



# 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 ASU Foundation to the Tohono O’odham Nation requesting a total of \$15,000 to support their collaboration with Sasha and Rodney Glassman on the Jeremy Jackrabbit book distribution project.

**Strategic Initiative:**



## Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for ASU Foundation’s application to the Tohono O’odham Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$15,000 to the ASU Foundation to support their collaboration with Sasha and Rodney Glassman on the Jeremy Jackrabbit book distribution project. The Council Resolution supports this effort to secure the grant and commits the City to receive it on behalf of ASU Foundation, 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 ASU Foundation in their collaboration with Sasha and Rodney Glassman to print and provide Jeremy Jackrabbit storybooks focused on sustainability, renewability, and resource management free to every MPS school district and traditional public-school kindergartener in the City of Mesa. The overarching project includes a County-wide illustration competition in various school districts located within Phoenix (over 100,000 flyers distributed through the public school system to all K-8 grade students), the selection of between 50-75 student illustrations telling the story of Jeremy Jackrabbit, development of 5 hands-on lesson plans for Kindergarten classes aligned to common core standards and distribution of books to graduating Kindergartners in Maricopa County.

## **Discussion**

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for ASU Foundation and Sasha and Rodney Glassman to file their application by June 14, 2013 and be considered for funding from the Tohono O'odham Nation. 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 ASU Foundation and Sasha and Rodney Glassman to 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 ASU Foundation's collaborative project with Sasha and Rodney Glassman, 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.