

Application of Criteria for Pima County Bond Project Proposals

Project Name: Regional Public Safety Training Academy: Multi-Purpose Training Facility

1. **Broad Demonstrated Support by Public:** Over 30 fire and police agencies support the Regional Public Safety Training Academy. This multi-purpose training facility project will be utilized by agencies as they further their knowledge of public safety and training. The fire and law enforcement agencies throughout Pima County participate in training at the academy and the increase in square footage will increase classes for agencies to attend as well as provide a significant opportunity for new training and community services with a flexible large multi-purpose room.
2. **Has Regional Public Benefit:** The new multipurpose training facility will be an added benefit to Tucson, Pima County, and Southern Arizona. Currently, Pima College utilizes the existing classroom space for both their fire and police curriculum. With the addition of this new facility and classrooms including the large area for physical training and public gatherings, the Regional Public Safety Training Academy: Multi-Purpose Training Facility will be able to host a variety of venues that agencies from around the county as well as outside our county participate in. A large multi-functional training facility is currently not readily available in Southern Arizona.

Having a regional facility where multiple agencies can train together will help to facilitate communication and team work amongst these agencies which will further develop Southern Arizona's disaster preparedness.

Existing classroom space for the public safety academy is extremely limited at this time. TFD and TPD have had to postpone and cancel classes due to current classrooms being fully utilized and over scheduled. With the addition of these new flexible classrooms, TFD, TPD and other agencies will be able to conduct classes for recruits, conduct continuing education classes, certifications classes, and other outside agency classes. During training, the dedicated classroom setting can be left in place as training moves outdoors and then back to the classroom. This provides an overall more efficient schedule for the departments and visiting agencies. Pima College currently uses the Academy for their classes and the additional square footage would also support their curriculum.

The 100' x 158' multi-purpose space will be used at various times throughout the year for indoor testing and training for physical maneuvers that currently have to be cancelled due to bad weather.

The raised stage will be beneficial for multiple events. TFD, TPD, Pima College Fire and Police programs, and outside agencies will be able to utilize the facility for graduations and ceremonies that hold up to 900 people. When large events occur the speakers will be on an elevated stage for full visibility. In addition, the City of Tucson is responsible for maintaining emergency plans for times when people are evacuated from their homes. The new Multi-Purpose Training Facility will have a facility that can be utilized as an emergency shelter for Tucson citizens and Southern Arizona.

The locker space is needed for the cadre of fire and police officers that are assigned to the area. When fire and police have their academies, the locker rooms fill up to a point where we have had recruits double up with another recruit. The new locker room in the Multi-Purpose Training Facility will move the training cadre to the new lockers and reconfigure our existing locker room to increase the number of lockers for our recruits.

Physical training is important to both fire and police. There are standards that fire must adhere to when completing our recruit candidate testing for physical ability. In order to comply with the standards the testing can only take place when the temperature is within limits and there is no precipitation. In the new Multi-Purpose Training Facility, TFD will be able to conduct testing at any time of the year. TPD conducts physical training that requires an area large enough to handle crowd dispersion techniques. Currently, the training must be divided into smaller sections because there is currently not adequate space to properly

conduct the training. The new facility will provide the required area to allow TPD and other agencies to conduct the physical training at any time throughout the year.

3. Partnerships: Below is a list of partners that currently use the regional academy. This list will increase as the flexibility and functionality of the academy increases.

FIRE AGENCIES

Avra Valley Fire District
Corona de Tucson Fire Department
Davis Monthan Fire Department
Drexel Heights Fire District
Golder Ranch Fire District
Green Valley Fire District
Mountain Vista Fire District
Mt. Lemmon Fire District
Northwest Fire District
Pascua Pueblo Fire Department
Picture Rocks Fire District
Raytheon Systems Co. Fire Department
Rincon Valley Fire District
Rural Metro Fire Department
Three Points Fire District
Tohono O’odham Nation Fire Department
Tucson Airport Authority Fire Department

POLICE AGENCIES

ADOT Enforcement and Compliance
Arizona Department of Corrections
Arizona Department of Corrections - Tucson
Arizona Game and Fish Department
Arizona State Parks
Marana Police Department
Oro Valley Police Department
Pascua Yaqui Tribal Police Department
Pima Community College Police Department
Pima County Sheriff's Department
Pima Police Department
Sahuarita Police Department
Tohono O’odham Nation Police Department
Tucson Airport Authority Police Department
Tucson Police Department
University of Arizona Police Department

4. Other Funding Sources or Matches: Leveraging existing public investments:
- Utilizing the land and infrastructure at the Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Center
 - Agencies utilizing the facility pay a nominal fee to help cover operation costs, including the salary of a supervisor to oversee the facility use.
5. Education and Workforce Training: This facility is utilized by both fire departments and law enforcement agencies to complete initial recruit training as well as continuing education for the departments as well. Pima Community College utilizes the facility to educate and train students in their fire and law enforcement curriculum.
6. Advances Board Adopted Principles of Sustainability and Conservation:
This project will provide Pima County public safety agencies with the training facility needed to keep our responders well trained. The large multi-purpose area may be utilized by agencies other than public safety as a meeting space for large public hearings. As Pima County provides continuity of operation plans (COOPs) for emergencies within the county the multi-purpose room will be available for secondary housing of departments if there business operations are compromised. The multi-purpose facility can also be utilized for a reception area for citizens that have been evacuated from areas of our County or from other communities being evacuated.
7. Previously Authorized Large-scale Bond Projects or Programs that are Now Short of Funding:
Not applicable
8. Phasing of Large Projects: Not applicable
9. Impact on Operating and Maintenance Costs for Governments and Commitment to Fund These Ongoing Costs: City of Tucson will cover operations and maintenance costs, which are estimated at \$50,000 a year.
10. Project or Program is a Capital Improvement, Not a Repair or Maintenance Project: The proposed bond project is a capital improvement, constructing new facilities rather than repairing existing ones.