



# 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 A New Leaf, Inc. to the Gila River Indian Community for a total of \$100,000 toward the construction of a new La Mesita Family Homeless Shelter.

**Strategic Initiative:**



## Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for A New Leaf Inc.'s application to the Gila River Indian Community for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$100,000 towards the construction of a new La Mesita Family Shelter. The Council Resolution supports this effort to secure the grant and commits the City to receive it on behalf of A New Leaf Inc., 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 A New Leaf, Inc. in providing matching funds for the construction of a new 16 unit family emergency shelter at 2254 W. Main Street in Mesa. This new construction replaces the current La Mesita Family Homeless Shelter built in the late 1940's.

## Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for A New Leaf, Inc. to file their application by June 7, 2013 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 A New Leaf, Inc. 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 A new Leaf, Inc. 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.