



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 from Arizona Burn Foundation, Inc. to the Gila River Indian Community for \$500,000 over five years to support their Strategic Growth Campaign to expand services.

Strategic Initiative:



Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for Arizona Burn Foundation's application to the Gila River Indian Community for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$500,000 over five years to support their Strategic Growth Campaign to expand programs, services, infrastructure and outreach. The Council Resolution supports this effort to secure the grant and commits the City to receive it on behalf of Arizona Burn Foundation 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 the Arizona Burn Foundation's Strategic Growth Campaign to expand programs, services, infrastructure and outreach. The Arizona Burn Foundation is dedicated to the emotional and financial recovery of burn survivors of all ages, and provides burn prevention education services. The organization provides services to Arizona residents from across the state. Specific services that have been provided to Mesa residents include rent and utilities assistance, as well as emergency meals and funding for pharmaceuticals. Kids from Mesa also attend the Arizona Children's Burn Camp and children in Mesa schools receive free fire prevention education. In 2012-2013, the organization visited 537 Mesa homes and installed 182 new smoke alarms.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Arizona Burn Foundation 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 Arizona Burn Foundation 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 Arizona Burn Foundation 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.