



City Council Report

AGENDA
ITEM 11c
DATE 6-22-09

Date: June 22, 2009
To: City Council
Through: Christopher J. Brady, City Manager
From: Scott J Butler, Government Relations Director
Subject: Resolution of Support for a grant application from the House of El-Elyon's \$90,000 request to the Gila River Indian Community.
Citywide

Purpose and Recommendation

This request is seeking a City Council resolution of support for The House of El-Elyon's application to the Gila River Indian Community for Proposition 202 funding. If awarded, the grant will provide \$90,000 in funding for teen and adolescent mothers' services within Mesa. 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. Staff recommendation is for Council to adopt this resolution.

Background

The House of El-Elyon is a non-profit, ecumenical organization currently working to establish a reputation as an active and responsible advocate for young mothers and the children of young mothers in Mesa. Located at 567 W. 10th Street, they are planning to begin their first programming session in September 2009. This resolution is required for consideration of their application by the Gila River Indian Community. Non-profits are not allowed direct access to these funds per Proposition 202, but must secure the support of a local government sponsor.

Discussion

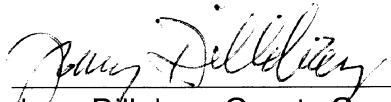
A resolution of support for this grant request will complete the necessary documentation for The House of El-Elyon to file their application by June 30, 2009 and be considered for funding by the Gila River Indian Community. Mesa's participation in Proposition 202 Indian Gaming Grants has returned over \$3.2 million to our community 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 The House of El-Elyon seek an alternate local government for access to this funding source.

Fiscal Impact

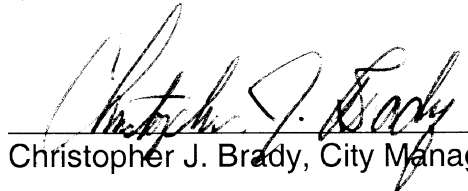
The fiscal impact on the City of Mesa should this grant eventually be awarded for The House of El-Elyon will be negligible except overhead fees in accounting to accept and reissue the one grant check.



Jerry Dillehay, Grants Coordinator



Scott J. Butler
Government Relations Director



Christopher J. Brady, City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY FOR PROPOSITION 202 FUNDS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED BY THE HOUSE OF EL-ELYON FOR THEIR WORK WITH TEEN AND ADOLESCENT MOTHERS WITHIN MESA.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Arizona's Indian Gaming Compact provides that a Tribe makes twelve percent (12%) of its net annual State contribution to cities, towns or counties for government services that benefit the general public. Private, not-for-profit organizations wishing to access funding to provide public benefits must secure sponsorship from a city, town or county before making application. This must be expressed in a resolution passed by the local government sponsor.

Section 2: The House of El-Elyon wishes to make application for \$90,000 in funding from the Gila River Indian Community's 12% Grant Program.

Section 3: The City Council supports this grant request for funding to assist with services to teen and adolescent mothers and if awarded, will administer the funding directly to the non-profit agency as a pass-thru grant.

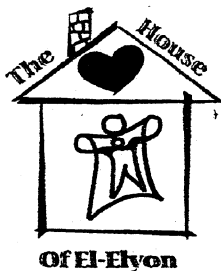
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona this 22nd day of June, 2009.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk



The House Of El-Elyon

We want each and every child to know
someone cares

May 14, 2009

The Honorable Scott Smith
Mayor
The City of Mesa
20 E. Main Street
Mesa, Arizona 8501

Dear Mayor Smith and Members of Mesa City Council;

The House of El-Elyon, a Mesa based non-profit organization serving teen and adolescent mothers, is requesting a resolution of support in requesting \$90,000 in funding from the Gila River Indian Community Grant Program.

The House of El-Elyon, a name derived from the bible meaning "The House of God," is an ecumenical organization with a mission to address the educational, health and parent training needs of teen and adolescent mothers and mothers-to-be in our community.

As a young organization in the region, we are currently working to establish a reputation as an active and responsible advocate for young mothers and the children of these young mothers. Currently, we have plans to begin our first programming session in September 2009. We have established a partnership with West Mesa Community Development Corporation with plans to open our office, hold our first classes and operate our programs from their location at 567 W. 10th Street in West Mesa until we are able to purchase and renovate a permanent residential home for our clients.

The \$90,000 we are requesting from the Gila River Indian Community Grant will provide our organization with the necessary funds to support acquisition of office space, equipment, training partners, staff and marketing and educational materials.

Thank you for your consideration of our request and your continuing support of non-profit organizations and their individual missions throughout our community.

Sincerely,

Irene Ellis, Executive Director
The House of El-Elyon
"A Refuge for Teen Mothers"
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