



City Council Report

Date: May 20, 2013
To: City Council
Through: Christopher J. Brady, City Manager
From: Scott J. Butler, Assistant to the City Manager, Government Relations
Subject: Resolution of Support for a grant application by the City of Mesa Fire and Medical Services Department to the Tohono O’odham Nation for \$119,000 for the purchase of 17 refrigerated, secure card-reader access locking drug boxes.

Strategic Initiative:



Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for City of Mesa Fire and Medical Services Department’s application to the Tohono O’odham Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$119,000 for the purchase of 17 refrigerated drug boxes with card reader locks to replace old outdated drug boxes to provide safe, temperature-controlled storage of controlled substances with limited access. The Council Resolution supports this effort to secure the grant and authorizes the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement if awarded. Staff recommendation is for Council to adopt this resolution.

Background

The requested grant will support Mesa Fire and Medical Services Department in their replacement of drug lockboxes with new card-reader accessible refrigerators. The need to secure medications is becoming more critical due to the types of controlled medications being carried and stored on City of Mesa’s Fire and Medical Services trucks. Additionally, excessive heat can negatively impact the effectiveness of medications. Replacing older lockboxes with card-reader access refrigerators will allow for secure, temperature-controlled storage of controlled substances with limited access and improved accountability, as new refrigerated card-reader access boxes will provide the ability to track who has accessed the drug box and when.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for City of Mesa Fire and Medical Services Department to file their application by June 14, 2013 and be considered for funding from the Tohono O'odham Nation. Mesa's participation in Proposition 202 Indian Gaming Grants has returned over \$9 million to our community since its passage in 2002 from five surrounding tribal governments.

Alternatives

The only alternative to adopting this resolution would be to not adopt. Such an action would deny the City's Fire and Medical Services Department access to this funding source.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact on the City of Mesa, should this grant eventually be awarded for the City's Fire and Medical Services Department will be negligible except overhead expenses in accounting to manage the grant funding.