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# MEMORANDUM

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Date: July 24, 2023

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

From: Jan Leshner   
County Administrator

Re: **Additional Information for the Board of Supervisors July 25, 2023, Agenda Item No. 55 Grant Acceptance: Emergency Rental Assistance 2 Program**

The above referenced agenda item is a grant acceptance that is most likely the final allocation of \$7,548,897.54 in federal Emergency Rental Assistance program (ERAP) funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury.

Since March 2021, the Pima County ERAP program has served 10,251 unique households with across Pima County delivering more than \$59 million in assistance to families and landlords in our community. In fact, because of the efficiency of our local program the amount of ERAP resources reallocated from the Treasury, the Arizona Department of Economic Security and other counties now well exceeds Pima County original ERAP allocation.

The attached memorandum from Community & Workforce Development Director Dan Sullivan summarizes the program impact of this effort. It includes mapping of beneficiary households by Supervisor District as well as jurisdiction. The memorandum also describes how these federal resources have been leveraged against other program components including the Emergency Eviction Legal Services and Emergency Shelter programs

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Attachment

c: Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator  
Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer  
Steve Holmes, Deputy County Administrator  
Dan Sullivan, Director, Community & Workforce Development

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Date: July 21, 2023

To: Jan Leshner  
County Administrator

Francisco García  
Deputy County Administrator and Chief  
Medical Officer

From: Dan Sullivan   
Community & Workforce Development  
Director

Re: **Emergency Rental Assistance Program July Update**

The Pima County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) continues to serve County residents at an urgent pace and continues to be a leading program in Arizona and nationally. Since March 2021, we have helped more than 10,251 unique households and provided over \$59 million in benefit to this community.

As of July 18, 2023, only Pima County, the Arizona Department of Economic Security, Maricopa County, and the City of Glendale have active ERAP programs. The remaining programs within Arizona have either run out of funds or shut down programs.

Because of the efficient design of our program and the pace we are expending funds keeping families in their homes, we have been able to extend the life of our program by seeking reallocated funds from the Arizona Department of Economic Security (ADES), Treasury, and Yavapai County. We have received more than \$42 million in reallocated funds, in addition to \$27,755,566.34 million we received directly from Treasury. Without reallocated funds, the program would have closed in the summer of 2022.

We are receiving another \$7.5 million in reallocated funds from the Department of the Treasury, which will go before the Board of Supervisors for acceptance on July 25 and bring the total in reallocated funds to over \$49 million. This very well may be the last of the available reallocated funds. ADES does not have more to share and Treasury has not indicated any further opportunities for reallocated funds. We anticipate these funds will be completely expended in October or November.

Beginning in December 2022, our process has been phone based. Those seeking rental assistance call a hotline staffed by CWD employees who do a preliminary screening and schedule an appointment with a case manager to complete their application. Currently, the CWD ERAP hotline receives approximately 100 phone calls per day, and staff are able to schedule an appointment within one week. This system allows us to engaged qualifying clients directly so that staff time is not lost seeking to contact nonresponsive applicants. We will continue to use this system process cases with reallocated funding.

ERAP has also been integral to the success of the Emergency Eviction Legal Services (EELS) program. Working with Consolidated Justice Court, 4,620 clients have been served by EELS navigators in court, who provide navigation to an array of services, including legal services. Escalated ERAP processing to avoid eviction has been a major driver in avoiding evictions, even for cases in which the landlord obtains a judgment. In order to obtain escalated assistance, the landlord signs [a form](#) agreeing to hold off on enforcing the eviction judgment to allow ERAP processing. We are currently processing approximately 24 escalations per week.

Additionally, ERAP funding has been an important component of successful transition from eviction to stable housing for EELS clients who cannot avoid eviction. Since January 2022, EELS has operated a non-congregate, bridge-housing program at a local hotel. Although ERAP funding does not pay for the shelter itself, it has been used

to pay needed transitional support (e.g., three months' rent and security deposit) to landlords on behalf of clients who are able to locate a new unit but just require that additional support to move in. In total this effort has housed 324 households at a rate of about 19 rehousing cases per month. Emergency housing clients are sheltered for an average of 76 days and 90% have moved on to stable housing after that stay.

When ERAP funding is exhausted, EELS will be able to continue to provide legal services and emergency housing, but both escalated rental assistance and this rehousing assistance be unavailable. This will mean some subset of evictions that are now avoidable will become unavoidable, and some recently evicted families will be more difficult to rehouse.

The Governor and AZDES have mentioned of other potential state funds that can be used for rent and utility assistance. Although details of this funding remains unpublished, what is clear is that these funds will have significantly less flexibility for the County, may pose a greater administrative burden to clients, and will almost certainly be for fewer months of funding. As program design is ongoing, we continue to provide comment on potential program design.

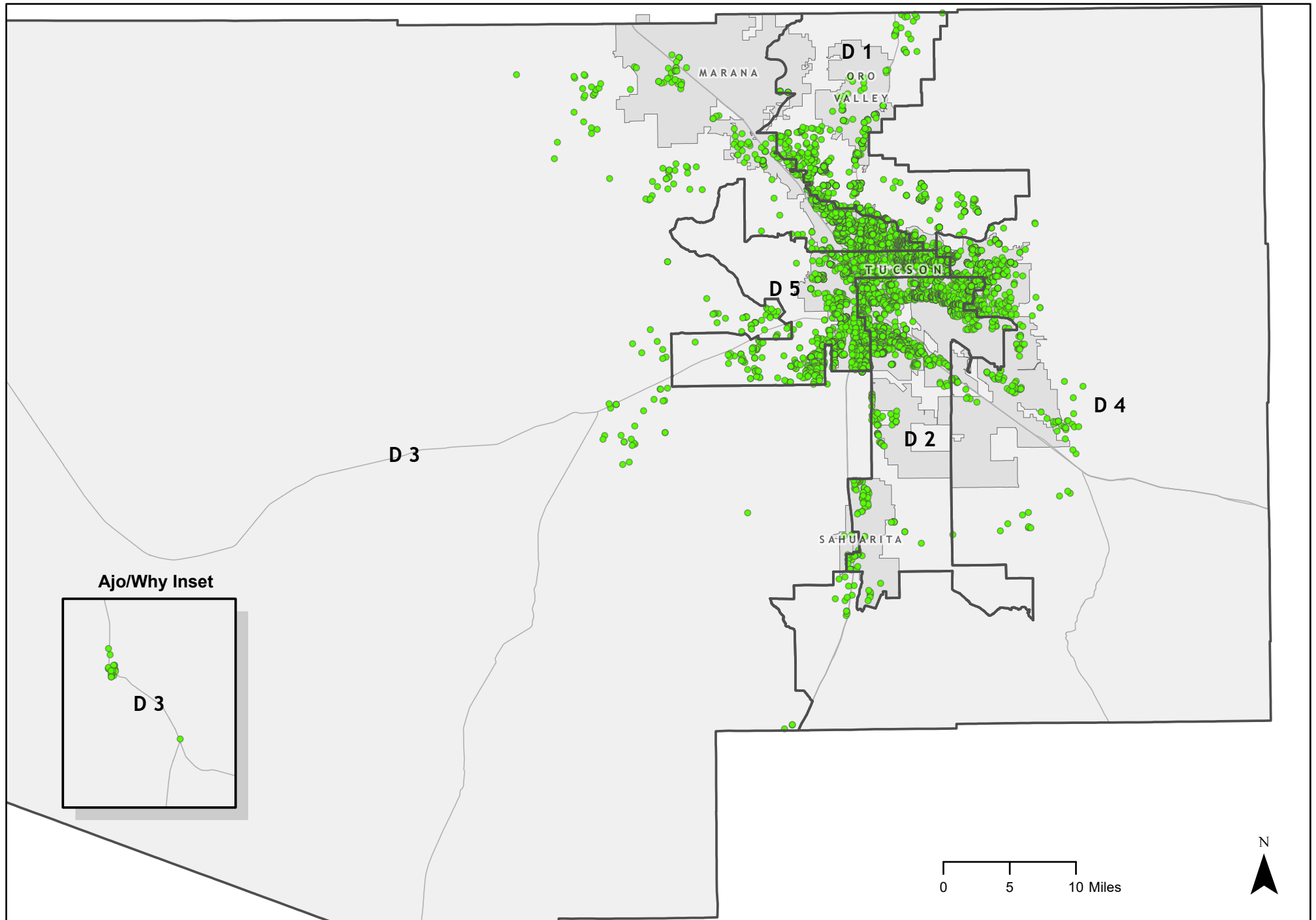
Once ERAP funds are fully expended, we will continue to use our existing but limited rent and utility funds. With these funds, we are able to provide rental assistance to approximately 1,000 households annually, and at a far lower level of assistance per household. Still, we will continue to seek any opportunity for enhanced rental assistance funds.

Attachment A: Map of ERAP Households Served Since March 2021

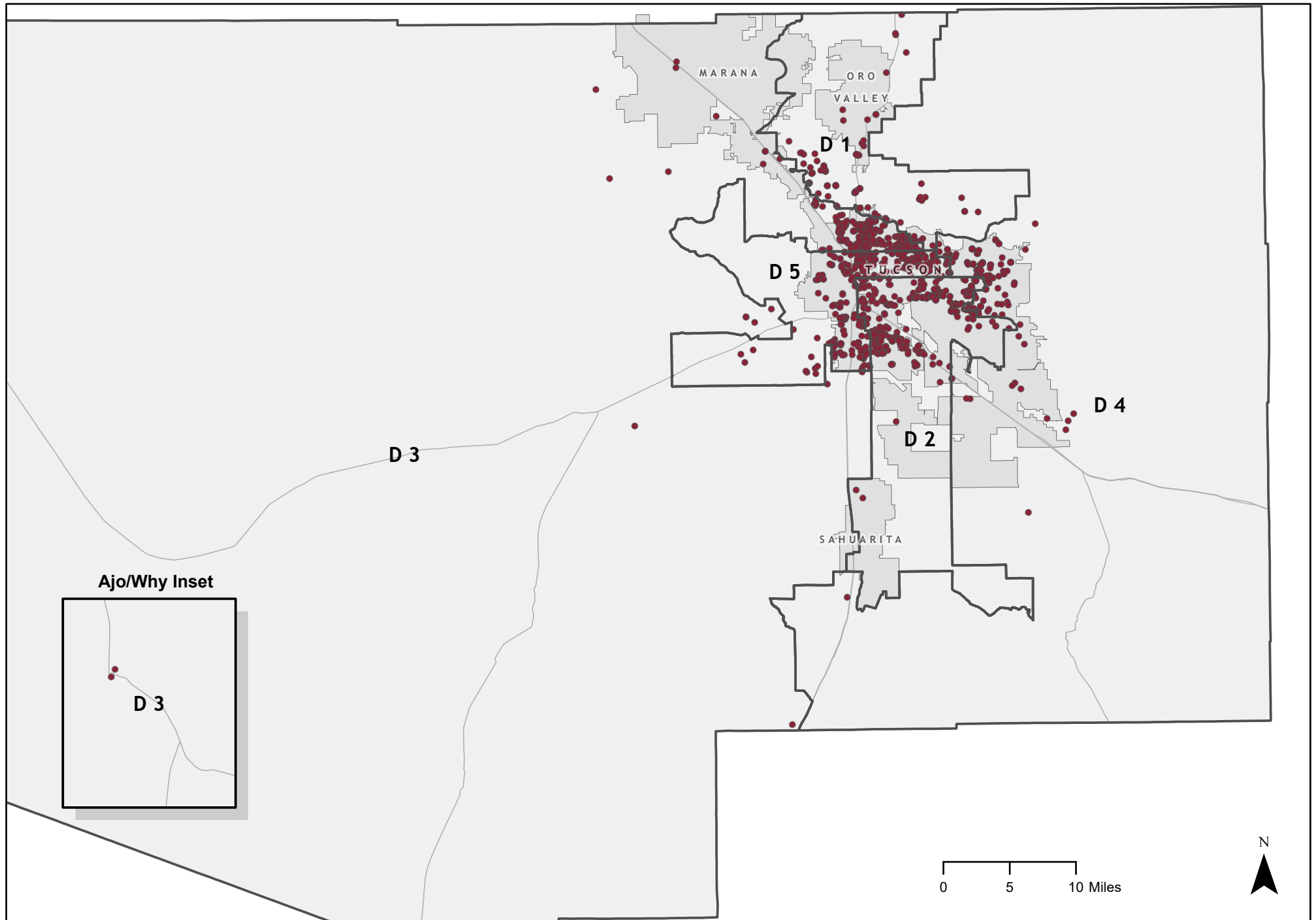
Attachment B: Map of ERAP Households Served Q2 2023

Attachment C: Tables of Households Served by District and Jurisdiction

# ERAP Households Served Since March 2021



# ERAP Households Served 2nd Quarter 2023



## ERAP Households Served by District and Jurisdiction

ERAP HOUSEHOLDS SERVED BY SUPERVISOR DISTRICT	
Supervisor District	Mar 2021 - Jun 2023
1	1,191
2	2,657
3	2,395
4	1,295
5	2,562
(Indeterminate Location)	151
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,251</b>

ERAP HOUSEHOLDS SERVED BY JURISDICTION	
Jurisdiction	Mar 2021 - Jun 2023
Marana	217
Oro Valley	179
Sahuarita	82
South Tucson	195
Tucson	7,452
Unincorporated Pima County	1,975
(Indeterminate Location)	151
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,251</b>