



# 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 Project 25 World to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$15,000 for their Angels of Disruption 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 Project 25 World's application to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$15,000 in funding for their Angels of Disruption 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

Project 25 World is a local nonprofit agency whose mission is to collaborate with law enforcement organizations and community members to end sexual exploitation and sex trafficking by 2025. The organization's goals are: 1) To provide training to officers utilizing the latest technology to locate pimp networks who prey upon children in order to use them in human and sex trafficking operations, and 2) To expand services, in collaboration with partners, to provide education and prevention services.

With the requested funds, Project 25 World can train police officers in the skill sets necessary to effectively reduce human and sex trafficking in the East County. Those officers can then train other officers in their departments. It is difficult to determine the number of Mesa residents who will be impacted by this work, but a conservative estimate would be 75 individuals.

## Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation

for Project 25 World 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 Project 25 World 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 Project 25 World, 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.