



# City Council Report

**Date:** May 20, 2024  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Scott J. Butler, Assistant City Manager  
**From:** Sharon Skinner, Grants Coordinator  
**Subject:** Resolution of support for the submittal of a grant application Child Crisis Arizona to the Tohono O’odham Nation in the amount of \$10,000.00 for their Keeping Children Safe and Families Strong Through Family Education program and approving the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds as a pass-thru grant.

## Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for Child Crisis Arizona application to Tohono O’odham Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$10,000.00.00 in funding for their Keeping Children Safe and Families Strong Through Family Education 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 these programs serve the needs of City of Mesa residents, staff recommendation is for Council to adopt this resolution.

## Background

Child Crisis Arizona is a 501c(3) nonprofit headquartered in the City of Mesa, with several programs located within the city, including a Group Home, Early Head Start, Preschool, and Counseling Programs.

The Family Education Program offers free parent education to prevent child abuse, neglect, or unintentional injury. The program includes a Safe Kids program, a Pool Safety Initiative, and the distribution of the First Things First Parent Kits. Family Education offers 21 workshops and 12 class series that cover a range of topics including Adverse Childhood Experiences, Better Money Habits, Bullying, Sexual Abuse Prevention, Fentanyl and Drug Trends, Healing Trauma, and more.

During 2023, the Family Education Program served 35,556 unduplicated individuals and provided 462 workshops and classes. Of those served, 2,031 (6%) were from Mesa. Many offerings occur at Mesa locations, including A New Leaf - La Mesita, Save the Family, and different schools in the Mesa School District. The program is expected to serve 2000 Mesa residents in 2024.

## **Discussion**

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for the organization to file their application by the funder's deadline and be considered for funding. Mesa's participation in Proposition 202 Indian Gaming Grants has returned over \$1 billion to Arizona communities since its passage in 2002 from 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 the organization 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, 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.