



City Council Report

Date: May 19, 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 City of Mesa Office of Urban Transformation to the Tohono O'odham Nation in the amount of \$10,000.00 for their Redevelopment Area Cleanup Assistance Pilot Program and approving the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds.

Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for application City of Mesa Office of Urban Transformation application to Tohono O'odham Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$10,000.00 for their Redevelopment Area Cleanup Assistance Pilot Program A Council Resolution supports this effort to secure a grant and commits the city to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds. As these programs serve the needs of City of Mesa residents, staff recommendation is for Council to adopt this resolution.

Background

City of Mesa Office of Urban Transformation will partner with the Code Compliance Department to support economic development and reinvestment in aging areas. The pilot will provide cleanup assistance to small businesses, homeowners, and property owners who face financial or physical barriers to compliance by providing waste removal and other forms of assistance. This pilot program lays the groundwork for future reinvestment while also helping to prevent the displacement of existing businesses.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for the Office of Urban Transformation 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 Office of Urban Transformation to seek an alternative local government for sponsorship to access to this funding source.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact on the City of Mesa, should this grant be awarded, will be minimal as administration of the project will be handled by existing staff. The City will administer the grant funds.