



City Council Report

Date: April 15, 2019
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, Inc. to the Ak-Chin Indian Community in the amount of \$20,000 for their Foundation for their Chronic Disease Self-Management 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 East Valley Adult Resources, Inc.'s application to Ak-Chin Indian Community for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide East Valley Adult Resources, Inc. \$20,000 in funding for their Chronic Disease Self-Management 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, Inc. (EVAR) is a 501c(3) non-profit operating in Mesa. The agency's mission is to empower and support East Valley older adults and their families to remain independent and engaged in our community. Health is essential for quality of life and independence. As part of EVAR's Outreach and Social Services Program, the agency conducts the evidence-based Chronic Disease Self-Management program developed by Stanford University. These skill-building workshops are conducted in six-week series at a variety of community locations, with a small group of approximately 10 older adult participants meeting weekly. The program is proven nationwide to build self-confidence in managing one's own chronic health conditions. EVAR augments the program through individualized follow-up social service support.

Award funding will be used to conduct a minimum of ten six-week series during the grant period, serving at least 100 East Valley older adults; 90% or 90 participants are projected to be Mesa residents.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for East Valley Adult Resources, Inc. to file their application by 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 East Valley Adult Resources, 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 for East Valley Adult Resources, 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 each tribe to limit our liability to only the pass-through transaction.