



MEMORANDUM

Date: August 19, 2022

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Jan Lesho 
County Administrator

Re: **Southwest Border Initiative Funding Update**

On April 21, 2022, I notified the Board of Supervisors that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) had awarded Pima County an additional \$3.2 million, which, based on actual and forecasted expenditures, would provide for a complete reimbursement for expenditures made by the County through June 30, 2022. Actual expenses associated with legal asylum seekers from April 2021 through July 2022 total \$10,434,249.78.

The Grants Management and Innovation Office (GMI) works diligently with partner Pima County Departments and the federal government to ensure that each and every federal dollar received is monitored closely and spent in accordance with the myriad of rules and regulations governing the funds.

I am pleased to report that Pima County has received an additional \$15,581,096.36 commitment from the National Board that oversees FEMA EFSP Humanitarian Aid awards. The National Board also committed FEMA CARES funds totaling \$4,424,058.72 to cover COVID-19 related costs for this Initiative. This total commitment of \$20,005,155.08 is anticipated to provide reimbursement to Pima County for this Initiative through December 31, 2022. However, the award will be split over two quarters. The first quarter payment of \$10,002,577.54 (\$7,790,548.18 in FEMA EFSP/\$2,212,029.36 CARES) is currently being processed by the National Board. The remaining funds will be distributed to the County based on the pace at which we are spending the initial disbursement.

The first quarter payment will bring the total federal commitment thus far to \$24,862,281.60. The anticipated second quarter payment of \$10,002,577.54 (\$7,790,548.18 in FEMA EFSP/\$2,212,029.36 CARES), bringing the grand total federal funding investment in the Pima County Asylum Seeker Initiative to \$34,864,859.14.

JKL/anc

c: Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator
Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator and Chief Medical Officer
Steve Holmes, Deputy County Administrator
Regina Kelly, Director, Grants Management and Innovation Office
Ellen Moulton, Director, Finance and Risk Management
Michelle Campagne, Senior Advisor, Pima County Administrator's Office