



# 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 Child Crisis Arizona to the Ak-Chin Indian Community in the amount of \$15,000 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 Child Crisis Arizona application to Ak-Chin Indian Community for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$15,000 in funding for their Children's Emergency Placement 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

Child Crisis Arizona is a local nonprofit agency whose mission is to provide children and youth in Arizona a safe environment, free from abuse and neglect, by creating strong and successful families. We do this through prevention, intervention and education programs designed to support the thousands of children and families who may be at risk.

The Emergency Children's Placement services program provides immediate safety and nurturing care for children removed from their families for the crimes or abuse and neglect and therefore homeless. Both the Emergency Children's Shelter (for children birth through 10-years) and Group Home (for adolescent boys ages 10 through 17-years) are located in Mesa and operate 24/7 /365. Through licensed foster or certified adoptive homes, we work with individual families to provide care for children ages birth through 17-years.

Mesa Impact: During 2020, the Emergency Children's Placement program cared for 435 of the community's most vulnerable children, offering them 65,904 nights of safe sleep.

Of those, 215 (49%) were from or provided care within Mesa and given 27,704 (42%) nights of safe sleep.

## **Discussion**

A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for Child Crisis Arizona to file their application by the funder's deadline and be considered for funding from Ak-Chin Indian Community. 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 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 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.