



City Council Report

Date: July 10, 2017
To: City Council
Through: Christopher J. Brady, City Manager
From: Scott J. Butler, Deputy City Manager, Government Relations
Subject: Resolution of support for the submittal of a grant application by AZMen to the Ak-Chin Indian Community in the amount of \$100,000 for their PROJECT 25 program and authorizing the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds as a pass-through grant.

Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for AZmen's application to Ak-Chin Indian Community for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$100,000 in funding for their PROJECT 25 Program to create awareness around sex and human trafficking and then educates the communities and their members on how to assist in fighting against it. 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. As these programs serve the needs of City of Mesa residents, staff recommendation is for Council to adopt this resolution.

Background

AZMen is an organization committed to the protection of Arizona women and children from human and sex trafficking. PROJECT 25 is collaborative project with key partners in the valley. This includes Maricopa and Pinal County Attorney offices, ten (10) police departments, seventeen (17) businesses, six (6) advocacy groups, and many more. PROJECT 25 is a program that creates awareness around sex and human trafficking and then educates the communities and their members on how to assist in this fight.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for AZMen to file their application by July 14, 2017 and be considered for funding from Ak-Chin Indian Community. Mesa's participation in Proposition 202 Indian Gaming Grants has returned over \$1 billion to Arizona communities since its passage in 2002 from four 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 AZMen, 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 be awarded AZMen, 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 each tribe to limit our liability to only the pass-through transaction.