



# City Council Report

**Date:** November 20, 2017  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Scott J. Butler, Deputy City Manager  
**From:** Sharon Skinner, Grants Coordinator  
**Subject:** Resolution of support for the submittal of a grant application by the Gene Lewis Boxing Club to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe in the amount of \$27,500, for their “Every Child a Champion” after-school program, and approving the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds as a pass-through grant.

## Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for the Gene Lewis Boxing Club’s application to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$27,500 for their “Every Child a Champion” after-school program to provide supportive educational activities, classes and instruction to at-risk students. The Council Resolution supports this effort to secure the grant and commits the City to receive it on behalf of Gene Lewis Boxing Club, 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 Gene Lewis Boxing Club in their efforts to provide a program to teach the basics of improved health through exercise and confronts the problems leading to truancy and school drop-outs. The club provides supportive classes, activities, and education that promote high school graduation, physical fitness, goal setting, academic success, weight management, anti-bullying and self-discipline. The Club serves youth from the East Valley but their largest base is located in Mesa. The gym population is comprised of primarily “at-risk” youth, seeking alternatives to gang involvement and criminal activities.

## Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Gene Lewis Boxing Club to file their application and be considered for funding from the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. 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 Gene Lewis Boxing Club 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 Gene Lewis Boxing Club 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, Grant-in-Aid Agreement, or Intergovernmental Agreement with each tribe to limit our liability to only the pass-through transaction.