



# City Council Report

**Date:** May 21, 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 Tohono O'odham Nation in the amount of \$15,000 for their Congregate and Home Delivered Meal programs 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 East Valley Adult Resources' application to Tohono O'odham Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$15,000 in funding for their Congregate and Home Delivered Meal programs. 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. Through leveraged local funding including support from Tohono O'odham Nation EVAR would be able to deliver nutritious meals to older adults via their Congregate and Home Delivered Meal programs. This funding would support weekday provision of a total of 130,000 hot meals next year to 3,000 seniors in Mesa.

## Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for East Valley Adult Resources to file their application by June 1, 2018 and be considered for funding from Tohono O'odham 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 East Valley Adult Resources 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 East Valley Adult Resources, 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.