



# 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 Native American Fatherhood and Families Association to the Tohono O'odham Nation in the amount of \$182,700 for their 3 Pillar Wellness 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 Native American Fatherhood and Families Association (NAFFA) application to Tohono O'odham Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$182,700 in funding their 3 Pillar Wellness 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

NAFFA is well known throughout Indian country for our successful behavioral health programs. NAFFA recognizes the sacredness of families and with time honored cultural principles, they identify specific roles that a father must play to increase success and happiness as a family.

3 Pillar Wellness: Education, Employment, Recovery will be an outpatient program for Urban Native Americans in Mesa. NAFFA will assist in finding gold star housing, job training for employment, continued addiction recovery and strengthening and reuniting participants with their families. This program will run in office 5 days a week with case managers and peer support specialists to ensure the success of all participants. Focus will be on helping Native American residents who live in Mesa to become independently functioning individuals who live in permanent housing, are fully employed, and reunited with their families.

## **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.