



City Council Report

Date: May 15, 2023
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 Native American Fatherhood and Families Association to the Tohono O'odham Nation in the amount of \$43,920.00 for their Detention Center Education Services program and approving the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds as a pass-thru grant.

Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for Native American Fatherhood and Families Association application to Tohono O'odham Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$43,920.00 in funding for their Detention Center Education Services 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

Native American Fatherhood and Families Association is a local nonprofit agency whose mission is to strengthen, keep, and reunite families by responsibly involving fathers and mothers in the lives of their children, families, and communities to provide happy and safe families

NAFFA will send facilitators to Pinal County Jail Detention Center for Women and Saguaro Correctional Center to teach weekly/bi-weekly sessions of:
Fatherhood is Sacred®/Motherhood is Sacred®,
Linking Generations by Strengthening Relationships®,
Addressing Family Violence and Abuse®, and
Suicide Prevention®.

At each correctional center, applicant expects to serve 30 participants with each program, totaling 120 participants during the year. For both centers the total is 240 participants, which will include 20 Mesa residents.

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 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.