



City Council Report

Date: May 20, 2013
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 Child Crisis Center to the Gila River Indian Community for \$75,000 to support Emergency Shelter services.

Strategic Initiative:



Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for Child Crisis Center's application to the Gila River Indian Community for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$75,000 for their emergency shelter services. The Council Resolution supports this effort to secure the grant and commits the City to receive it on behalf of Child Crisis Center 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 Child Crisis Center Emergency Shelter program that serves children from birth through age 11 from Maricopa County and the surrounding area. The Shelter is a safety net for parents/caregivers and a place for children to heal physically and emotionally and to receive needed assessments and services in order to become healthy and overcome the trauma they have suffered.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Child Crisis Center to file their application by June 7, 2013 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 sponsorships for this request and require Child Crisis Center 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 Child Crisis Center 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 agreement with each tribe to limit our liability to only the pass through transaction.