



MEMORANDUM

Date: January 13, 2020

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

Re: **Application for Supplemental Appropriations for Humanitarian Assistance (SAHA) Funding
- Second Round**

Our Grants Management and Innovation Department (GMI) will submit our second round grant application for Supplemental Appropriations for Humanitarian Assistance (SAHA) funding in—most likely—early February 2020. This deadline approximation was shared by representatives of the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board—which administers SAHA funding and is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)—during a December 11, 2019 Pima County site visit. As of this memo, FEMA has still not published the final second round deadline date. In the meantime, GMI continues to collect expenditure data, and estimates that our second SAHA grant request will total \$577,707 covering our aggregate expenses between July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, including the one-time expenses necessary to standup a former juvenile detention facility into a humanitarian aid shelter. A portion of this cost was incurred to bring utility systems within the former juvenile detention facility had not been used in nearly 10 years up to current operating standards.

The Casa Alitas Shelter is now operated by Catholic Community Services (CCS) who pays for all of the necessary volunteers and expenses associated with providing shelter services, including transportation while the County pays for all fixed expenses, including maintenance, janitorial and utility services. The variable costs, including medical supplies, laundry services, vaccines and food is also provided in whole or in part by the County. These costs vary significantly depending upon facility census. It should be noted that the fixed costs associated with operating Casa Alitas is approximately \$27,127 per month to keep the facility open and supporting the mission and activities of CCS.

Today, even with the Migrant Protection Protocol implemented by the federal government, in the Tucson Sector, Casa Alitas continues to receive daily transfers of asylum seekers from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). In December 2019, 1,192 or 66 percent of releases in Pima County came into the Casa Alitas for shelter and transfer to a sponsor. This trend appears to be continuing during the first ten days of January, with 287 individuals released in Pima County, and 180 turned over directly to Casa Alitas.

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