



City Council Report

Date: September 20, 2021

To: City Council

Through: Scott J. Butler, Deputy City Manager, Government Relations

From: Sharon Skinner, Grants Coordinator

Subject: Resolution approving and authorizing the City Manager to accept Proposition 202 funds from the Gila River Indian Community and administer awarded funds as pass-through grants to designated awardees. (Citywide)

Purpose and Recommendation

This requested resolution will approve and authorize the City Manager to accept Proposition 202 funds from the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) and administer awarded funds as pass-through grants to designated awardees.

The Gila River Indian Community wishes the City of Mesa to receive and distribute \$185,100 from its 2021 12% revenue award cycle for grants as follows:

\$30,000.00 to Mesa Arts Center (2-year grant at \$15,000/yr) for its Creative Aging programming

\$20,100 to Mesa Parks, Recreation and Community for its Facilities Fun N Fitness Mobile Recreation Unit

\$90,000 to Helen's Hope Chest (3-year grant at \$30,000/yr) for supportive services homeless foster youth aging out of the AZ State foster care system

\$30,000 to Gene Lewis Boxing Club to support the "We Embrace the Challenge!" after-school services

\$15,000 to Desert Sounds Performing Arts, Inc. for the Jeremy Project to provide musical instruments to marginalized youth

Staff recommends approval of this resolution.

Background

Proposition 202, passed with the 2002 Gaming Compact in Arizona, directs participating Tribal Governments to share 12% of their gaming revenues with surrounding local governments. Nonprofit organizations are only eligible to compete with a local government agreeing to serve as a pass-through agent.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Gila River Indian Community to move forward with funding the selected awardees. Proposition 202 Indian Gaming Grants has returned over \$10 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 the awarded organizations access to this funding source.

Fiscal Impact

These pass-through grants will have a negligible fiscal impact in the form of administration costs to accept payment and cut checks for fund disbursement.