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# MEMORANDUM

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Date: January 8, 2021

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator 

Re: **Coronavirus Relief Funding and the New Consolidated Appropriation Act 2021**

As the Board recalls at the beginning of the Pandemic, Congress passed a Federal Law establishing the Coronavirus Relief Fund. The table below gives the funds that were distributed to Arizona.

<u>TOTAL CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND - ARIZONA</u>	<u>\$ 2,822,399,971.50</u>	
Distributed to:		
State of Arizona	<u>\$ 1,856,987,708.00</u>	
Maricopa County	\$ 398,960,913.50	
Mesa	\$ 90,389,099.40	
Phoenix	\$ 293,320,141.10	
Pima County	<u>\$ 87,107,597.40</u>	
Tucson	\$ 95,634,512.10	
Subtotal Distribution other than to the State	\$ 965,412,263.50	
Of Funds Distributed to other than the State:		
Maricopa County	\$ 782,670,154.00	81%
Mesa		
Phoenix		
Pima County	<u>\$ 182,742,109.50</u>	<u>19%</u>
Tucson		

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Of those funds distributed to either the Maricopa County or Pima County Region, 81 percent of the funding went to Maricopa County, Mesa and Phoenix, only 19 percent was distributed to Pima County and the City of Tucson.

The County was appropriated \$87,107,597 while the City received \$95,634,512. We previously provided details how the County spent this \$87.1 million in federal relief funds.

I am also attaching new grant funding opportunities from the Consolidated Appropriation Act 2021. The list of purposes appropriations and agency responsibilities are attached. We will obviously apply for all grants associated to each funding opportunity when available.

There is a distinct difference between the funding process from the first Coronavirus Relief Fund and the present Consolidated Appropriation Act 2021. The primary difference being that in the first act funds were directly transferred from the US Treasury to Pima County. The County then spend down their fund transfer in the various programs that had been previously identified. The Consolidated Appropriation Act 2021 appears to a grant funding process wherein the funds are held until a grant is awarded even though agencies responsible for public health maybe incurring continuing expenditures. This issue was discussed in my recent letter to our Congressional Delegation urging quick action to distribute these funds, particularly for Coronavirus testing and the vaccination process.

Our state and federal lobbying team is fully aware of these issues and actively representing Pima County to try and obtain direct grants and/or appropriations at the earliest possible date.

CHH/sp

#### Attachments

c: Jan Leshner, Chief Deputy County Administrator  
Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator and Chief Medical Officer,  
Health and Community Services  
Terry Cullen, MD,MS, Director, Health Department  
Regina Kelly, Director, Grants Management and Innovation Office  
Amy Fish, Deputy Director, Grants Management and Innovation Office  
Michelle Campagne, Director, Finance and Risk Management  
Michael Racy, Racy Associates, Inc.

Consolidated Appropriations Act 2021

Potential funding opportunities for Pima County

Name	Agency	Appropriation	Purpose	Process
<b>Coronavirus Relief Fund for rental assistance</b>	US Department of Treasury	\$24,200,000,000	Rental assistance for low income households (80% AMI) impacted by COVID- and homeless or near homeless. May be used for (i) rent; (ii) rental arrears; (iii) utilities and home energy costs; (iv) utilities and home energy costs arrears; and (v) other expenses related to housing incurred due, directly or indirectly, to the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, as defined by the Secretary. Grantees must give priority to households below 50% AMI and those unemployed for 3 months. Admin capped at 10%.	Similar to CRF process - jurisdictions submit certification to Treasury via upload on Treasury web site. Treasury must disburse the funds within 30 days of enactment.
<b>Funding for vaccination to states and localities</b>	HHS Centers for Disease Control	\$4,500,000,000	Vaccine Distribution	Transferred to states and localities according to the formula that applied to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness cooperative agreement in fiscal year 2020. \$1B must be made available within 21 days of enactment. 7% must be targeted to underserved, high risk and rural communities.
<b>Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund</b>	HHS Centers for Disease Control	\$22,400,000,000	Testing, contact tracing, mitigation. Facility costs are allowed if required for response effort.	Transferred to states and localities according to the formula that applied to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness cooperative agreement in fiscal year 2020. Must be made available within 21 days of enactment.

<b>Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund - Underserved</b>	HHS Centers for Disease Control	\$2,500,000,000	Testing, contact tracing, mitigation targeting underserved, high risk and rural populations	
<b>Provider Relief Fund</b>	US Department of Health and Human Services	\$3,000,000,000	Grants to reimburse health care providers (including public testing providers) for health care expenses or lost revenues that are attributable to coronavirus	Discretionary, rolling grant application process.
<b>Education Stabilization Fund, Governors' Emergency Education Relief Fund, Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Fund</b>	US Department of Education	\$54,859,600,000	Aid to schools to respond to coronavirus. Includes aid to post secondary institutions and preschools	Formula allocation to states based on school age population with discretionary carve-out for applications to assist non-public schools.
<b>Highways</b>	US Department of Transportation	\$10,000,000,000	State highways, maintenance, debt service payments and lost transportation revenue	
<b>Transit Infrastructure Grants</b>	US Department of Transportation	\$14,000,000,000	Transit - operating assistance	
<b>Airports</b>	US Department of Transportation	\$2,000,000,000	Airports and airport concessions	
<b>Broadband Expansion to Unserved Americans</b>	National Telecommunications and Information Administration	\$300,000,000	Broadband infrastructure deployment to areas lacking broadband, especially rural areas	Grants issued to qualifying partnerships between state and local governments and fixed broadband providers

Items of interest to local community

<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Process</b>
<b>Emergency Capital Investment program</b>	US Department of Treasury	\$9,000,000,000	For investment in small and minority-owned businesses in low-income communities.	

<b>CDFI Emergency Support</b>	US Department of Treasury	\$3,000,000,000	Grants to CDFIs to assist low income and minority communities	
<b>Emergency Food Assistance Program</b>	US Department of Agriculture	\$400,000,000	Emergency food assistance and commodity supplemental assistance	
<b>Nutrition services for Older Americans</b>	US Department of Agriculture	\$175,000,000	Older Americans Act nutrition programs.	
<b>Support for agricultural producers - Local Famers' Markets</b>	US Department of Agriculture	\$100,000,000	Part of 11B appropriated to assist farmers	
<b>Emergency Broadband Benefit Program</b>	Federal Communications Commission	\$3,200,000,000	\$50 monthly discount on household internet service cost	
<b>Connecting Minority Communities Fund</b>	National Telecommunications and Information Administration	\$285,000,000	Pilot program providing grants to qualified individuals and institutions for Internet access technology	
<b>Telehealth Program</b>	Federal Communications Commission	\$250,000,000	Additional funding for COVID-19 Telehealth assistance	