



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 Alice Cooper's Solid Rock Teen Centers to the Tohono O'odham Nation in the amount of \$40,000.00 for their Physical Fitness and Health Education for Teens 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 Alice Cooper's Solid Rock Teen Centers application to Tohono O'odham Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$40,000.00.00 in funding for Physical Fitness and Health Education for Teens 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

Alice Cooper's Solid Rock Teen Centers is a local nonprofit agency whose purpose is to provide youth with a safe space to spend their time and to receive an outlet for creative expression and to also receive positive, adult mentorship from staff and volunteers.

The funds will be used to revise and expand their basketball court and to install astro turf for teens to have access to more sports/physical fitness programs - soccer, basketball, baseball, football, etc. Many teens are not engaged in a regular exercise program and this will provide many teens with free resources for a healthier lifestyle in their daily lives.

This program is anticipated to serve 900 Mesa residents.

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.