



MEMORANDUM

Date: January 27, 2020

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

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Re: **In County Humanitarian Aid for Asylum Seekers PowerPoint Presentation**

Due to the number of questions we have received regarding humanitarian aid provided by the County to asylum seekers, as well as misinformation about the program, I asked our Grants Management and Innovation Director Regina Kelly to prepare a PowerPoint and be available to answer any Board or staff questions regarding this program.

The attached PowerPoint gives a brief overview of the processes Pima County has been involved in regarding asylum seeker funds spent and the processes and grants which we will recover all of our costs associated with providing humanitarian aid for asylum seekers.

If you or your staff would like more details regarding this program, its cost and the grant process which we recover funding, please contact Ms. Kelly at 724-6679 or Regina.Kelly@pima.gov.

CHH/lab

Attachment

c: Jan Leshar, Chief Deputy County Administrator
Regina Kelly, Director, Grants Management and Innovation Office
Amy Fish, Deputy Director, Grants Management and Innovation Office

Pima County Humanitarian Aid for Asylum Seekers

Calendar Year 2019

Grants Management and Innovation

Prepared for the Pima County Board of Supervisors



Overview

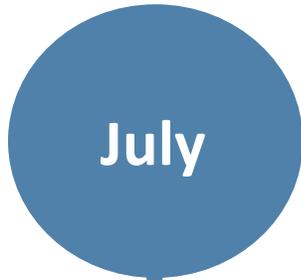
Humanitarian Aid Effort by Pima County

- In Calendar Year (CY) 2019, U.S. Department of Homeland Security agencies—i.e., Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) – released **over 20,000** migrants who sought asylum at the U.S. southern border to temporary shelters throughout Pima County.
 - ICE and CBP release migrants only when legally approved to seek asylum in United States.
- Due to dramatic increase in CY 2019 release volume, Pima County provides humanitarian aid in support of temporary shelter operations throughout the community.
- While acknowledging significant efforts by local nongovernmental and faith-based entities (NGOs), this presentation focuses only on Pima County humanitarian efforts in CY 2019. Specifically, this presentation will review:
 - **Census Figures**
 - **Costs**
 - **Grant Revenues**

In January 2019, community NGOs have been responding for ~6 months to steadily rising volume of migrants released by ICE and CBP.

Casa Alitas, program run by Catholic Community Services (CCS), is largest and longest-running (since 2014) humanitarian aid effort providing temporary shelter and processing services for migrants.

In first half of 2019, Casa Alitas operates out of Benedictine Monastery in central Tucson. Pima County provides collaborative services like food, facilities support, medical supplies and public health expertise at Casa Alitas— as well as other migrant shelters throughout County.



July

After an extensive search, the **Roman Catholic Diocese of Tucson requests the use of Pima County Juvenile Justice Complex (PCJJC)** as the new location for Casa Alitas.

Pima County begins one-time modifications of the vacant northern sections of PCJJC that will be used to house Casa Alitas.



October

Casa Alitas Welcome Center

Casa Alitas is successfully operating at PCJJC, housing an average of 1,059 people per month (August – December), with an average length of stay of 3.4 days.

January 2019 – June 2019

July 2019 – December 2019

Phase 1

Phase 2



April

Pima County Pop-Up Shelter

Local shelters overflow and Pima County opens temporary shelter on April 19 at Kino Event Center.

Casa Alitas Must Relocate

Benedictine Monastery owners notify Casa Alitas to move out by end of July 2019.



August

Casa Alitas Opens at PCJJC

On August 6, 2019, Pima County inaugurates its Casa Alitas partnership with CCS.



December

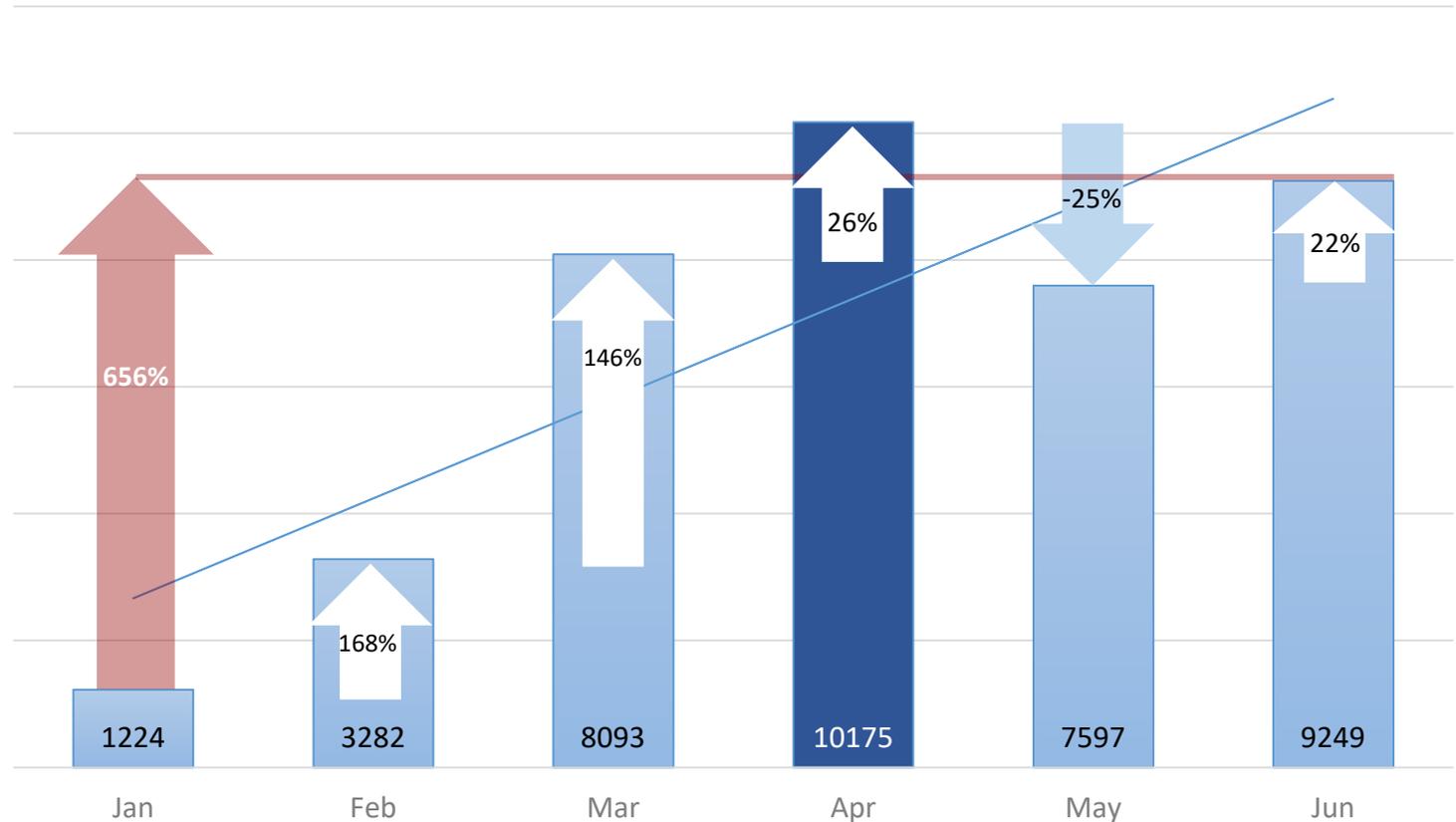
Meeting Huge Need

5,296 unique asylum seekers have been processed through Casa Alitas at PCJJC since its opening.

Phase 1

A total of 12,445 unique migrants were served in migrant shelters in Pima County, between January and June 2019, with an average length of stay of 3.18 days – a total of 39,620 person-days.

Asylum Seekers Served by Person-Days (Phase 1) in Pima County



Phase 1 Expenses: Overview

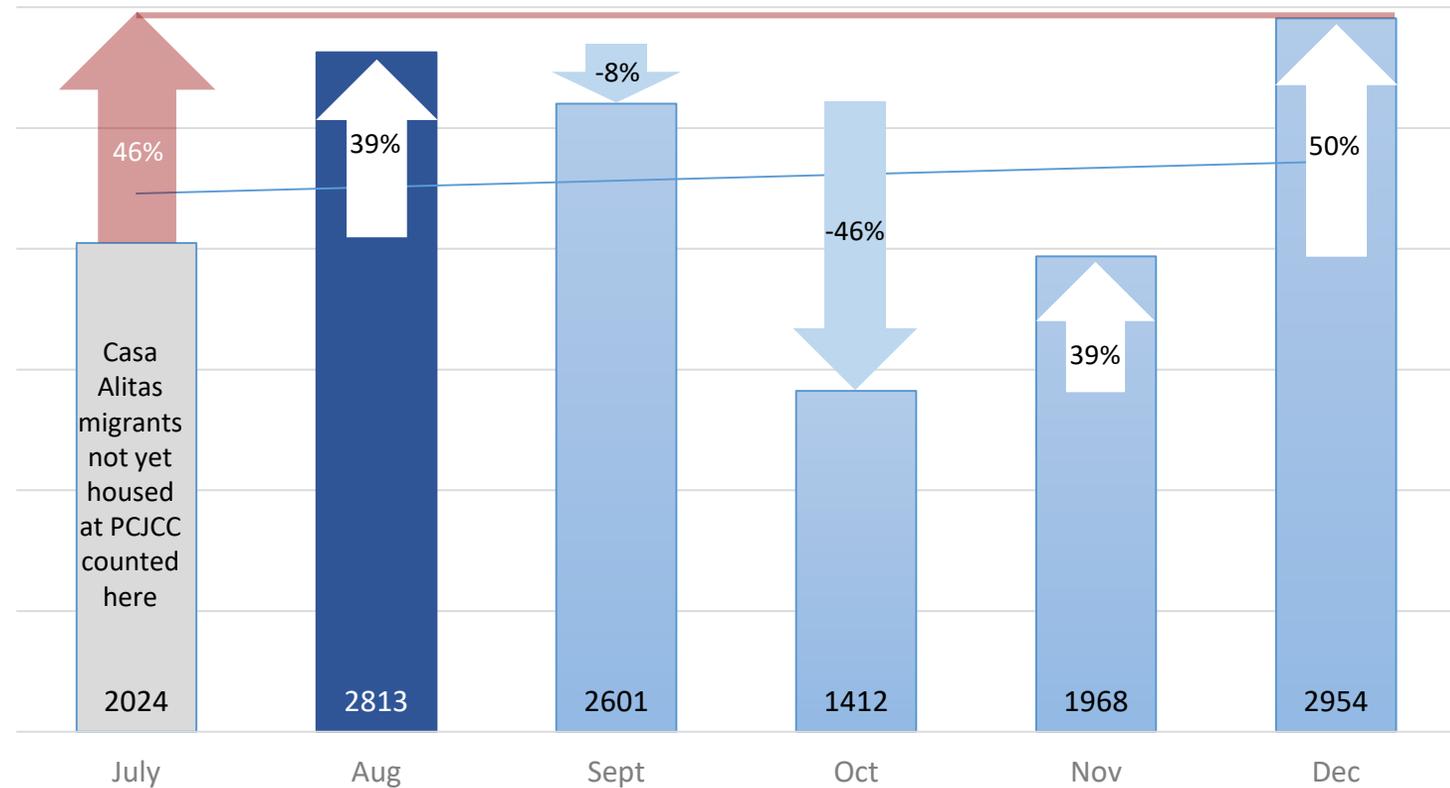
January 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019

Cost Type	Amounts (January through June 2019)
Food and Shelter Maintenance Support	\$46,693
Health/Medical	\$15,530
Pima County Support Staff	\$57,629
GRAND TOTAL	\$119,852

Phase 2

- A total of 6,229 unique migrants were served in migrant shelters by Casa Alitas, between July and December 2019, with an average length of stay of 2.2 days – a total of 13,772 person-days.
- Casa Alitas Shelter program moves from Benedictine Monastery to three pods in Pima County Juvenile Justice Center Complex (PCJJC).
- Pima County pays for all PCJJC operational expenses related to asylum seekers, such as vaccines and medical supplies, food, laundry, and fixed costs including as maintenance, janitorial services, and utilities.
- Catholic Community Services is responsible for day-to-day Casa Alitas program services.

Asylum Seekers Served
by Casa Alitas by Month (Phase 2) in Pima County



Phase 2 Expenses: Overview

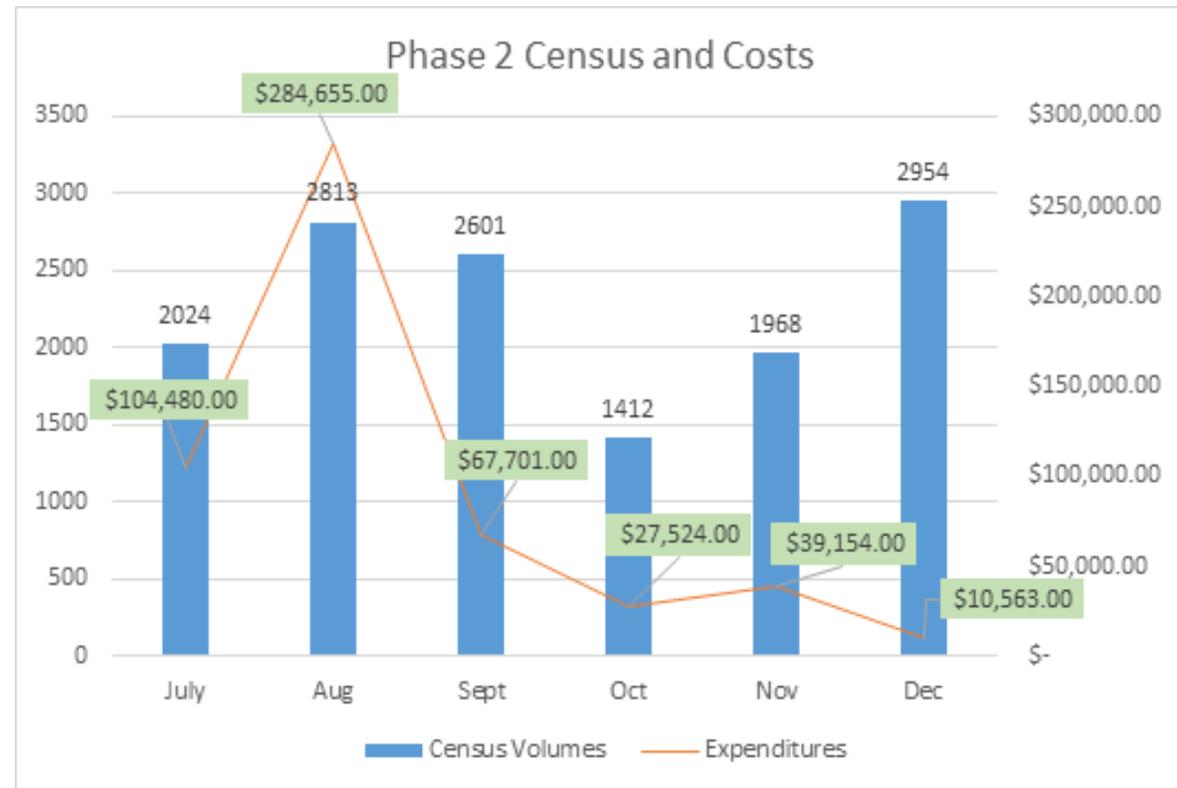
July 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Cost Type	Amounts (July 1 – December 31, 2019)
One-time Building Modifications	\$390,000
<i>Fixed</i>	
Maintenance	\$68,317
Janitorial	\$11,700
Utilities	\$37,436
<i>Variable</i>	
Laundry	\$1,742
Vaccines and Medical Supplies	\$14,061
Food	\$24,777
Pima County Support Staff	\$29,706
GRAND TOTAL	\$577,707

Phase 2

PCJJC Census and County Costs

- GMI Finance Division oversees CGI Advantage-based activities to ensure accurate collection of County expenses at PCJJC.
- See table. Note drop in expenses after one-time modifications implemented (July-August).
- Please also note: despite variability in census figures each month, costs stabilize over time.



Grant Awards and Costs Defrayed

Pima County CY 2019 Costs	Amounts (July 1 – December 31, 2019)
Phase 1 (January – June 2019)	\$119,852
Phase 2 (July – December 2019)	\$577,707
TOTAL COSTS:	\$697,559
Pima County CY 2019 Grant Revenues	Amounts (July 1 – December 31, 2019)
<i>awarded</i>	
U.S. FEMA/EFSP Supplemental Appropriations Humanitarian Assistance (Round 1)	\$ 88,482
U.S. FEMA/EFSP Phase XXXVI	\$ 26,734
U.S. CDC Ebola Redirect	\$ 50,873
TOTAL AWARDS:	\$166,089
<i>pending</i>	
U.S. FEMA/EFSP Supplemental Appropriations Humanitarian Assistance (Round 2)	\$531,470

COSTS DEFRAYED: 100%

Questions and Discussion

Thank you

