



MEMORANDUM

Date: July 16, 2019

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "C.H. Huckelberry", is written over the printed name of the County Administrator.

Re: **Humanitarian Aid Grant Requests for Legal Asylum Seekers**

We presently have made three grant requests to reimburse Pima County for any costs incurred by providing sheltering services for legal asylum seekers at the Juvenile Justice Complex. (Units 700, 800 and 900 of the Complex)

Our first submittal was on July 11, 2019 to the Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDHS) for a total of \$530,347. This request was in response to a reprogramming request from AZDHS related to Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018 grant funding and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grants Program Directorate Information Bulletin No. 436. Please note, the requested amount exceeds the \$200,000 originally earmarked for humanitarian services related to OPSG. The increase is caused by the fact that a County facility will now be used to provide sheltering, food and laundry services in cooperation with Catholic Community Services (CCS).

A second grant request was made on July 12, 2019 for an identical amount based on a July 11, 2019 letter from Chief Patrol Agent Roy D. Villareal of US Customs and Border Protection (Tucson Sector) who suggested that we concurrently apply for grant funding from the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP). I subsequently applied to AZDHS for SHSP funding related to sheltering services for legal asylum seekers.

Any combination of OPSG and/or AZDHS grant funds could be used to offset our anticipated costs of operating the shelter at the Juvenile Justice Complex through December 31, 2019.

Finally, on July 15, 2019, we applied for a humanitarian aid grant associated with HR 3401, passed for humanitarian assistance by Congress and signed into law by the President of the United States on July 1, 2019. HR 3401 provided \$30 million in supplemental funding to the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) administered by the US Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS/FEMA). We have applied for approximately \$1.5 million in funding to offset the operating and modification costs associated with the shelter at the Juvenile Justice Complex. The grant application was submitted to WHEAT (World Hunger Education, Advocacy and Training), the Administrative Agency for the EFSP Arizona State Set-Aside (SSA) Committee. WHEAT is

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compiling grant applications from all State of Arizona counties and submitting them to the EFSP National Board for consideration.

Therefore, there are three active grant proposals in process to fund the County's operating and modification costs associated with providing humanitarian aid and shelter in conjunction with CCS to legal asylum seekers.

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c: The Honorable Mark Napier, Pima County Sheriff
Jan Leshner, Chief Deputy County Administrator
Tom Burke, Deputy County Administrator for Administration
Regina Kelly, Director, Grants Management and Innovation Office