



City Council Report

Date: April 20, 2019
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 Child Crisis Arizona to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$10,000 for Children's Emergency Placement 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 Child Crisis Arizona's application to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$10,000 in funding for their Emergency Children's Placement program. 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

Child Crisis Arizona, a 501c(3) non-profit operating in Mesa, provides temporary, safe shelter for children whose families are in crisis and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year-round.

The Emergency Children's Placement services program provides immediate safety and nurturing care for children removed from their families for the crimes of abuse or neglect. Both the Emergency Children's Shelter (for children birth through 10-years) and Group Home (for adolescent boys ages 10 through 15-years) are located in Mesa and are operated 24/7 /365. Through licensed foster homes or certified adoptive homes, we work with individual families to provide longer-term care for children ages birth through 17-years. Children are placed into Child Crisis care by the Arizona Department of Child Safety or Tribal Social Services, the government entities with the authority to remove children when it is simply not safe to leave them in their current circumstance.

During 2019, the Emergency Children's Placement Program cared for 561 of our community's most vulnerable children, offering them 80,559 nights of safe sleep. Of those, 291 (52%) of children were from or provided care within Mesa and were given 36,649 (45%) nights of safe sleep.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Child Crisis Arizona to file their application by May 1, 2020 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 Child Crisis 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 Child Crisis 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.