



# City Council Report

**Date:** April 26, 2017  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Christopher J. Brady, City Manager  
**From:** Scott J. Butler, Deputy City Manager, Government Relations  
**Subject:** Resolution of support for the submittal of a grant application by Mesa Arts Center to the Tohono O'odham Nation in the amount of \$25,000 for their Creative Aging: Arts Engagement for Adults with Dementia and Their Care Partners program and authorizing the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds.

## Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for Mesa Arts Center's application to Tohono O'odham Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$25,000 in funding for their Creative Aging: Arts Engagement for Adults with Dementia and Their Care Partners program, a six- to eight-week program that engages individuals with dementia and their caregivers in uplifting arts activities. 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

Mesa Arts Center's Creative Aging program is a six-to-eight-week Mesa Arts Center program that is open to community members, as well as selected care centers to engage older adults in the arts. Classes for able-bodied adults and those with dementia and their caregivers participate in several arts opportunities using the resources here at Mesa Arts Center including the Mesa Contemporary Arts museum, dance, art and acting studios. Currently serving more than 350 able-bodied adults and 50 older adults with dementia and their caregivers, the grant will allow Mesa Arts Center to provide services to two additional senior centers/care homes, with the goal of increasing participation by thirty percent during the grant period.

## Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Mesa Arts Center to file their application by June 1, 2017 and be considered for

funding from Tohono O'odham Nation. Mesa's participation in Proposition 202 Indian Gaming Grants has returned over \$1 billion to Arizona communities since its passage in 2002 from four 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 Mesa Arts Center, Inc. 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 for Mesa Arts Center, will be negligible except overhead expenses in accounting to accept and reissue the grant check.