



City Council Report

Date: May 1, 2014
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 Paz de Cristo Community Center to the Gila River Indian Community for a total of \$87,000 over three years to support Extended Day Shelter services.

Strategic Initiative:



Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for Paz de Cristo's application to the Gila River Indian Community for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$87,000 over three years to support their Extended Day Shelter, which will provide homeless individuals and expand access to water and restrooms. The Council Resolution supports this effort to secure the grant and commits the City to receive it on behalf of Paz de Cristo, 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 Paz de Cristo Community Center in their efforts to provide extended day shelter services for homeless individuals, including access to showers, water and storage areas. Showers and storage space allows Paz de Cristo guests to prepare for job interviews and employment. Located at Broadway and Country Club, Paz de Cristo has been serving the City of Mesa for over 25 years by providing food, clothing and other resources for the poor and homeless.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Paz de Cristo to file their application by June 6, 2014 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 Paz de Cristo 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 eventually be awarded for Paz de Cristo 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.