



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 Mission of Mercy to the Gila River Indian Community for a total of \$25,000 to support their Mobile Clinic services.

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 \$25,000 over three years to support their Mobile Clinic services, which provides no-cost primary care and medication and health literacy. 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 in their efforts to bring the doctor to the people through their Mobile Clinic services program. The Mobile Clinic provides no-cost primary care, medication and health literacy 48 weeks per year at six locations in Mesa, Central, South and South Central Phoenix. In 1997 Mission of Mercy arrived in Arizona to begin serving the uninsured. During FY13, the Mesa Clinic provided 4,195 patient visits, representing 1,285 patients from Mesa and the East Valley.

Discussion

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