



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 Save the Family Foundation of Arizona to the Tohono O'odham Nation in the amount of \$10,000 for their Step up to Independence 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 Save the Family Foundation of Arizona's application to Tohono O'odham Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$10,000 in funding for their Step Up to Independence 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

Funding will support families served through our Step Up to Independence program. Through Step Up to Independence, working poor homeless families are provided with housing, case coordination and supportive services to help them stabilize, focus on savings, and build financial independence. Families are directly referred to this program through Mesa Public Schools' Homeless Liaisons. Once housed, families in this program have access to and engage in case coordination services to help them identify steps to achieve financial and housing goals, and engage in classes and activities that increase their ability to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency over the long-term. The projected number of Mesa residents to be served is 32 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 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 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.