



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: 1/10/2023

**= Mandatory, information must be provided*

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***Title:**

Agenda Item – Discussion/Action on the Pima County Attorney’s Office request to utilize Anti-Racketeering Revolving Funds to fund I Am You 360’s Safe Housing Model

***Introduction/Background:**

Funds are requested in the amount of \$5,000.00 for I Am You 360’s Safe Housing Model “Small Home Experience” for aged out foster and/or homeless young adults 19-22 years old.

***Discussion:**

These funds will go directly to five (5) homes, to create doors/walls separating the bedroom area from the living area. I Am You 360’s “Small Home Experience” targets Pima County aged, minority, foster, and homeless young adults. The projects aims to empower the whole person with home ownership in order to break the generational cycle and create generational home ownership. Upgrades to each of five (5) homes will cost \$1,000 per home.

***Conclusion:**

Funding for I Am You 360 will cover construction materials, including wood framing and doors for 1 bedroom in of 5 homes

***Recommendation:**

Approve the funding request in the amount of \$5,000.00

***Fiscal Impact:**

TOTAL IMPACT: \$4,000.00 (Wooden Doors; \$800.00 x5); \$1,000.00 (Installation Casings; \$200.00 x5).

***Board of Supervisor District:**

1 2 3 4 5 All

Department: Pima County Attorney's Office

Telephone: 520-724-5700

Contact: Chief Civil Deputy Sam Brown

Telephone: 520-724-5700

Department Director Signature: 

Date: 12/16/22

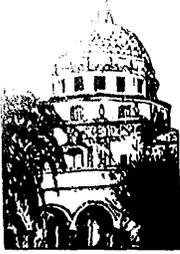
Deputy County Administrator Signature: _____

Date: _____

County Administrator Signature: 

Date: 12/16/22

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Pima County Attorney's Office

ARF Applicant Information Form

Once completed, please send this form and your ARF application to:
Patrick Robles, PCAO Community Outreach Coordinator, ARFRequest@pcao.pima.gov

Name of agency/organization I Am You 360

Address
1131 S. Van Buren Ave
Tucson AZ 85711

Mailing (if different) P.O. Box 16161 Tucson, AZ 85732

Contact person Desiree Cook Title Founder and CEO

Contact person _____ Title _____

Phone 520-372-2714 Email iamyou360@hotmail.com

Is your agency/organization a: Previous ARF applicant Yes No If yes, when? _____

Previous ARF grantee Yes No If yes, when? _____

Current ARF grantee Yes No

**Community Organization Application
For Funding Assistance From Pima County Anti-Racketeering Funds (ARF)**

Community Organization	<u>I Am You 360</u>
Executive Director/Agency Head	<u>Desiree Cook</u>
Law Enforcement Agency	<u>Pima County</u>
Date	<u>12/7/22</u>
Amount Requested	<u>\$5,000</u>

The Pima County Anti-Racketeering Revolving Fund has been created by forfeiture of property that constituted the proceeds of crime or that was used or intended to be used to commit crime. **Use of the funds is restricted to law enforcement purposes**, however transfers to community-based programs, whose missions are supportive of and consistent with a **law enforcement** effort, policy, or initiative are permitted.

NOTE: A program may benefit the community generally, but still not qualify for Pima County Anti-Racketeering Revolving Fund funds. To qualify, a program must specifically involve law enforcement personnel or otherwise include specific content which extends or enhances the efforts of law enforcement in the community, such as assisting victims of crime, preventing crime including by providing programs for at-risk youth, deterring crime, rehabilitation of offenders, emergency response by law enforcement, protecting people and property from crime, reducing the effects of crime, etc.

Describe the community-based program for which funds are being sought and how the program benefits the community:

The funds would be used to support I Am You 360 Safe Housing Model "Small Home Experience" for aged out foster and/or homeless young adults 19-22 yrs old.

The \$5,000 would go directly to 5 homes bedroom walls separating from the living area and bedroom doors. Each home will cost a \$1,000 each.

I Am You 360 "Small Home Experience" targets Pima County aged, minoritized foster care and homeless young adults. Project is to empower the whole person with cultural related hygiene items, self development, life skills, and homeownership to break the generational cycle and create generational

Specifically, what law enforcement effort, policy, and/or initiative of this agency does this program support in this community?

I Am You 360 works directly with Tucson Police Department. This is the first partnership of its kind. The SHE Project safe housing model have been investing in our current project at 238 W. Ventura by building individual relationships with each resident, friendships, mentoring, life skills, by demonstrating one on one hands on defense classes, safety awareness. DEA Drug prevention classes. As of date I Am You 360 has also held a cook out with our DEA, TPD officers. One noteworthy benefit is targeted undeserved, vulnerable youth normally would be on the other side of the judicial system. Instead positive relationships are established and will be replicated with the SHE project.

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Describe in detail how this program is supportive of and consistent with this law enforcement agency's efforts, policies, and/or initiatives in the community. What elements of the program specifically enhance or extend the efforts of law enforcement in the community, and how does the program do this?

There are about 14,000 children in foster care and about 6,000 homeless youth. Within the last 2 years homelessness has by 70 percent.

This Safe Housing Model provides enhancement to communities that are stricken with high crime, trafficking, and homelessness. This also creates stronger and better communities. Lowering the crime rate. The community will rise beyond their circumstance and will follow with an improved community to thrive. These are the communities hardest hit by COVID. Therefore transforming with strategic investments aimed at relief and a resilient recovery for the hardest hit impoverished communities.

As specifically as possible, please indicate how the funds requested will be used by this program (that is, to purchase supplies, equipment, and/or services; covering costs of participants or attendees; etc. **Direct cash transfers or gifts are not permitted**):

Funds requested for the unique approach to addressing community issue with leveraging grant dollars to address inequitable outcomes such as the disproportionate amount of aged out foster care and/or experiencing homelessness. With these grant dollars will go directly to construction materials such as wood specially for framing for 5 bedrooms and 5 doors. We recently were awarded the ARPA grant for 6 homes of the 10 homes will be built at 1101 S. Van Buren Ave.

We are 60% complete of our construction of homes.

We are claiming a 75% success rate therefore reducing the crime rate.

Please describe how your initiative will directly assist people from underserved communities and/or those who have been marginalized by a conviction history:

There are 400,000 children in foster care in United States. In Pima County there over 20,000 underserved youth. By examining root causes, minority youth age out of foster care services yet housing and basic skills for self sufficiency are lacking and/or absent. Additionally there are no current services available which provide life skill development combined with safe housing, home ownership for minority youth aging out of the system.

The facts about Arizona's homeless youth.

Percent of homeless youth in America experiencing

Mental Health Problems 69%

Incarceration 50%

Substance Abuse 29%

Homeless LGBTQ youth experience negative outcomes at higher rates than non-LGBTQ youth.

62% Physically harmed by others

38% Forced to have sex

27% Exchanged sex for basic needs

Item	Cost	Total For Request
Wood Doors	\$800.00 x5	\$4,000
Installation Casings	\$200.00 x 5	\$1,000
Total		\$5,000

Certification by Community Organization Applicant

Applicants for funds must certify in writing the following aspects of its background and compliance with Arizona and federal law and Department of Justice guidelines:

I, the undersigned head of the applicant entity, certify that:

	Yes	No
A. Applicant is a state, county, or local government department or agency; or applicant is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) or (4) organization. Tax I.D. Number: <u>46-555-9045</u>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Applicant is primarily engaged in providing a program that is both community-based and supportive of and consistent with a law enforcement effort, policy, or initiative.	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Applicant agrees to account separately for all anti-racketeering funds received.	✓	—
D. Applicant agrees to utilize and apply standard accounting requirements and practices employed under state or local law for recipients of federal, state, or local funds and to provide documentation for any audit that may be performed by a governmental entity authorized to audit the use of such funds.	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Applicant is in compliance with federal civil rights laws.	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. Applicant is in compliance with all other Arizona and federal laws that apply to applicant.	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
G. No officer, director, trustee, or fiduciary of the applicant has been convicted of a felony offense under federal or state law, or convicted of any drug offense.	✓	—
H. Applicant agrees not to use funds for personal or political purposes.	—	<input type="checkbox"/>
I. Applicant agrees that funds will not be used for any purpose that would constitute an improper or illegal use under the laws, rules, regulations, or orders of the state or local jurisdiction in which the applicant is located.	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>

Desiree Cook
 Print Name of Requesting Agency
 Director

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 Signature of Requesting Agency
 Director

I have reviewed the foregoing request, and based on the organization's certifications and the information provided by the organization, the recipient of the funds is a qualified entity and the program for which funds are sought is consistent with and supportive of a

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law enforcement effort, policy, and/or initiative of this agency. (If the funding is to be from DOJ equitable sharing sources, all additional requirements for use of such funds have also been fulfilled; Treasury funds may not be used for support of community-based programs.)

Laura Conover
Print Name of Chief Law
Enforcement Officer


Signature of Chief Law Enforcement
Officer

Date 12/14/2022