



City of Maricopa

Legislation Text

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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 to Maricopa Community Foundation for funding grant requests from local non-profits that serve the Maricopa area 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 sign a resolution agreeing to be the Fiscal Agent for Maricopa Community Foundation to obtain 12% Grant Program from the Ak Chin 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 2023, 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) Education
- 2) Public Safety
- 3) Health
- 4) Environment
- 5) Promotion of Commerce
- 6) Economic and Community Development

Maricopa Community Foundation is requesting \$30,000 and will use these funds for assisting a wide range of needful local non-profits that serve Maricopa, Ak-Chin residents, and local Pinal Country residents with grant awards for projects that further each of their respective missions. These organizations include Veterans, food banks, anti-drug coalitions, children’s safety and sports organizations, community arts programs and many more.

This item is being presented by Matt Kozlowski, Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

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 Ak Chin Indian Community for funding Maricopa Community Foundation and agreeing to act as the designated fiscal agent of such funding.