



# City Council Report

**Date:** April 20, 2020  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Scott J. Butler, Deputy City Manager, Government Relations  
**From:** Sharon Skinner, Grants Coordinator  
**Subject:** Resolution of support for the submittal of a grant application by Save the Family Foundation of Arizona to the Ak-Chin Indian Community in the amount of \$50,000 for their Family, Adult's and Children's Empowerment Services and approving the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds as a pass-through grant.

## Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for Save the Family Foundation of Arizona's application to Ak-Chin Indian Community for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$50,000 in funding for their Family, Adult's and Children's Empowerment Services. 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 this program serves the needs of City of Mesa residents, staff recommendation is for Council to adopt this resolution.

## Background

Save the Family's Family, Adult's and Children's Empowerment Services (FACES) is available to more than 500 homeless and impoverished families each year. FACES is comprised of career development services, parent support services, and children's programs. Career development services include career center, interview and career coaching, job-finding assistance, job-readiness workshops, 1:1 financial coaching, clothing/shoes, tools, and transportation assistance. Parent support services include life-skills, budgeting, parenting, and domestic violence/trauma healing classes and support groups, landlord-tenant relations, family planning, wellness, nutrition and food budgeting, and legal services. Children's programs include drop-in childcare for infants-five-year old, and after-school/summer programming for school-aged children.

Funding awarded through this application will serve approximately 800 family members in the coming fiscal year.

## **Discussion**

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Save the Family Foundation of Arizona to file their application by the Tribe's 2020 deadline and be considered for funding from Ak-Chin Indian Community. 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 Save the Family Foundation of Arizona 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 for Save the Family Foundation of Arizona, 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.