
**CITY OF TEMPE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Council Meeting Date: 06/23/2016
Agenda Item: 5A4**

ACTION: Approve the recommended Diversity Unity Grant Program funding for fiscal year 2015/2016 in the amount of \$21,000 to five schools in the Tempe Union High School District and one school in the Tempe Elementary School District.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds in the amount of \$16,000 have been appropriated in the Office of Strategic Management and Diversity 2015/16 General Fund adopted budget (cost center 1212) and funds in the amount of \$5,000 are available in the Tempe Community Council's budget for the anticipated expenditures.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Diversity Unity Grant Program funding recommendations for fiscal year 2015/16.

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. Historically the various schools have submitted proposals for funding to the Human Relations Commission through the Tempe Community Council. This past year, however, the program management and funding were transferred to the Diversity Office. The selection committee for the 2015/16 grant awards consisted of two members 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, Corona del Sol, Desert Vista, Marcos de Niza, and McClintock in the Tempe Union High School District, and Gililand Middle School in the Tempe Elementary School District. These schools all participated in Challenge Day this past January and are scheduled to host Challenge Day again in October, 2016. The grant dollars will fund post-Challenge Day activities, clubs and events at the schools.

ATTACHMENTS: 2015/2016 Diversity Grant Program Funding

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