



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 St. Joseph the Worker (SJW) to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$5,000 for their Employment Heals Communities 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 St. Joseph the Worker's application to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$5,000 in funding for their Employment Heals Communities 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 this program serves the needs of City of Mesa residents, staff recommendation is for Council to adopt this resolution.

Background

STW's Employment Heals Communities program provides impoverished job seekers with the respect, support, and resources they need to secure quality employment, and contributes significantly both to local economic development and ongoing community development toward safer and healthier communities.

St. Joseph the Worker collaborates with Mesa partner agencies, including Crossroads, St. Vincent de Paul, Goodwill, A New Leaf, and Paz De Cristo, many of whom regularly refer their clients to SJW for employment support services they do not provide within their own employment programs. SJW works with support from Mesa United Way and consistently serves the City of Mesa through a Mobile Success Unit (MSU) placed at Crossroads Red Mountain twice per month. If awarded, this funding will provide empowerment services for 50-100 individuals to become employed.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for St. Joseph the Worker to file their application by May 1, 2019 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 St. Joseph the Worker 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 St. Joseph the Worker, 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.