



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 Save the Family Foundation of Arizona to the Ak-Chin Indian Community in the amount of \$50,000 for their Family, Adult's and Children's Empowerment Services (FACES) 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 Save the Family Foundation of Arizona's application to Ak-Chin Indian Community for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide Save the Family Foundation of Arizona \$50,000 in funding for their Family, Adult's and Children's Empowerment Services (FACES) 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

Save the Family Foundation of Arizona is a local 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. The agency's mission is to equip families to address poverty, overcome homelessness and achieve self-sufficiency. Save the Family Foundation of Arizona's FACES program is comprised of career development services, parent support and children's programs.

Last year, FACES was available to 688 families, and nearly half of families served are in Mesa. The projected number of Mesa residents to be served with this funding is 1,680 family members.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Save the Family Foundation of Arizona 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 Save the Family Foundation of Arizona 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 Save the Family Foundation of Arizona, 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.