



City Council Report

Date: May 20, 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 Paz de Cristo Community Center to the Tohono O'odham Nation in the amount of \$20,000 for their Feed, Clothe, Empower 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 Paz de Cristo Community Center's application to Tohono O'odham Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$20,000 in funding for their Feed, Clothe, Empower 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

Food, clothing and support towards self-sufficiency are critical to helping those who find themselves struggling with becoming and remaining self-sufficient. Paz de Cristo Community Center serves as a single resource for the homeless, unemployed, working poor and other needy residents of Mesa. The organization receives an average of 7,000 visits each month from those seeking food, clothing, showers, AZ identification, government benefits and many other programs to move them toward self-sufficiency.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Paz de Cristo Community Center to file their application by June 14, 2019 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 Paz de Cristo Community Center 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 Paz de Cristo Community Center, 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.