Proposition 202 funds from the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) and administer awarded funds as pass-through grants to designated awardees.

The Gila River Indian Community wishes the City of Mesa to receive and distribute \$442,888 from its 2023 12% revenue award cycle for grants as follows:

\$65,888/1 year to City of Mesa Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities to install the Eagles Center Gymnasium Curtain Divider to increase community space

\$17,000/1 year to Desert Sounds Performing Arts, Inc. for the Jeremy Project to provide musical instruments to marginalized youth

\$75,000/3 years to Central Arizona Shelter Services for CASS Senior Haven in Mesa

\$75,000/2 years to Gene Lewis Boxing Club for the Saving Tomorrow, Serving Today after school services program

\$200,000/2 years to Child Crisis AZ (2-year grant) for their Fostering Bright Futures Expansion

\$10,000/1 year to Family Promise – Greater Phoenix for their Family Promise Emergency Shelter Program to provide services to Mesa families

Staff recommends approval of this resolution.

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

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Gila River Indian Community to move forward with funding the selected awardees. Proposition 202 Indian Gaming Grants has returned over \$10 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 awarded organizations access to this funding source.

Fiscal Impact

These pass-through grants will have a negligible fiscal impact in the form of administration costs to accept payment and cut checks for fund disbursement.