



# City Council Report

**Date:** August 29, 2022  
**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-through 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 \$535,000 from its 2022 12% revenue award cycle for grants as follows:

\$15,000/1 year to House of Refuge, Inc. for House of Refuge Adopt a Home to provide transitional housing and wrap-around services for homeless families

\$17,500/1 year to Desert Sounds Performing Arts, Inc. for the Jeremy Project to provide musical instruments to marginalized youth

\$300,000/2 years/\$150,000 per year to Arizona Museum of Natural History Foundation for the Sonoran Desert's First Peoples Exhibit

\$25,000/1 year to Junior Achievement of Arizona - \$25,000/1 year for JA BizTown and JA BizTown Adventures access to low-income Mesa students

\$150,000/3 years/\$50,000 per year to Arizona Burn Foundation for their Community Smoke Alarm Program

\$20,000/1 year to Family Promise – Greater Phoenix for their Family Promise Emergency Shelter Program to provide services to Mesa families

\$7,500/1 year to Anthology, Inc. to support the Mesa Book Festival

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.