



City Council Report

Date: April 26, 2017
To: City Council
Through: Christopher J. Brady, City Manager
From: Scott J. Butler, Deputy City Manager, Government Relations
Subject: Resolution of support for the submittal of a grant application by East Valley Adult Resources to the Tohono O'odham Nation in the amount of \$15,000 for their Meals on Wheels program and authorizing 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 East Valley Adult Resources' application to Tohono O'odham Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$15,000 in funding for their Meals on Wheels 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

East Valley Adult Resources (EVAR) is a local nonprofit agency that provides programs and services for the City of Mesa's older adults. One of our most important programs is Meals on Wheels that provides nutritional hot meals in the East Valley to some of our lowest income homebound seniors. Through leveraged local funding including support from Tohono O'odham Nation we would be able to deliver nutritious meals to 500 older adults. The current need is for weekday delivery of a total of 70,000 hot meals next year to low income frail individuals in Mesa.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for East Valley Adult Resources to file their application by June 1, 2017 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 East Valley Adult Resources 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 for East Valley Adult Resources, 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.