

Addition to the Agenda

Staff is requesting Council add an urgency item to the agenda, to consider a resolution providing grant funding in the amount of \$100,000 to Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action (IMACA). The need for this item came to the attention of Town staff after the agenda was posted. IMACA has indicated that its financial condition is such that delaying consideration of this funding to a future meeting may result in some of IMACA's community services being discontinued, creating a need for the Town Council to consider taking immediate action.

This allows the Council to add this item to the agenda with a 4/5ths vote.

Background

On February 11, 2022, Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action (IMACA) requested to meet with Town staff and other partners on February 14th to discuss IMACA's precarious financial position. IMACA staff requested emergency funding from the partner agencies as they have very limited cash flow to support the organization over the next 30 days. A request was made of partner agencies to provide cash donations (grants) to allow IMACA time to transition programs to other providers and determine if IMACA can continue to provide one or two programs. The five core programs supported by IMACA include: Preschool, Childcare, Food Distribution, Housing and Homelessness Services, and Energy Assistance. Discontinuing one or more of these programs will negatively impact residents in Mammoth Lakes. Staff is recommending providing emergency grant funding to provide the resources needed by IMACA to effectively transition some or all of its services to other providers and to restructure operations accordingly. The proposed resolution authorizes a grant of \$100,000 to IMACA for these purposes. A separate grant agreement will be prepared to define the use of funds. The agreement will be completed quickly if the resolution is passed. The form would be similar to other grant agreements used by the Town. Funding is recommended to come from the Town's operating reserves.

Recommendation

Staff is recommending Council approve a resolution authorizing a one hundred-thousand-dollar (\$100,000) grant to assist Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action (IMACA) to manage, administer and provide community benefit programs including food distribution, childcare, preschool, continuum of care housing services, and related programs to residents of Mammoth Lakes.