



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 Child Crisis Arizona to the Tohono O'odham Nation in the amount of \$15,000 for their Arizona Kinship Services 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 Child Crisis Arizona's application to Tohono O'odham Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$15,000 in funding for their Arizona Kinship Services Program to educate, support and encourage extended family members and help them become licensed foster caretakers for related children. 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, a 501c(3) non-profit operating in Mesa, provides temporary, safe shelter for children whose families are in crisis and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year-round. Children receive comprehensive care, including medical attention, immunizations, nutritionally-balanced meals, education and development assessments, new clothes and shoes, and school supplies. Currently, their Arizona Kinship Services program serves 27 licensed kinship families, eleven of which reside in the City of Mesa. Another 24 families, including nine in Mesa, are in the process of becoming licensed.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Child Crisis Arizona 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 Child Crisis Arizona, Inc. 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 Child Crisis Arizona, 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.