



MEMORANDUM

Date: July 30, 2019

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: **Operation Stonegarden Grant Amendments to Address Humanitarian Aid Funding**

Today, the Pima County Integrated Planning Team for Operation Stonegarden (OPSG), comprising of members from local law enforcement and the US Border Patrol, met at the direction of the Arizona Department of Homeland Security to consider two amendments to OPSG grant funding.

The first amendment dealt with Pima County's request for humanitarian aid in the amount of \$530,346. The second amendment was a similar, but complementary humanitarian aid request from the City of Tucson for \$70,000.

Both requests were approved at today's meeting.

Today's decision is an important first step in receiving approval of humanitarian aid funding reimbursement for providing County facilities to the faith-based, nonprofit, Catholic Community Services so they can continue to provide humanitarian aid to legal asylum seekers.

Two additional approvals are necessary. They are: 1) receive the approval of US Border Patrol Headquarters, and, 2) receive Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approval. I am hopeful the last two approvals can be received expeditiously and before the end of August, 2019.

CHH/anc

c: The Honorable Mark Napier, Pima County Sheriff
Jan Leshar, Chief Deputy County Administrator