



# City of Maricopa

## Legislation Text

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A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Gila River Indian Community in an amount not to exceed \$23,000 for the purchase of a K-9 and associated expenses for the Maricopa Police Department. Discussion and Action.

The passage of Proposition 202 by the Voters of Arizona in November 2000 set the stage for new gaming compacts between the State and the respective tribes. An important provision of Proposition was the sharing of gaming revenues with the State. A portion of the revenue to be shared can be retained by an Indian tribe and distributed itself. Proposition 202 allows an Indian tribe to make twelve percent (12%) of its total annual contribution in the following form: 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.

The Gila River Indian Community has decided to exercise its option to retain and administer the 12 percent of State-shared revenue itself.

The Community Council's policy is to generally limit the distributions to nearby cities and towns and counties but retain some flexibility to consider more distant but special situations.

- The priority areas the Community will initially concentrate funding on are:
  - Public Safety (police, fire, EMS)
  - Transportation Facilities
  - Health Care Services
  - Economic Development
  - Education

In addition to these priority areas, the Community reserves the right to utilize its discretion in funding special programs and projects not included in the above listing, for example, the Community could also invite a particular city, town or county to submit an application for a mutually negotiated project.

Maricopa Police Department is continually training officers in drug detection and maintains working relationships with law enforcement partners in an effort to stop the illegal flow of drugs which adversely affects Maricopa. The magnitude of drug abuse, illicit production and trafficking in narcotics and psychotropic substances, including synthetic or designer drugs, threatens the health and well-being of millions of individuals. Maricopa Police Department would like to add an additional K-9 to the police department along with equipment needed for the vehicle and associated expenses for the dog for one year which includes food and vet bills.

Staff recommends passing a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Gila River Indian Community in an amount not to exceed \$23,000 for the purchase of a K-9 and associated expenses for the Maricopa Police Department.