



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 Save the Family Foundation of Arizona to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the amount of \$10,000 for their Children's Emergency Placement services 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 Save the Family Foundation of Arizona application to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$10,000 in funding for their Transitional Housing 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

Save the Family Foundation of Arizona is a local nonprofit agency whose mission is to equip families to address poverty, overcome homelessness and achieve self-sufficiency.

The Transitional Housing program provides homeless families with housing, case management and supportive services. The program helps homeless families that have been identified as needing intensive case management services, mental health support, and/or substance abuse treatment services. Families the program receive food, hygiene supplies, clothing, and other essentials. Children are enrolled in school and/or daycare, and parents meet with a case manager to develop an individualized, structured case plan which includes mental health and substance abuse treatment goals, employment goals, and other goals that will lead the family toward self-sufficiency. Supportive services, including career development, parenting support services and children's programs help families achieve specific case plan goals and work to end cycles of homelessness and poverty.

This program serves an average of 30 Mesa families each year (120 family members).

Discussion

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Save the Family Foundation of Arizona 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 Save the Family Foundation of Arizona 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 Save the Family Foundation of 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.