CITY OF TEMPE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Council Meeting Date: 06/27/2019
Agenda Item: 5A2

ACTION: Approve the recommended Diversity Unity Grant Program funding for fiscal year 2018/2019 in the amount of $26,000. Of these funds, $10,000 will be distributed between six schools in the Tempe Union High School District and one school in the Tempe Elementary School District, and $16,000 will be allocated to the Challenge Day Program.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds in the amount of $16,000 have been appropriated in the Strategic Management and Diversity General Fund cost center 1251 (Diversity). The remaining $10,000 will be disbursed directly by the Tempe Community Council.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Diversity Unity Grant Program funding recommendations for fiscal year 2018/2019.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Diversity Unity Grants have been generously awarded by the Mayor and City Council since 1994 to fund diversity programming in Tempe schools. These mini-grants promote diversity and inclusion while furthering the value of creating strong partnerships between our city and schools. The selection committee for the 2018/19 Unity Grant Program awards consisted of one member from each of the following groups: Tempe Human Relations Commission, Tempe Gay Straight Alliance, and Tempe Community Council Board.

This grant cycle, the city received requests for funding from six schools – Compadre, Marcos de Niza, McClintock, Mountain Pointe, and Tempe High School in the Tempe Union High School District, and Gililland Middle School in the Tempe Elementary School District. The grant dollars will fund Challenge Day at three schools: Gililland Middle School, Compadre Academy, and McClintock High School. Other items funded include Challenge Day lunches for the students and volunteers, post-Challenge Day activities, the Compadre Academy PACK Program, and a Women’s and Men’s Mentor Day program at Mountain Pointe.

ATTACHMENTS: Diversity Grant Program Funding

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