



# City Council Report

**Date:** April 21, 2025  
**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 by Maggie's Place, Inc. to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$20,000 for their Emergency Shelter for Homeless Mothers at The Hannah House in Mesa 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 Maggie's Place, Inc.'s application to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$20,000 in funding for their Emergency Shelter for Homeless Mothers at The Hannah House in Mesa. 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**

Maggie's Place, a local non-profit, was created to fill a gap in community services including housing and community support for homeless pregnant and parenting women and their children. The mission of Maggie's Place is to welcome pregnant and parenting women and their children into a safe and loving community, providing life-changing programs and ongoing services to help them to become self-sufficient. Our program's target population is homeless pregnant and parenting women experiencing poverty, addiction, and trauma.

The Hannah House, Maggie's Place's homeless shelter for women and infants, is located within Mesa's low- moderate Qualified Census Tract Target Area "red zone." The Mesa Consolidated Plan identified people with addictions and victims of domestic violence as a special needs populations and the importance of housing and supportive wraparound services. As a part of the Mesa community, The Hannah House aligns with Mesa's strategies to address homelessness by providing shelter/ housing and vital community services. Women we serve are equipped with the tools and support to break the cycle of homelessness and become self-sufficient.

Maggie's Place enhances the overall safety and well-being of Mesa residents by offering critical shelter, housing, basic necessities (food and supplies), and wraparound supportive services to 45 homeless pregnant and parenting women and their children (25 mothers and 20 infants).

### **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 from Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation. Mesa's participation in Proposition 202 Indian Gaming Grants has returned over \$1 billion to Arizona communities since its passage in 2002 from four 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.