



# City Council Report

**Date:** April 16, 2018  
**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 East Valley Adult Resources to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$15,000 for their Independent Living Volunteer Services program and approving 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 East Valley Adult Resources' application to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$15,000 in funding for their Independent Living Volunteer Services program. 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

East Valley Adult Resources (EVAR) is a local nonprofit agency that provides programs and services for the City of Mesa's older adults. EVAR's mission is to empower and support East Valley older adults and their families to remain independent and engaged in the community. Their Assistance for Independent Living Volunteer Services Program recruits, screens, trains, supervises, and matches volunteers with isolated low-income homebound seniors to provide companionship, respite for caregivers, and essential access and assisted transportation to medical appointments, pharmacies, and grocery stores. They anticipate serving 200 Mesa seniors through this program in 2018.

## Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for East Valley Adult Resources to file their application by May 1, 2018 and be considered for funding from Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation. 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 EVAR 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 for EVAR, 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.