



# City Council Report

**Date:** June 22, 2009  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Christopher J. Brady, City Manager  
**From:** Scott J Butler, Government Relations Director  
**Subject:** Resolution of Support for a grant application from Creative Innovations, Inc. for a \$50,000 request to the Gila River Indian Community.  
Citywide

## Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for Creative Innovations, Inc. application to the Gila River Indian Community for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$50,000 in funding for family preservation and social services within Mesa. A Council Resolution supports this effort to secure a grant and commits the City to receive it on behalf of the non-profit and pass it through in its entirety to them. Staff recommendation is for Council to adopt this resolution.

## Background

Creative Innovations, Inc. has been providing services for Mesa families referred by the Arizona Department of Economic Services for the past 10 years. With three staff therapists, 52 ethnically diverse Mesa families were served in the past year. Services are designed to enable families to take a fundamental role in prioritizing and resolving issues that led to a report of allegations of child neglect, abuse and/or the birth or a substance-exposed newborn. The resolution is required for consideration of their application by Gila River Indian Community. Non-profits are not allowed direct access to these funds per Proposition 202, but must secure the support of a local government sponsor. CI, Inc received a \$50,000 grant from the Ak Chin Indian Community with a supporting resolution from Mesa last year.

## Discussion


A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Creative Innovations, Inc. to file their application by June 30, 2009 and be considered for funding by the Gila River Indian Community. Mesa's participation in Proposition 202 Indian Gaming Grants has returned over \$3.2 million to our community since its passage in 2002 from four surrounding tribal governments.

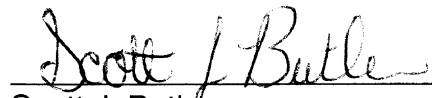
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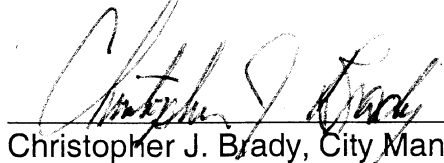
The only alternative to adopting this resolution would be to not adopt. Such an action would deny Mesa sponsorship for this request and require Creative Innovations, Inc. seek an alternate local government for access to this funding source.

**Fiscal Impact**

The fiscal impact on the City of Mesa should this grant eventually be awarded for Creative Innovations, Inc. will be negligible except overhead fees in accounting to accept and reissue the one grant check.

  
Jerry Dillehay, Grants Coordinator

  
Scott J. Butler  
Government Relations Director

  
Christopher J. Brady, City Manager

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY FOR PROPOSITION 202 FUNDS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED BY CREATIVE INNOVATIONS, INC. FOR THEIR FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAM WITHIN MESA.

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

Section 1: Arizona's Indian Gaming Compact provides that a Tribe makes twelve percent (12%) of its net annual State contribution to cities, towns or counties for government services that benefit the general public. Private, not-for-profit organizations wishing to access funding to provide public benefits must secure sponsorship from a city, town or county before making application. This must be expressed in a resolution passed by the local government sponsor.

Section 2: Creative Innovations, Inc. wishes to make application for \$50,000 in funding from the Gila River Indian Community's 12% Grant Program.

Section 3: The City Council supports this grant request for funding to assist with social service programs for Mesa families and if awarded, administer the funding directly to the non-profit agency as a pass-thru grant.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2009.

APPROVED:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

May 7, 2009

The Honorable Scott Smith  
Office of the Mayor  
P.O. Box 1466  
Mesa, Arizona 85211-1466

RE: Resolution of Support for Gila River Indian Community Gaming Revenue Grant

Dear Mr. Smith:

Since 1997, CI, Inc (Creative Innovations) has been providing services to the most vulnerable residents of Maricopa County, Arizona—substance-exposed newborns; dependent, neglected and abused children; families in crisis; survivors of domestic violence, and the mentally ill. CI, Inc. emphasizes knowledge, attitudes and policies that encourage staff to work effectively with diverse populations. The work of CI, Inc. focuses on helping children and families have safe and healthy lives.

CI, Inc., a Phoenix-based non-profit social service agency, seeks funding of \$50,000 for continued provision of its Family Preservation Program (FPP) services in the City of Mesa. FPP is a set of services designed to enable families to take a fundamental role in prioritizing and resolving issues that led to a report to Arizona Child Protective Services of allegations of child neglect, child-abuse and/or the birth of a substance-exposed newborn in the family. Services are tailored to meet the needs of each individual family and are tailored to meet the needs of families at various levels of risk.

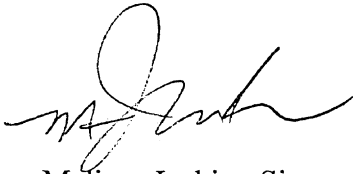
Families in Mesa are referred to CI, Inc. for FPP Services by the Arizona Department of Economic Services (DES). CI, Inc. provides FPP services in Mesa via three staff therapists. CI, Inc. has been providing these services for the past 10 years and in the last fiscal year, served 52 ethnically diverse Mesa families. CI, Inc. provides thorough DES-approved FPP training for its therapists in the areas of: family counseling, substance abuse, behavioral/mental health services, child development, child sexual abuse, mediation, crisis intervention and domestic violence.

Once CI, Inc. receives a referral from DES, the assigned therapist contacts the family and conducts a family visit and family assessment in order to develop an Initial Treatment Plan with the family. The treatment plan is designed to help parents learn effective, appropriate, and positive parenting skills, child management skills, coping skills, discipline techniques, communication skills, and home management skills. Treatment plans are also designed to help parents learn about infant and early childhood development, problem-solving, and how to develop healthy, caring, and nurturing relationships with their child/children.

The program's ultimate purpose is to ensure the health and safety of children and to promote healthy and stable families.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. We have had wonderful success with our Mesa program and look forward to working more closely with the City.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melissa Jenkins-Simon', written in a cursive style.

Melissa Jenkins-Simon  
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Jerry Dillehay