



MEMORANDUM

Date: September 10, 2020

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 read "CHH", is written over the printed name "C.H. Huckelberry".

Re: **Applications for Rental and Home Energy Assistance**

As we have previously advised, we have had a significant increase in the number of applications for rental and home energy assistance. To date we received 7,000 applications in varying states of completeness, of which 5,089 are in draft status until tenant completes the process.

On August 3, 2020 Community Action Agency (CAA) expanded its capacity with the hiring of 25 temporary staff to address the backlog of applications that were submitted through the Arizona Department of Housing online Portal. Currently, 473 applications were approved and awarded \$837,000 in assistance. Another 1,096 applications are under review, 342 applications have been withdrawn and/or denied due to a variety of reasons including excess income, failure to provide eligibility verification, or tenant services no longer in need. CAA is on a steady uptrend and expected to continue through December.

I have asked our staff to update the data and statistics on rental and utility assistance on a bi-weekly basis so you have an understanding of the potential problems we may face as the eviction prohibitions related to COVID-19 expire later in the Fall.

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