# Non-Profit Scholarship Match Program FY16-17

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# Background

- Non-Profit Scholarship Program
  - Provides matching funds to local non-profits to increase size or number of scholarships awarded to local students

  - $10,000 set aside in FY16-17 City Budget
    - GL Account: 10010000-53340

# Last Year

- Funded Two (2) Organizations
  - Maricopa Chamber of Commerce
    - $3,000

  - Friends of the Library
    - $2,000

# Recommendations

- Registering Non-Profits

- Request for Proposal

- Application

- Scoring/Evaluation

# Registering Non-Profits

- Require Non-Profits to fill out business license application
  - No or Nominal Fee for Non-Profits
    - Other Cities already do this
  - Enables better communication and resource sharing with Non-Profit community
    - eCivis, Scholarship Match, Grant Partnerships, other

# Request For Proposal

- Organization Eligibility
  - NEW Bullets
    - Must have Business License (pending approval)
    - Must Submit Letter of Commitment

  - Language Updated
    - Must provide evidence .. can financially match funds before funds are released
    - If previous recipient, must be current on reporting on previous funds or ineligible this year

# Request For Proposal .... cont

- Nature of Scholarship
  - All graduating high school students living within MUSD boundaries are eligible
  - Community Service is required
  - Scholarships of Non-Profits cannot mandate a program of study
  - Must be used for secondary/higher education opportunities beyond high school

# Application

- Part II
  - Added
    - Anticipated # of Scholarships
    - Anticipated # of Scholarships utilizing City Match funds
    - Anticipated Size of Scholarships

  - Removed
    - Proof of Availability – part of Eligibility Criteria

# Application ... cont.

- Part III
  - Organization Compliance Documents
    - Updated language
      - IRS 501(c) Letter
      - Current Listing of Board of Directors
    - Added
      - Letter of Commitment from Organization (NEW)
    - Removed
      - Letter of Agreement (this will happen at time of fund disbursement)

# Scoring/Evaluation

- Removed
  - Organization Eligibility

  - Nature of Scholarship

    - This will be done upfront by Grant Coordinator for City. This will allow NPE Committee to focus on the merits of the applications versus checking eligibility requirements.

# Scoring/Evaluation … cont.

- Removed
  - #1: Is the applicant 501 (c)?
  - #5: Do scholarships(s) mandate program of study?
  - #7: Is scholarship(s) limited to students living within MUSD boundaries?
    - These items will be checked by Grants Coordinator (City)

# Scoring/Evaluation ... cont.

- 100 points total
  - 25 points per question

  - Eliminated redundant questions

  - Eases process to review each application

# Questions?