



City Council Report

Date: April 19, 2021
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 the Arizona Burn Foundation to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$25,000 for their “Milo & Moxie: Wildfire Prevention” program and approving the City Manager to accept and administer subsequent awarded funds as a pass-thr grant.

Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for the Arizona Burn Foundation’s application to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$25,000 in funding for their “Milo & Moxie: Wildfire Prevention” 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

The Arizona Burn Foundation is a local nonprofit agency whose mission is to improve the quality of life of burn survivors and their families and promote burn prevention and fire safety advocacy and education in Arizona.

Milo & Moxie Wildfire Prevention introduces children to the importance of wildfire preparation, while giving real-life strategies for how to help prevent wildfire disasters. Their goal is to educate 150,000 K-5 Arizona children during the funding year, in order to prevent Arizona wildfires and reduce the loss of ecosystems and the property.

The plan is to reach 2,500 Mesa children with this critical wildfire preparation and prevention material.

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Arizona Burn Foundation to file their application by the funder’s deadline and be

considered for funding from Fort McDowell Yavapai 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 Arizona Burn Foundation 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 to the Arizona Burn Foundation, 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.