



City Council Report

Date: April 15, 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 by Planned Parenthood Arizona to the Ak-Chin Indian Community in the amount of \$25,000 for Helping Low-income Patients Access Health Care, 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 Planned Parenthood Arizona application to Ak-Chin Indian Community for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$25,000 in funding for Helping Low-income Patients Access Health Care. 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

Planned Parenthood Arizona is a 501c(3) nonprofit and the largest sexual health organization in the state and serves thousands of people each year through health care, education, and advocacy.

Mesa, population 516,783 (est. 2023) has a poverty rate of 16.5% (85,373) and an uninsured rate of 14% (72,350). Arizona ranks 33rd nationally for sexual and reproductive health, 29th for teen pregnancy, and 14th for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)..

PPAZ's goal is to provide high quality sexual and reproductive health care and education services to as many low-income patients in Mesa as possible through this grant for Mesa Health Center's Patient Care Fund. They estimate to assist approximately 139 low income patients who have limited resources to pay co-pays and other medical expenses. They will be screened when making their appointments and will be more likely come for initial and follow-up visits knowing financial help is available. This will help them improve their health and quality of life and the overall health of their communities.

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 Ak-Chin Indian Community. 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.