

Outside Agency

Pima County Community Development and Neighborhood Conservation Department's Outside Agency Program distributes \$3.8 million County General funds to over 50 community based organizations and government entities that support over 80 programs. Award amounts range from \$15,000.00 to \$350,000. The average award is \$40,200.

Award Process

The distribution of funds begins through the competition of an application that is released in November. Over 120 applications are generally received. Applicants choose one of six service categories which match their programs activities: Community Support; Emergency Food and Clothing; General Services; Senior Support; Support Services, Shelter, Domestic Violence; and Youth, Young Adults and Parenting Support.

Review of applications is conducted by a seven member Citizen Review Committee. Each of the five Board of Supervisors and the County Administrator appoints one member. The Department's Director sits on the Committee in ex-officio.

The Committee holds public meetings in a round table format where applicants answer a series of queries and respond to questions from the Committee. Each round table is composed of applicants who provide services under the same Service Category. In making decisions the Committee utilizes staff reports about applicants. This report includes program monitoring, fiscal review and quarterly program reports. Quarterly program reports are received through the Department's web based reporting system.

Funding recommendations are presented to the Board of Supervisors who make the final funding awards.

Outside Agency Funding Priority

Basic Needs: Access to nutritious food which meet dietary and health needs and shelter that is safe and affordable (less than 30% of one's income) A focus on both the delivery of services and development of systems that prevent and reduce immediate and long-term harm;

Safety: Emergency assistance, counseling and shelter provided to victims of domestic violence

Quality of Life: Assurance of providing opportunities for a stable life to prevent harm, protect individuals from risk or danger and ability to meet daily living needs; and

Support Services: Assurance of quality senior care, after school care, early childhood education, rehabilitation and functionally for people with a disability, and prevention or reduction of risky behavior.