



City Council Report

Date: May 17, 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 Tohono O'odham Nation in the amount of \$25,000 for their Homeless Families Intervention project 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 Tohono O'odham Nation for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$25,000 in funding their Homeless Families Intervention project. 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 Save the Family Foundation of Arizona seeks \$25,000 to support their Homeless Families Intervention project. Funding will support their Homeless Families Intervention Project (HFIP), which provides homeless families with housing, case management and supportive services. Through HFIP, homeless families increase self-sufficiency skills; earn the income needed to support permanent housing; and obtain permanent housing.

The goal is to serve more than 630 families this year. Half of all families served through HFIP are Mesa families. This accounts for 800-1,000 family members each year.

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 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 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.