



## City Council Report

**Date:** November 17, 2008  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Christopher J. Brady, City Manager  
**From:** Johann Zietsman, Director of Arts and Cultural Department  
**Subject:** Resolution to accept a Heritage Grant for Mesa Grande Ruins development and authorize a preservation easement be placed on the property.  
Council District # 1

### Purpose and Recommendation

The Arizona Museum of Natural History is being awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Arizona State Parks' Heritage Fund for the development of interpretive facilities at Mesa Grande Ruins. The attached resolution authorizes the City Manager enter into a Grant Participant Agreement and allows for a 20 year preservation and conservation easement to be placed upon this city property as required by the grantor. Staff recommendation is for approving this resolution.

### Background

The Arizona Museum of Natural History successfully competed for a grant from the Arizona Historic Preservation Heritage Fund as authorized by Council Resolution # 9254, This \$100,000 award, matched with an earlier \$150,000 award from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community provides the necessary funding to initiate a Phase I development to include all underground conduit, interpretive signage, shade canopies, walkways, erosion control features and consulting fees. The goal is to provide the necessary public facilities to allow for the site to be opened to the general public for tours upon completion.

This requested resolution includes a required Preservation and Conservation Easement Deed be filed with the property that will protect the public interest for 20 years for archaeological and cultural purposes. It also authorizes the City Manager enter into a Grant Participant Agreement on behalf of the City of Mesa for the receipt of this grant.

### Discussion

The Preservation and Conservation Easement on City property at Mesa Grande is a requirement of the Arizona Heritage Grant Program as administered by the Arizona State Parks Board. The purpose of this is to protect the property's archaeological significance for the general public and to also protect the \$100,000 investment from the grant provided by the citizens of Arizona. Specific pay back provisions are

included with options commensurate with the years of public use should it become necessary to abandon/sell or cease public use of the property.

**Alternatives**

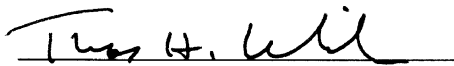
The alternative to not approving this resolution would require the City not accept the grant offer. This action would leave Phase I budget for the interpretive development short by \$100,000 and would require drastic cuts. The remaining \$150,000 in the account would not allow for the initial developments necessary to open the site for public use and education.


**Fiscal Impact**

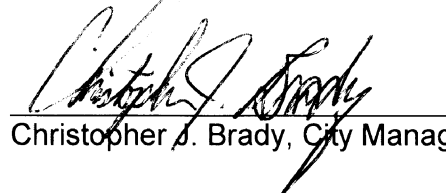
This action provides a positive revenue increase of \$100,000 to support the City's efforts in developing Mesa Grande Cultural Site as a public education facility. The operation and maintenance of a completed Phase I are completely covered by existing staff and volunteers at the Arizona Museum of Natural History.

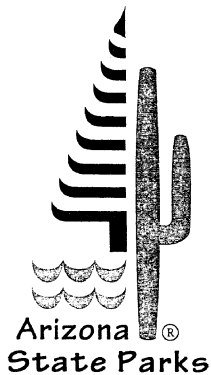
**Coordinated With**

Mesa Historical Advisory Board

  
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Tom Wilson, Director  
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Johann Zietsman, Arts and Cultural  
Director

  
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Christopher J. Brady, City Manager



"Managing and conserving natural, cultural, and recreational resources"  
October 15, 2008

Dear Historic Preservation Grant Recipient:

Congratulations on your successful FY 2008 1st Cycle Historic Preservation Heritage Fund Grant. Enclosed are copies of the Participant Agreement and the Preservation Conservation Easement Deed (PCED) to be signed by the individual authorized in your HP application resolution. In addition, your legal counsel must review the agreement as to form and as being within the authority of your agency to execute.

**RETURN ALL COPIES WITH ORIGINAL SIGNATURES** of the enclosed Participant Agreement (PA) and Preservation Conservation Easement Deed (PCED). The documents must be signed and returned to me by Monday December 1, 2008. In addition, a legal description for the property must be attached to the PCED. If the signed paperwork is not returned within this time period, the project may be considered for withdrawal by Arizona State Parks and it will be determined late for the Administrative Criteria component for future grants. A fully executed agreement, with the ASP executed date, will be sent to you after the ASP Executive Director signs it. Do not insert an effective date on the PCED. *With the exception of approved pre-award costs, costs incurred prior to an executed agreement will not be eligible for reimbursement.*

The enclosed guidelines detail the requirements for administering this grant and provide guidance for rehabilitating historic buildings:

- *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*
- *National Park Service Preservation Briefs*
- *Administrative Guidelines for Awarded Grants*
- *Historic Preservation Heritage Fund Grant Information for Awarded Grants*
- *Historic Preservation Heritage Fund Grant Process Map*
- *Arizona State Parks Project Plans, Specifications, and Bid Solicitation Information Memo*
- *Temporary Metal Heritage Fund Sign*

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) reviews historic preservation proposals in order to determine whether or not there may be any potential effects to any historic property resulting from the proposed work. In order to achieve compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Treatment of Historic Buildings (Standards) SHPO recommends hiring a qualified architect. *"Reference is made to a qualified architect. On condition that the referenced architect provides construction observation to assure that the work is in substantial conformance with construction documents and specifications prepared by the architect, the project should meet the Standards."*

If you would like to celebrate your award by having Arizona State Parks be a participant in an event acknowledging the Heritage Fund Grant Award, contact me for scheduling information. Should you have any questions, concerns, or comments, I can be reached at [vstrang@azstateparks.gov](mailto:vstrang@azstateparks.gov) or 602.542.4662. I look forward to working with you toward the completion of a successful historic preservation project.

Sincerely,

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Arizona State Parks  
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**COPY OF THE AGREEMENT IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST  
IN THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A GRANT PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT AND A PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION EASEMENT DEED ON THE CITY PROPERTY KNOWN AS MESA GRANDE RUINS. THESE ACTIONS WILL FACILITATE THE AWARD OF A \$100,000 GRANT FROM THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS HERITAGE FUND FOR INITIAL PUBLIC INTERPRETIVE FACILITY DEVELOPMENT ON THE SITE.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, AND ARIZONA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The Arizona Heritage Grants are administered by the Arizona State Parks Board for Historic Preservation. With City Council approval, the Arizona Museum of Natural History applied for a matching grant from this source for initial development of public facilities at Mesa Grande Ruins. The desire was to utilize an earlier award from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (\$150,000) as match to provide sufficient funding for a Phase 1 development which would provide the necessary amenities to allow the site to be opened for public interpretation and managed by the Museum.

Section 2: The Museum has been notified that their application ranked #2 in the State competition and the City has been offered a \$100,000 grant pending the execution of a Grant Participant Agreement and the approval of a Preservation and Conservation Easement on the subject city owned property.

Section 3: The Mesa City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute the Grant Participant Agreement with the Arizona State Parks Board on behalf of the City to receive this grant and also authorizes the development and execution of a Preservation and Conservation Easement Deed on the city property known as Mesa Grande Ruins.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008.

APPROVED:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk