



## City Council

**Date:** June 1, 2020  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Natalie Lewis, Deputy City Manager  
Ruth Giese, Community Services Director  
**From:** Michelle Albanese, Housing and Community Development Director  
**Subject:** FY 2020/2021 Human Services Funding  
Council District: Citywide

### **Resolution Authorizing:**

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designated representative, to disburse fiscal year 2020/2021 Human Services funds to non-profit organizations for activities approved by the City Council and to enter into agreements for disbursement of Human Services funds.

### **Purpose and Recommendation**

The purpose of this report is to request the City Council approve the funding recommendations for Human Services programs for FY 2020/2021. The City Council was provided with recommendations on April 30, 2020 for activities to be funded under the provisions of the Human Services Program and approved all projects and funding allocations.

### **Background**

The City of Mesa Human Services Program provides grants for social service activities to community-based, non-profit organizations who are tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The funding for the Human Services Program comes from City general funds and A Better Community (ABC) utility billing donations. ABC provides opportunities for City of Mesa utility bill customers and residents to contribute to their community. All donations are tax deductible and are allocated to local non-profit agencies serving Mesa residents.

## **Discussion**

Human Services funding is available for programs that assist citizens to achieve or maintain independence and self-sufficiency, prevent long-term dependence on public resources, and encourage partnerships between government, the private sector, and non-profit service providers in addressing human service needs.

Staff utilizes the Community Safety Support Investment Model (Model) to make funding recommendations to Council. The Model guides: 1. The City of Mesa's efforts to use limited human services resources as wisely and effectively as possible to ensure the safety of the community; 2. Helps identify the programs that are most successful at improving community safety conditions; 3. Supports the Mesa City Council's priority of funding human service programs that impact community safety - those with outcomes that may have a direct impact on police, fire and safety services.

## **Fiscal Impact**

Human Services funds in the amount of \$620,000 is recommended to be awarded to 13 agencies to provide services such as homeless prevention, emergency shelter, food resources, home delivered meals, early childhood education, suicide prevention and college tuition assistance.

## **Alternatives**

Staff has identified alternatives regarding Human Services funding for FY 2020/2021.

1. Approve funding recommendations outlined in Attachment A – Approval of the funding recommendations will provide a balance of public services, food resources, homeless services, and assistance with basic needs that will help improve the quality of life for Mesa residents and Mesa neighborhoods.
2. Modify the funding recommendations outlined in Attachment A – Make additional changes to the funding recommendations. This is permitted but would require an additional City Council Study Session and delay award of funding to non-profit agencies.
3. Deny the funding recommendations outlined in Attachment A – The Council could choose to deny funding recommendations. This alternative would prevent the City of Mesa from awarding \$620,000 to non-profit agencies that provide services to those most in need in the community.

## **Coordinated With**

The Human Services funding applications and recommendations have been made public and reviewed with applicants, citizens, other city departments, the Housing and Community Development Advisory Board (HCDAB) and Community and Cultural

Development (CCD) Board.