



# 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 Ak-Chin Indian Community in the amount of \$50,000 for their Family, Adult's and Children's Empowerment 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 Ak-Chin Indian Community for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$50,000 in funding for their Family, Adult's and Children's Empowerment 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**

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 Family, Adult's and Children's Empowerment Services (FACES) provides programs for parents and children struggling with homelessness and poverty to help them achieve financial and housing security and end the cycle.

FACES helps homeless and impoverished families build better lives by engaging in career development services, parenting support services, and children's programs.

FACES serves over 300 Mesa families (800-1,000 family members) each year, and nearly 90% of homeless families served are able to move to permanent housing upon program exit.

## **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 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 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.