



# 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 A New Leaf to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$10,000 to support their Support Services and Emergency Shelters 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 A New Leaf's application to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$10,000 in funding to support their Support Services and Emergency Shelters. 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

A New Leaf advances its mission of "Helping Families, Changing Lives" by fostering social progress and economic stability across the Phoenix Metro area. The organization's 36 programs address urgent crises and long-term needs, offering services such as emergency shelters, supportive housing, domestic and sexual violence support, financial empowerment, foster care, early childhood education, and family support. Services are strengths-based and traumainformed to support all aspects of clients' well-being. Last year, these services empowered over 22,000 lives, reflecting A New Leaf's commitment to building a thriving community.

A New Leaf's East Valley Shelter Programs provide approximately 68,800 nights of safe housing for approximately 930 adults and children who have been living in unsafe or dangerous conditions. Mesa residents comprise approximately 40% of individuals served

## 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.