



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 City of Mesa Community Services Department Office of Homeless Solutions to the Tohono O’odham Nation in the amount of \$324,450.00 for their Maricopa School-Based Oral Hygiene program, and approving the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds.

Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for application City of Mesa Community Services Department application to Tohono O’odham Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$324,450.00 in funding for their Office of Homeless Solutions Heat Relief program. A Council Resolution supports this effort to secure a grant and commits the city to receive and use it for the purposes outlined in the grant application. As this program serves the needs of City of Mesa residents, staff recommendation is for Council to adopt this resolution.

Background

City of Mesa Community Services Department Office of Homeless Solutions is part of the MAG Heat Relief Network. In 2022, Mesa’s Heat Relief respite center served 5,194 individuals. In 2023, the number of individuals served increased to 7,847. The program services provide a safe, cool, respite environment for our most vulnerable populations (homeless, seniors, veterans, families, pets) during the extreme summer heat of May through September.

The program is expected to serve 5,000 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 that Community Services Department's Office of Homeless Solutions will be to receive and manage \$324,450 in funding for their Heat Relief program.