



# City Council Report

**Date:** May 19, 2025  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Scott J. Butler, Assistant City Manager  
**From:** Sharon Skinner, Grants Coordinator  
**Subject:** Resolution of support for the submittal of a grant application by Mothers Against Drunk Driving to the Tohono O'odham Nation in the amount of \$9,000.00 for their Underage Substance Use Prevention program and approving the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds as a pass-thru grant.

## Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) application to Tohono O'odham Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$9,000.00.00 in funding for their Underage Substance Use Prevention program. A Council Resolution supports this effort to secure a grant and commits the city to receive it on behalf of the non-profit and pass it through in its entirety to them if awarded. As these programs serve the needs of City of Mesa residents, staff recommendation is for Council to adopt this resolution.

## Background

MADD is a 501c (3) nonprofit. Their stated mission is to end drunk and drugged driving, support the victims of these violent crimes, and prevent underage drinking and other drug use.

MADD is committed to educating and empowering youth to make safe and smart choices regarding underage substance use and impaired driving. Their Underage Substance Use Prevention interactive program engages students in a fun, impactful way ensuring that the message of not drinking alcohol or consuming other drugs until they are 21 resonates long after participation. To maximize effectiveness, they seek to incorporate alcohol impaired goggles into their intervention program focused around Homecoming and Prom. The goggles create a safe environment for youth to experience impairment simulation, allowing them to internalize the impacts on alcohol consumption in a way that is educational.

The anticipated number of residents served with this program is 500.

## **Discussion**

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for the organization to file their application by the funder's deadline and be considered for funding. Mesa's participation in Proposition 202 Indian Gaming Grants has returned over \$1 billion to Arizona communities since its passage in 2002 from 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 the organization 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 be awarded, 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 or IGA with each tribe to limit our liability to only the pass-through transaction.