



City Council Report

Date: April 6, 2015
To: City Council
Through: Christopher J. Brady, City Manager
From: Scott J. Butler, Assistant to the City Manager, Government Relations
Subject: Resolution of support for the submittal of a grant application by A New Leaf to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$50,000 for their La Mesita Homeless Family Shelter program, and approving the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds as a pass-through grant.

Strategic Initiative:



Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for A New Leaf's application to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$50,000 in funding toward the transition to and operation of a new 16-unit energy efficient family emergency homeless shelter at their La Mesita property on West Main Street in 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 if awarded. Staff recommendation is for Council to adopt this resolution.

Background

A New Leaf Inc., a 501c(3) non-profit operating in Mesa, is nearing completion of construction of its new La Mesita campus. The new shelter includes a Family Support Service area for residents. As part of the La Mesita Integrated Campaign, A New Leaf is raising programmatic funding to support the program during its transition to the new campus and ensure operations over the next five years.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for A New Leaf to file their application by May 1, 2015 and be considered for funding from Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation. Mesa's participation in Proposition 202 Indian Gaming Grants has returned over \$9 million to our community since its passage in 2002

from surrounding tribal governments.

Alternatives

The only alternative to adopting this resolution would be to not adopt. Such an action would deny Mesa sponsorship for this request and require A New Leaf, Inc. to 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 A New Leaf, Inc. will be negligible except overhead expenses in accounting to accept and reissue the grant check. The City does not administer the grant and signs an MOU or IGA with the tribe to limit our liability to only the pass-through transaction.