March 19, 2021

Cara Christ, MD, MS, Director
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Re: Submission of the State Request to Spend Monies Appropriated through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 Where the State Received $416 Million for COVID-19 Testing and $66 Million for Vaccinations

Dear Dr. Christ:

At the March 16, 2021 Pima County Board of Supervisors meeting, a request was made to receive a copy of the State’s submission for funding related to these federal funding appropriations.

We understand the submission would be complete in mid-March as indicated in the attached February 18, 2021 email from Chief, Bureau of Epidemiology & Disease Control Dr. Eugene Livar to Pima County Health Department Director Dr. Theresa Cullen.

"...while we work through drafting our budget and submit for federal approval in mid-March."

Pima County requests a full and complete copy of the funding submission provided by the State to the appropriate federal agency.

Sincerely,

C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

c: The Honorable Chair and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors
   Jan Lesher, Chief Deputy County Administrator
   Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer, Health and Community Services
   Terry Cullen, MD, MS, Public Health Director, Pima County Health Department
Hi Terry,

Thank you for providing the testing budget and projections. This will be very helpful as we move forward with budget planning. Please note that the ELC funds we have available are to be prioritized for the following strategies for all of Arizona and testing is one of them.

- Enhance Laboratory, Surveillance, Informatics, and other Workforce Capacity
- Strengthen Laboratory Testing
- Advance Electronic Data Exchange at Public Health Labs2
- Improve Surveillance and Reporting of Electronic Health Data
- Use Laboratory Data to Enhance Investigation, Response, and Prevention
- Coordinate and Engage with Partners

At this time we are able to provide $1,000,000 for Pima County testing through one of our state vendors, Paradigm Labs, for immediate needs while we work through drafting our budget and submit for federal approval in mid-March. At that point, we can reassess the funding available to support Pima County's testing needs. It may be likely that we can not support the entirety of the $40,274,448 need but will likely be able to provide some level of support.

Sincerely,
Eugene

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