



City Council Report

Date: April 20, 2020
To: City Council
Through: Scott J. Butler, Deputy City Manager, Government Relations
From: Sharon Skinner, Grants Coordinator
Subject: Resolution of support for the submittal of a grant application by Save the Family Foundation of Arizona to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$10,000 for their Transitional Housing program and approving the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds as a pass-through grant.

Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for Save the Family Foundation of Arizona's application to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$10,000 in funding for their Transitional Housing program. 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 this program serves the needs of City of Mesa residents, staff recommendation is for Council to adopt this resolution.

Background

Save the Family's Transitional Housing program was designed to help specific homeless families that need intensive case coordination, mental health and substance abuse treatment, and to learn basic life skills. All families are referred to the program by the regional access point (Family Housing Hub). Once housed, families have immediate access to food, hygiene supplies, clothing, and other essentials. Families are assisted with enrolling their children in school and/or securing daycare, and then meet with a case coordinator to develop an individualized, structured case plan. Supportive services, including career development, parenting support services and children's programs are provided to help families achieve financial and housing self-sufficiency.

Save the Family's Transitional Housing program only serves Mesa families. Funding awarded through this application will serve 20 Mesa families in the coming fiscal year.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Save the Family Foundation of Arizona to file their application by May 1, 2020 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 Save the Family Foundation of Arizona 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 for Save the Family Foundation of Arizona, 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.