



City of Apache Junction

Development Services Department



DATE: August 3, 2016

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Bryant Powell, City Manager
Larry Kirch, Development Services Director

FROM: Heather Patel, Grants Administrator

SUBJECT: Proposition 202 State Shared Revenue Program Grant Application (s) for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

REQUEST

Presentation and discussion on Resolution No. 16-25 approving the submittal of an application from Superstition Fire and Medical District (“SFMD”) to the Gila River Indian Community State Shared Revenue Program for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

BACKGROUND

In November 2002, the voters of Arizona approved Proposition 202 which initiated new gaming compacts between the State of Arizona and the Native American tribes. An important provision of Proposition 202 was the sharing of gaming revenues with the State. Henceforth, tribes would be assessed by the State a percentage of their gross gaming revenue. Tribes had the option of either paying all of this assessment into a State managed fund or to pay 88% of the assessment into the State managed fund and retain 12% of the assessment for distribution as grants.

The Gila River Indian Community (“GRIC”) exercised its option to retain and administer 12% of State shared revenue. Known as the Gila River Indian Community State Shared Revenue Program, the Program makes “Distributions to cities, towns, or counties for government services that benefit the general public, including public safety, mitigation of the impacts of gaming, or promotion of commerce and economic development.” Gila River’s policy is to generally limit the distributions to cities, towns, and counties in Maricopa and Pinal Counties. Funding priorities include: 1) Public Safety (police, fire, EMS); 2) Transportation; 3) Health Care Services; 4) Economic Development; and 5) Education.

The law also stipulates that local nonprofits may submit applications to tribal entities if the nonprofit organization is “sponsored” by an appropriate municipality. In such cases, the municipality agrees to act as a conduit for the grant funds. The municipality receives the grant funds from the tribal entity and in turn issues a check to the nonprofit agency.

DISCUSSION

This year the GRIC revised its application procedures and no longer requires a city council resolution with the application. Rather should an application be recommended for funding by the community office for special funding, the GRIC would then request a resolution from the local government in support of the project.

The SFMD submitted an application in the amount of \$23,000 for the purchase of smoke detectors. Upon receipt of the resolution, the project will be forwarded to the GRIC governing body for final approval. After which a pass thru agreement will need to be executed in order for the city to receive the funds from GRIC and pass thru the funds to SFMD.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the city council review and discuss the proposed project and Resolution No. 16-25.

ACTION REQUIRED

Review and discuss project and resolution.

Attachment 1: Resolution No. 16-25