



City Council Report

Date: May 20, 2024
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 Save the Family Foundation of Arizona to the Tohono O’odham Nation in the amount of \$40,000.00 for their Homeless Families Intervention Project 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 Save the Family Foundation of Arizona application to Tohono O’odham Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$40,000.00.00 in funding for their Homeless Families Intervention Project. 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

Founded in 1988, and based in Mesa, Arizona, Save the Family is the East Valley’s leading provider of housing and services for over 600 homeless and impoverished families and children each year. Their mission is equipping families to address poverty, overcome homelessness and achieve self-sufficiency.

Homeless Families Intervention Project (HFIP) provides housing, case management and supportive services. Families in need are matched with the housing program best suited to their individual needs and abilities. The program offers three housing programs within HFIP, including Rapid Rehousing, Tenant Based Rental Assistance, and Step Up to Independence™. Once housed, Case Managers help parents set and achieve case plan goals geared toward ensuring the family’s long-term housing and financial stability, which often can include securing employment, advancing in the workplace, improving financial literacy, building life-skills and addressing substance abuse and mental health. Supportive services complement each family’s case plan goals and include Career Development Services, Parent Support Services, and Mental Health and Substance Abuse Support Services.

The program is expected to serve more than 600 Mesa residents in 2024.

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. Mesa's participation in Proposition 202 Indian Gaming Grants has returned over \$1 billion to Arizona communities since its passage in 2002 from 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.