



MEMORANDUM

Date: March 8, 2022

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

From: Jan Leshner 
Acting County Administrator

Re: **Funding and Contracts Supporting Asylum Seekers and Emergency Eviction Services**

Three contracts¹ that support either the Asylum Seekers or individuals who have been evicted were approved at the March 1 meeting of the Board of Supervisors. The following illustrates how these contracts are part of existing programs and represent the allocation of previously authorized funds. The dollars described below represent the period of March 2021 through today.

Funding and Contracts Exclusively Supporting Asylum Seekers

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocated \$110,000,000 to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) for Humanitarian Relief. Pima County has thus far received ARPA Humanitarian Relief Fund awards totaling \$10,059,704.06. These funds are restricted to support of Asylum Seekers released by U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Table 1

Amount Received ARPA FEMA EFSP Humanitarian Relief Fund	Date Received
\$2,126,370.72	April 2021
\$2,500,000.00	November 2021
\$3,333,333.34	February 2022
\$2,100,000.00	March 2022

Listed below are contracts supporting Asylum Seekers exclusively funded by the above ARPA Humanitarian Relief Fund awards. The recently amended contracts with Catholic Community Services (CCS) and City of Tucson (COT) will expire on June 30, 2022; the long distance and short distance transportation contracts will expire on October 11, 2022 and August 15, 2022, respectively. All contract amounts represent the "not to exceed" amount of the contract through expiration date.

¹ City of Tucson, Amendment No. 2; Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona, Inc., Amendment No. 1; SJM Premier Medical Group, L.L.C., Amendment No. 4.

Table 2

Service Category	Vendor	Contract	Contract Amount
Food and Shelter at Casa Alitas Welcome Center (CAWC); coordination of referrals to overflow hotels; security; staffing at CAWC and overflow hotels to provide supportive services including travel support to relatives and sponsors	Catholic Community Services	CT-GMI-21*452.01	\$1,857,208.41
Housing (Non-Congregate Sheltering), Food, Transportation	City of Tucson	CT-GMI-21*484.02	\$2,301,205.00
Transportation (long-distance)	Diamond Transportation Arizona, Mountain View Tours, Inc., Citizen Tours, LLC, Bee Line Bus Transportation, LLC	MA-PO-21*171.02	\$550,000.00
Transportation (short-distance)	AAA Cab Services, Inc.	MA-PO-22*026.01	\$250,000.00

Asylum Seekers Contract Funded by Two Sources

At the March 1, 2022 meeting of the Board of Supervisors, the below contract amendment with SJM Premier Medical Group, L.L.C. was approved. This contract, which provides medical services relating to COVID-19 to Asylum Seekers, has previously been funded by ARPA Humanitarian Relief Fund dollars (covering costs totaling \$436,379). From this point forward, this contract's costs will be covered with ARPA Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSLFRF) dollars, as approved by the Board on December 21, 2021 (the COVID-19 Vaccines project allocation of \$19,550,236.20; the COVID-19 Testing project allocation of \$15,512,629.90; and/or the Emergency Housing – Medical Support project allocation of \$775,000).

Table 3

Service Category	Vendor	Contract	Contract Amount
Medical Services (COVID-19 testing; COVID-19 vaccinations; COVID-19-related medical services) for Asylum Seekers	SJM Premier Medical Group, L.L.C.	CT-HD-22*3.04	\$1,848,750.00

Contracts Supporting Asylum Seekers and Emergency Eviction Services

In order to maximize cost efficiencies, the below food and shelter contracts support both asylum seekers and evicted individuals. These contracts are Master Agreements, and delivery order costs can be allocated against different funding sources. Therefore, Jot Properties shelter costs for Asylum Seekers are allocated against the ARPA Humanitarian Relief Fund dollars whereas the use of Jot Property rooms by Evicted Individuals is allocated against the ARPA Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, as approved by the Board on December 21, 2021 (Project Name: Emergency Housing Support, in the amount of \$2,950,000). Please note that last week, on March 2, 2022, Pima County was notified of a FEMA EFSP ARPA-R award in the amount of \$580,000. This award will allow Pima County to cover the below contract costs for either participant group – Asylum Seekers or Evicted Individuals – as needed.

Table 4

Service Category	Vendor	Contract	Contract Amount
Housing (Non Congregate Shelter)	Jot Properties (Red Roof Inn; Comfort Suites)	MA PO 22*030.02	\$4,808,000.00
Food	World Dining, LLC	MA PO 22*084	\$1,455,300.00

Conclusion

Pima County has received \$10,059,704.06 (Table 1) in ARPA FEMA EFSP Humanitarian Relief Fund grants, restricted for use in supporting Asylum Seekers. This funding has been and will continue to be used to cover contracts exclusively providing Asylum Seeker support, which total \$4,958,413.41 (Table 2). The balance of this restricted funding can be used to pay for the Asylum Seeker portion of shared shelter and food contracts, which total \$6,263,300 (Table 4). The Evicted Individuals portion of the shared food and shelter contracts will be covered by the ARPA CSLFRF allocation of \$2,950,000. The medical costs generated by the SJM Premier Medical Group contract have been covered in the past by the ARPA Humanitarian Relief Fund dollars (in the amount of \$436,379). It is anticipated that

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there is funding available to cover this newly amended contract (in the amount of \$1,848,750) with ARPA CSLFRF funding from the following: the COVID-19 Vaccines project allocation of \$19,550,236.20; the COVID-19 Testing project allocation of \$15,512,629.90; and/or the Emergency Housing – Medical Support project allocation of \$775,000.

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