



# City of Maricopa

## Legislation Text

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A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona agreeing to act as the designated fiscal agent for the funding Power Networking Group if their grant application is funded by the Gila River Indian Community. Discussion and Action.

The City of Maricopa Mayor and City Council shall discuss and potentially sign a resolution agreeing to be the Fiscal Agent for Power Networking Group to obtain 12% Grant Program from the Gila River Indian Community if awarded funding.

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. 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, healthcare, 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.

For 2018, the Gila River Indian Community ("Community") has elected to award its 12% Contribution directly through its 12% Grant Program. Through the 12% 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 12% Grant Program.

Proposals must address one or more of the following priority areas:

- 1) Economic Development
- 2) Education
- 3) Healthcare and Health Services
- 4) Public Safety
- 5) Transportation

Power Networking Group is requesting \$65,000 to promote and strengthen small businesses within the City of Maricopa. Funding will be used for programming of small business networking events, employment networking events, professional development workshops specific to small and home based businesses.

Staff recommends Council approving a resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona supporting the submission of a grant application to the Gila River Indian Community for funding Power Networking Group and agreeing to act as the designated fiscal agent of such funding. Funding of awarded grant will be contingent on Power Networking Group providing proof of IRS Non Profit Status.

