

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

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Amend No. _____

Date prepared: August 5, 2008

Council Meeting Date: August 26, 2008

TO: Carl Swenson, City Manager
THROUGH: Susan K. Thorpe, Deputy City Manager *SKT*
FROM: Larry Rooney, Interim Fire Chief *L. Rooney*
PREPARED BY: Kimberly Drabik, Management Analyst
SUBJECT: Resolution to authorize the submission of a grant proposal to the Gila River Indian Community for the purchase of a fireboat to be used for fire and emergency medical service provision at Lake Pleasant Regional Park.

RECOMMENDATION: The Peoria Fire Department requests that the City Council certify a resolution approving the submission of a grant proposal to the Gila River Indian Community for the purchase of a fireboat to be used for fire and emergency medical service provision at Lake Pleasant Regional Park.

SUMMARY:

In 1998 the Peoria Fire Department began providing fire and emergency medical (EMS) services as the jurisdiction of responsibility at Lake Pleasant Regional Park. Over the years, staffing has incrementally been expanded to the current level of operations which include two personnel, both paramedics, 8-12 hours per day, 365 days per year. The crew is equipped with advanced life support medical equipment and a brush truck.

While the fire department does not currently own its own fire boat, Pleasant Harbor Marina does make their fire boat available for fire department use. Marina personnel will meet fire department personnel and shuttle them to the calls if their boat is not in use. The marina's fire boat is utilized for towing, recovery, and similar operations as needed.

While this arrangement has provided water access most times when needed, the boat may not be available or may be delayed if in use by the Marina or after hours when a boat operator is not available. In addition, there are security, control, and perception issues if marina or other non-fire personnel are using a clearly marked fire boat as well as potential safety concerns with fire personnel responding on a piece of apparatus that

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is not owned, maintained, or operated by the Peoria Fire Department.

In a coordinated effort between the Fire Department and the City of Peoria Grant Coordinator, a grant proposal was submitted through the Arizona State Parks Board. The funding for this grant proposal was through the State Lake Improvement Fund (SLIF) and that grant proposal was taken to council for approval on February 19, 2008. On July 21, 2008, the City received word that the Arizona State Parks Board decided not to award the FY09 SLIF grants due to anticipated funding cuts in the upcoming year. The Grant Coordinator continued to research alternative grants to fund the fire boat and discovered that a grant was available through the Gila River Indian Community. The Gila River Indian Community is currently accepting grant applications for a State-Shared Revenue Grant Program. The Peoria Fire Department would like to submit a grant application in the amount of \$211,338 to fund the purchase of a fireboat.

FISCAL NOTE:

If the grant proposal is successful, the Peoria Fire Department has requested, through the Fiscal Year 2009 budget process an additional \$40,000 supplemental to support non-grant-eligible equipment necessary to put the apparatus into service. This supplemental has been approved and the funds allocated in fund 1000, department 1260, account 530019.

ATTACHMENT: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 08-117

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, MARICOPA COUNTY ARIZONA APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A WATERCRAFT (FIREBOAT) FOR THE PEORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT TO BE USED FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT LAKE PLEASANT REGIONAL PARK.

WHEREAS, the City of Peoria provides emergency fire and medical services to recreational users at Lake Pleasant Regional Park; and

WHEREAS, the Gila River Indian Community administers a State-Shared Revenue Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the public interest would best be served by the City submitting a grant application and ultimately receiving a grant award for a watercraft, trailer and equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Peoria City Council hereby:

1. Approves the filing of a grant application for Gila River Indian Community State-Shared Revenues funds for \$211,338;
2. Agrees to comply with all appropriate procedures and guidelines established by the Gila River Indian Community as part of this process;
3. Certifies that the City of Peoria has matching funds in the amount of \$40,000.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Peoria, Arizona, the 26th day of August, 2008.

CITY OF PEORIA, an Arizona municipal corporation

Bob Barrett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Jo Kief, City Clerk

APPROVED TO FORM:

Stephen M. Kemp, City Attorney