



City of Maricopa

Legislation Text

File #: RES 18-15, **Version:** 2

The Mayor and City Council shall discuss and possibly take action to ratify a Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa, Arizona supporting the submission of a grant application to the Ak Chin Indian Community for funding F.O.R. Maricopa to provide food, opportunities and resources for low income individuals and businesses who meet the federal poverty guidelines in Pinal County and agreeing to act as the designated fiscal agent of such funding. Discussion and Action.

The City of Maricopa Mayor and City Council shall discuss and potentially ratify a resolution agreeing to be the Fiscal Agent for F.O.R. Maricopa to obtain 12% Grant Program from the Ak Chin Indian Community if awarded funding. Due to the cancellation of the first Council meeting in July and the grant deadline, this Resolution was previously signed by the Mayor to allow F.O.R. Maricopa to timely submit their grant application to the Ak Chin Indian Community. If the Council decides not to ratify this Resolution, the Ak Chin Indian Community and F.O.R. Maricopa will be notified immediately.

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 Ak Chin 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

F.O.R. Maricopa is requesting funds to provide food, opportunities and resources to low income individuals who meet the federal poverty guidelines in Pinal County.

This item will be presented by Jennifer Brown, Assistant to the City Manager.

City staff recommends Council ratify the Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maricopa,

Arizona supporting the submission of a grant application to the Ak Chin Indian Community for funding F.O.R. Maricopa and agree to act as the designated fiscal agent of such funding.