



# City Council Report

**Date:** May 16, 2022  
**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 Carry Me Productions to the Tohono O'odham Nation in the amount of \$10,000 to purchase a vehicle 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 Carry Me Productions application to Tohono O'odham Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$10,000 in funding to purchase a vehicle. 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

Carry Me Productions is a local nonprofit agency. As advocates, CMP assists homeless veterans, youth, and seniors by providing consistent help, step-by-step, to recover from their experiences with homelessness or poverty.

If awarded, funding will be used to purchase a vehicle to provide expanded service support and transport clients.

Carry Me Productions expects to provide expanded services and direct transportation to at least 52 Mesa residents in the upcoming year.

## 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 from Tohono O'odham 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 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.