



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 Child Crisis Arizona to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$10,000 for their Keeping Children Safe Through Safety Education and Car Seats program 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 Child Crisis Arizona application to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$10,000 in funding for their Keeping Children Safe Through Safety Education and Car Seats 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 these programs serve the needs of City of Mesa residents, staff recommendation is for Council to adopt this resolution.

Background

Child Crisis Arizona is a local nonprofit agency whose mission is to provide children and youth in Arizona a safe environment, free from abuse and neglect, by creating strong and successful families.

Safe Kids provides education to reduce child traffic injuries, drownings, and sudden infant deaths. We offer Car Seat and Vehicle Safety, Water Safety, and Safe Sleep workshops. At our Car Seat Safety workshop, parents learn about car seat types, buying the proper seat for their child's size, and how to keep a child buckled. Certified car seat technicians observe the caregivers installing the seat and make corrections. Car seats are provided to families that cannot afford them.

Child Crisis Arizona is headquartered in the City of Mesa, with several programs located within the city, including a Group Home, Children's Refugee Services, Early Head Start, Preschool, Food Pantry, and Counseling Programs. Safe Kids is part of their Family Education Program.

In 2024, 39,445 unduplicated individuals participated in Family Education classes, workshops and activities, of which at least 483 were residents of Mesa, and 1,243 unduplicated individuals attended a Safe Kids workshop. Additionally, Child Crisis Arizona gave out 339 car and booster seats, and 14 pack-n-plays.

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.