



City Council Report

Date: May 20, 2013
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 Save the Family to the Gila River Indian Community for a total of \$100,000 to complete a new Conference Center at Escobedo at Verde Vista.

Strategic Initiative:



Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for Save the Family's application to the Gila River Indian Community for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$100,000 to complete a new Conference Center at Escobedo at Verde Vista. The Council Resolution supports this effort to secure the grant and commits the City to receive it on behalf of Save the Family, 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 Save the Family in providing the furniture, fixtures and equipment for the new Conference Center at Escobedo at Verde Vista, a new mixed-use collaborative development currently under construction at the Washington-Escobedo neighborhood in downtown Mesa. The Community Center will be a true shared community space available to other non-profits in the community such as Mesa United Way, Hope Village, as well as other service providers and groups in need of facilities.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Save the Family to file their application by June 7, 2013 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 Save the Family 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 Save the Family 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.