



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 Arizona Cancer Foundation for Children to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$10,000 to support their Children's General Programs 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 Arizona Cancer Foundation for Children's application to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$10,000 in funding to support their Children's General Programs. 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

Arizona Cancer Foundation for Children provides social, emotional, and financial support directly to families managing the health and well-being of a loved one with pediatric cancer.

ACFC offers emotional support and counseling to help children and families cope, along with educational resources, including in-person and online tutoring for both the cancer warrior and their siblings. Their financial assistance program helps cover transportation including to their facility, medications, housing, and other essential expenses. Through social services, they connect families within the community facing similar challenges, ensuring they never feel alone. ACFC hosts family events, caregiver nights, support gatherings, and more to foster connection and relief.

Arizona Cancer Foundation for Children is proud to support 32 families in Mesa, totaling 119 individuals. While this represents roughly 8% of those they serve, cancer knows no boundaries, and this number is constantly evolving as they continue to provide care and assistance to families in need.

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.