



City of Maricopa

Legislation Text

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The Mayor and City Council shall hear and possibly take action to accept a grant award in the amount of \$15,000 from Ak-Chin Indian Community and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Maricopa and Ak-Chin Indian Community. This will support and expand an ongoing water safety program. Discussion and Action.

In 2002, Arizona tribes and the Governor concluded negotiations of a new standard form Tribal/State Gaming Compact (“Compact”), which was subsequently approved by the Arizona voters as Prop 202. In Section 12 of the Compact, each tribe agreed to contribute a portion of its gaming revenues in exchange for substantial exclusivity covenants by the State. Tribes must deposit 88% of this contributed revenue into the Arizona Benefits Fund. By law, the State must use this contributed revenue to support education, health care, and other programs that benefit Arizona residents. A tribe may elect to distribute the remaining 12% (the “12% Contribution”) directly to the cities, towns and counties of its choosing.

The Ak-Chin Indian Community (“Community”) has elected to award the 12% Contribution generated in 2020 directly through its Prop 202 12% Grant Program (“Grant Program”). Through the Grant Program, the Community accepts applications from cities, towns, counties, and other organizations seeking funding to support services that benefit the general public. The Community looks forward to supporting the Arizona community with grants made through the Grant Program.

In July 2020 the Maricopa Parks and Recreation Department submitted a grant application in the amount of \$15,000 to Ak-Chin Indian Community to expand a water safety program operated in partnership with the Maricopa Unified School District. The program is designed to prevent drownings and provide basic water safety lessons free of cost to the participant. The goal of the program is to ensure that every child has received basic water safety lessons by the time they leave 1st grade.

In November 2022 the Maricopa Parks and Recreation Department received award notification from Ak-Chin Indian Community.

The grant funds will help expand the program to include additional MUSD schools and charter schools by paying for transportation and instruction.

This item will be presented, if necessary, by Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Ulyot.

Staff recommends accepting the grant award in the amount of \$15,000 from Ak-Chin Indian Community and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Maricopa and Ak-Chin Indian Community.