



MEMORANDUM

Date: March 19, 2021

To: The Honorable Steve Christy, Member
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator *CHH*

Re: **Your March 16, 2021 Memorandum**

Regarding your request, you can calculate the cost per asylum seeker if you wish; however, we do not go to that detail since we do not receive reimbursable expenses from a federal grant program on a daily head count. "Daily cost per asylum seeker" will vary greatly since we are not providing meals or transportation and only paying the monthly utility bills and janitorial services. Therefore, that number is irrelevant to Pima County.

Regarding the Vaccine Flow Chart, we have indicated on a number occasions that anyone who is having difficulty registering for a COVID-19 vaccine can call the County's Vaccination Call Center to receive help with the process.

Finally, regarding your aside comment, I am enclosing a June 12, 2020 memorandum that indicates the County was awarded a grant in the amount of \$562,293.50 for our expenses related to Casa Alitas for the dates reimbursement was requested.

CHH/anc

Attachments

c: The Honorable Chair and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors
Jan Leshner, Chief Deputy County Administrator
Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer,
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Stephen W. Christy
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 16, 2021

TO: Chuck Huckelberry, County Administrator *via email*

FROM: Steve Christy, District 4 Supervisor 

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Updates - Questions

Thank you for your memo of March 15 in which you answered my numerous series of questions covering several topics from the March 2, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting. I know you have a lot on your plate and I appreciate the time and effort you expended in responding to my inquiries. You answered and addressed each of them thoroughly - save for two topics:

1. Question 4 asks for "daily cost per asylum seeker". Perhaps if I extrapolated the other related costs you provided me, I could calculate the answer but I would be concerned that my math could be wrong or inconclusive.
2. Regarding the Vaccination Flow Chart, my main concern was about how the information contained therein would get to those in our community who do not have access to the Internet or are not computer literate. This was not addressed. Additionally, it was our hope that the chart would include the telephone numbers for each shot registrar.

As an aside, and as a general comment and observation, perhaps a timely memorandum from your office announcing and outlining the reimbursements received from the government covering most of Pima County's costs related to the operation of the Casa Alitas Welcoming Center would have been helpful. I believe this is a positive development, as for quite some time we did not know how its outcome would be resolved. As you know, Casa Alitas has been an issue that I have been closely following and I want to be clear and up to date on such facts.

Along those same lines, we asked for the Vaccine Flow Chart from Drs. Garcia and Cullen more than once. It also would have been helpful if we had received some communication as to its existence from the Health Department before having to ask again during the March 2 meeting, only to hear that it has been available for some time.


Again, thank you for your responses and information.



MEMORANDUM

Date: June 12, 2020

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: **Casa Alitas County Humanitarian Aid for Asylum Seekers**

My memorandum to the Board of Supervisors of January 27, 2020 provided a brief overview of the processes in which Pima County has been involved and the grants Pima County applied for that were anticipated to enable the County to recover all of our costs associated with providing humanitarian aid for asylum seekers. The memorandum included a chart (Attachment 1) that indicated that the County had spent a total of \$697,559 for Calendar Year 2019 in costs associated with the asylum seekers in Pima County and had received, at that time, three federal grant awards totaling \$166,089. This grand total in grants revenue included an \$88,482 award from Round 1 of the federal Supplemental Appropriations Humanitarian Assistance (SAHA) grants process. The chart further notes that it was anticipated that a grant request for the remaining \$531,470 in expense would be submitted during SAHA Round 2.

On March 13, 2020, the Department of Grants Management & Innovation (GMI) submitted the SAHA Round 2 grant application. [Note: The Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) National Board administers SAHA funding and is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).]

In its Round 2 application, GMI requested \$567,708.77 for aggregate County expenses relating to the Casa Alitas Shelter at the Pima County Juvenile Justice Complex (PCJJC). These costs were incurred between July 1, 2019 and January 31, 2020, and include the one-time expenses that were necessary to standup up a former juvenile detention facility into a humanitarian aid shelter. Additional expenses included fixed costs for maintenance, janitorial and utility services. Variable costs included, for example, medical supplies, laundry services, vaccines and food. The variability of these expenses depended on facility census. The balance remaining of \$531,470 noted in the memorandum of January 27, 2020 did not include expenses for the month of January, which were included in the final Round 2 application and that account for the additional \$30,823.50 requested in excess of the anticipated grant request amount anticipated prior to close out of the month.

On June 1, 2020, GMI was notified that the EFSP National Board awarded the County a SAHA Round 2 grant in the amount of \$562,293.50.

The difference between the Round 2 grant award of \$562,293.50 and GMI's grant request of \$567,708.77 is \$5,415.27. Of this \$5,415.27 not funded, \$4,425.68 was disallowed

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mileage costs incurred by Facilities. The remaining \$989.59 was material costs, also incurred by Facilities, but which did not, in FEMA and EFSP's opinion, have sufficient documentation backup.

The \$562,293.50 SAHA Round 2 award represents a decision by the EFSP National Board to fund 99% of the Pima County grant application request.

I am pleased to report that the FEMA chair of the EFSP National Board told Pima County's GMI that its Round 2 request was one of the strongest applications received in the entire national competition.

Taking the recent SAHA Round 2 award of \$562,293.50 into account, GMI raised \$728,382.50 in grant awards to defray 99% of all County costs incurred between January 1, 2019 and January 31, 2020 as a result of humanitarian aid provided to asylum seekers.

CHH/anc

Attachment

c: Jan Leshar, Chief Deputy County Administrator
Michelle Campagne, Director, Finance and Risk Management
Lisa Josker, Director, Facilities Management
Regina Kelly, Director, Grants Management and Innovation Office

ATTACHMENT 1

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%