



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 City of Mesa Fire and Medical Department to the Tohono O'odham Nation in the amount of \$98,250 for Thermal Imaging Camera replacement, and approving the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds.

Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for City of Mesa Fire and Medical Department's application to Tohono O'odham Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$98,250 for Thermal Imaging Camera replacement. A Council Resolution supports this effort to secure a grant and commits the city to receive it on behalf of the department 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:

Mesa Fire and Medical Department seeks to improve public safety by replacing and improving their Thermal Imaging Camera equipment. These additional TICs will help in increasing our firefighter's safety, improve their ability to search for victims, and assist in locating fires before they destroy property. These new line of thermal imaging cameras also have the capability to take pictures which gives fire crew members the ability to capture images to aid the MFMD and the City of Mesa Police Department with investigations.

Current TICs are outdated and cost approximately \$10,000 per camera. The new cameras' estimated cost is \$750 per unit allowing the flexibility and capability to provide one for every sworn member's position on frontline apparatus.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for City of Mesa Fire and Medical Department 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 helped invest 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 City of Mesa Fire and Medical Department to seek an alternate funding source for this program.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact on the City of Mesa, should this grant be awarded for City of Mesa Fire and Medical Department will be negligible except overhead expenses in accounting to accept and manage the grant funds and project related administrative costs.