



City Council Report

Date: May1, 2014
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 Save the Family Foundation of Arizona to the Gila River Indian Community for a total of \$30,000 to support their Homeless Families Intervention Project.

Strategic Initiative:



Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for Save the Family's application to the Gila River Indian Community for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$30,000 to support their Homeless Families Intervention Project. The Council Resolution supports this effort to secure the grant and commits the City to receive it on behalf of Save the Family, and pass it through in its entirety to them if awarded. Staff recommendation is for Council to adopt this resolution.

Background

The requested grant will support Save the Family to provide transitional housing, case management, and supportive services for 150 families through the agency's Homeless Families Intervention Project. If funded, all supportive services delivered through this proposed project will take place at the agency's administrative/core services building located at 125 E. University Dr., in Mesa. Thirty-five percent of Save the Family's current clients originated from Mesa zip codes.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Save the Family to file their application by June 6, 2014 and be considered for funding from the Gila River Indian Community. 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 Mesa sponsorship for this request and require Save the Family 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 eventually be awarded for Save the Family 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 with each tribe to limit our liability to only the pass-through transaction.