



# City Council Report

**Date:** Monday, June 3, 2024  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Candace Cannistraro, Deputy City Manager  
**From:** Andrea Moore, Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities  
Department Director  
**Subject:** Intergovernmental Agreement with Arizona Game and Fish  
Commission for the Community Fishing Program  
Citywide

## Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to request Council authorization for the City Manager or his designee to renew the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Arizona Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) to administer the Community Fishing Program in Mesa. Staff recommends approval of the resolution authorizing the IGA.

## Background / Discussion

The Community Fishing Program encompasses a five-year agreement to provide sport fishing recreational opportunities at Eastmark Great Park, Greenfield Park, Red Mountain Park, and Riverview Park Lakes (City Lakes). Through the Community Fishing Program (CFP), AGFC stocks fish, promotes fishing, offers community educational programs, administers Community Fishing Licenses, monitors water quality and biological indicators of fish habitat, conducts periodic angler surveys, enforces regulations, and provides advice and technical assistance to Parks, Recreation, & Community Facilities (PRCF) on lake and fishery management.

The City of Mesa (City) and AGFC have maintained an IGA for the Community Fishing Program for over 24 years. The program has been positive and popular with the citizens of Mesa. City Lakes attract thousands of anglers throughout the year. The IGA with AGFC has been very beneficial in providing guidance and feedback related to water quality, fish habitat and educational opportunities for the community.

## Alternatives

Council may choose to deny approval of this IGA. Without it and the programs it supports, fish populations and habitat would decline. All four locations would cease to provide viable fishing opportunities.

## Fiscal Impact

The following table shows the fiscal impact of the IGA for the CFP. The total impact

to the City is \$217,447 over the life of the IGA.

	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
Eastmark	\$ 5,900.00	\$ 6,077.00	\$ 6,259.00	\$ 6,447.00	\$ 6,641.00
Greenfield	\$ 6,002.00	\$ 6,182.00	\$ 6,368.00	\$ 6,559.00	\$ 6,755.00
Red Mountain	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 19,055.00	\$ 19,627.00	\$ 20,215.00	\$ 20,822.00
Riverview	\$ 10,555.00	\$ 10,872.00	\$ 11,198.00	\$ 11,534.00	\$ 11,880.00
Totals	\$ 40,957.00	\$ 42,186.00	\$ 43,452.00	\$ 44,755.00	\$ 46,098.00

The funding source to pay the annual fees is from the General Fund and Environmental Compliance Fee in the Park Maintenance operational budget.

The total impact of this IGA increased 134.15% from the outgoing IGA. The increase is a result of AGFC program changes in stocking strategies; an increase in the cost of purchasing fish and transporting them; and the addition of Eastmark Great Park in FY22/23.

**Coordinated With**

The City Attorney's Office has approved this IGA as to form.