



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 Child Crisis Arizona to the Tohono O'odham Nation in the amount of \$10,000 for their Caring for Homeless Children and Youth program 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 application to Tohono O'odham Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$10,000 in funding their Caring for Homeless Children and Youth 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 these programs serve the needs of City of Mesa residents, staff recommendation is for Council to adopt this resolution.

Background

Child Crisis Arizona is a local nonprofit agency whose mission is to provide children and youth in Arizona a safe environment, free from abuse and neglect, by creating strong and successful families.

The Caring for Homeless Children and Youth Program provides immediate safety and nurturing care for children and youth removed from their families for the crimes or abuse and neglect and therefore homeless. In Mesa, Child Crisis Arizona provides care for children and youth at the Group Home for adolescent boys ages 10 through 17-years, operating 24/7/365, and through licensed foster or certified adoptive homes.

During 2021, the Caring for Homeless Children and Youth program cared for 407 children and youth, offering them 58,950 nights of safe sleep. Of those, 153 (38%) were from or provided care within Mesa and given 20,410 (35%) nights of safe sleep.

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.