



# 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 Mission of Mercy to the Gila River Indian Community for a total of \$150,000 over three years to support their Living with Diabetes program.

**Strategic Initiative:**



## Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for Mission of Mercy's application to the Gila River Indian Community for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$150,000 over three years to support their Living with Diabetes Program. The Council Resolution supports this effort to secure the grant and commits the City to receive it on behalf of Mission of Mercy, 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 Mission of Mercy over three years as they expand and improve their Living with Diabetes program. Last year they provided nearly 4,500 patient visits in Mesa. Approximately 30% of all patients seek treatment for diabetes and 45% are diabetes related. In 1997 Mission of Mercy arrived in Arizona to begin serving the uninsured. For 15 years they have provided access to healthcare through a volunteer –driven and effective mobile health care model.

## Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Mission of Mercy 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 Mission of Mercy 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 Mission of Mercy 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.