



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: 2/6/2024

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***Title:**

Discussion/Action on the Pima County Attorney's Office request to utilize Anti-Racketeering Revolving Funds in support of Amistades Inc.

***Introduction/Background:**

Funds are requested in the amount of \$2,500.00 for Amistades, Inc.

***Discussion:**

This request is for the Noche Oscura (Dark Night) Task Force created by Amistades, Inc. in 2021 to address the opioid epidemic through the distribution of Narcan/Naloxone and a prevention campaign teaching the public about its use. Amistades is aligned with the Tucson Police Department's Narcan/Naloxone distribution initiative and can reach communities and neighborhoods to meet users and provide them education and Narcan where police are often not welcome. Amistades shares data with Tucson Police Department on all Narcan Distribution efforts as well as any overdoses that were prevented. This organization receives free Narcan kits from Pima County, but it is never enough to keep up with the demand and needs of the community.

***Conclusion:**

Amistades, Inc. has been assisting the underserved population of Tucson since 2006 and is well known in the community for its prevention programs helping Latinos. Amistades was founded by Latinos and focuses all of its programs on the underserved population, many of which have conviction histories and are suffering from drug addiction. The funding will allow Amistades to purchase additional Narcan kits that will be used to save lives of community members in need.

***Recommendation:**

Approve the funding request in the amount of \$2,500.00.

***Fiscal Impact:**

TOTAL IMPACT: \$2,500 to purchase additional Narcan kits, staff time, advertising, printing and mileage.

***Board of Supervisor District:**

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Department: Pima County Attorney's Office

Telephone: 520-724-5700

Contact: Chief Civil Deputy Sam Brown

Telephone: 520-724-5700

Department Director Signature: _____

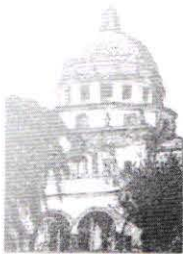
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Deputy County Administrator Signature: _____

Date: _____

County Administrator Signature: _____

Date: 1/19/24



Pima County Attorney's Office

ARF Applicant Information Form

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

Name of agency/organization Amistades, Inc.

Address

100 N Stone Ave., STE 400

Tucson, AZ 85701

Mailing (if different) N/A

Contact person Joseph Gill Title Director of Programs

Contact person N/A Title N/A

Phone 520-208-4463 Email josephgill@amistades.org

Is your agency/organization a: Previous ARF applicant ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, when? 2017-2019

Previous ARF grantee ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, when? 2017-2019

Current ARF grantee ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

Community Organization <u>Amistades, Inc.</u>	
Executive Director/Agency Head <u>Ricardo M. Jasso</u>	
Law Enforcement Agency <u>Pima County Attorney</u>	
Date <u>10/04/2023</u>	Amount Requested <u>\$2,500</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 Noche Oscura (Dark Night) Task Force was created by Amistades, Inc. in 2021 to address the opioid epidemic through the distribution of Narcan/Naloxone and a prevention campaign teaching the public about its use. Staff members trained several hundred school employees, parents, EMT's, fire department personnel, law enforcement, and other community members on the importance of having Narcan available as well as the procedure to utilize it when needed.

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

This program aims to support the Tucson Police Department's initiative/policy on Narcan distribution throughout the City of Tucson. According to the Tucson Police Department and Tucson.com, over 150 lives have been saved by Tucson Police Officers distributing Narcan. More specifically, nearly 200 doses were administered since 2017 and over 435 injectable Naloxone kits were distributed. Due to staffing issues, the Tucson Police Department cannot fully support this initiative without help from community partners like Amistades, Inc.

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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?

The Noche Oscura program at Amistades is aligned with the Tucson Police Department's Narcan/Naloxone distribution initiative and will be able to reach many opioid users that want to avoid police contact. Amistades can get into the community and neighborhoods to meet with users and provide them education and Narcan where police are often not welcome. Amistades staff utilize grassroots efforts and their years of experience in prevention and outreach to gain the trust of community members. Amistades will also share data with Tucson Police Department on all our Narcan Distribution efforts as well as any overdoses that were prevented.

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**):

The funding, is awarded, will be used in its entirety to purchase Narcan kits. Amistades receives free Narcan kits from Pima County, but it is never enough to keep up with the demand and needs of the community. This funding will allow Amistades to purchase an additional \$2,500 of Narcan kits that will be used to save lives of community members in need. Amistades will cover all other related expenses of this program, such as staff time, advertising, printing, mileage, etc.

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

Amistades has been assisting the underserved population of Tucson since 2006 and is well known in the community for its prevention programs and helping Latinos. Amistades was founded by Latinos and for Latinos, and focuses all of its programs on the underserved Latino population, many of which have conviction histories and are suffering from drug addiction. Amistades created and currently operates three separate OUD coalitions in Pima, Cochise, and Pinal Counties and distributes Narcan and opioid overdose training throughout Southern Arizona.

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Certification by Community Organization Applicant

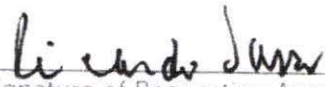
Applicants for funds must certify in writing the following aspects of its background and compliance with Arizona and federal law and Department of Justice guidelines:

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>20-5274049</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Applicant agrees to account separately for all anti-racketeering funds received	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Applicant is in compliance with federal civil rights laws.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. Applicant is in compliance with all other Arizona and federal laws that apply to applicant.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
H. Applicant agrees not to use funds for personal or political purposes.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Ricardo M. Jasso

Print Name of Requesting Agency
Director


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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura Conover', is written over a horizontal line.

Signature of Chief Law Enforcement
Officer

Date 1/16/2024



Pima County Attorney's Office

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nicole Heath, Legal Administrator

FROM: Ellen R. Brown, Deputy County Attorney *ERB*

DATE: 11/2/2023

RE: Approval of purpose/use of distribution of Pima County Attorney anti-racketeering funds under state law for Amistades in the amount of \$2,500.00.

I have reviewed the attached 10/27/2023 request for approval of the purpose/use of funds held by the Pima County Attorney in its state sub-account of the Pima County Attorney's Anti-Racketeering Revolving Fund. The request is APPROVED for the reason that the description of the purpose/use appears consistent with the following purpose(s)/use(s) by state law:

- ☐ Funding a gang prevention program. ARS § 13-2314.03(F).
- ☒ Funding a substance abuse education program. ARS § 13-2314.03(F).
- ☐ Funding a program that provides assistance to victims of a criminal offense that is listed in A.R.S. §13-2301. ARS § 13-2314.03(F).
- ☐ Funding for witness protection pursuant to A.R.S. § 11-536. ARS § 13-2314.03(F).
- ☐ Funding the investigation and prosecution of any offense included in the definition of racketeering in A.R.S. §§ 13-2301(D)(4) or 13-2312, including civil enforcement. ARS § 13-2314.03(F).
- ☒ Funding for a purpose permitted by federal law relating to the disposition of any property transferred to a law enforcement agency. ARS § 13-2314.03(F). Reference: USDOJ *Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies* (July 2018) (*Guide*), specifically subsec(s) 1k.
- ☒ These monies will provide support of a community-based program (*see the Guide, V.B.1.k. (July 2018)*). The *Certification by Community Organization Applicant and Community Organization Application for Funding Assistance from Pima County Anti-Racketeering Funds* is attached.
- ☐ Funding to compromise and pay claims against forfeited property. ARS § 13-4315(A)(5).

- ____ Funds to pay expenses necessary to seize, detain, appraise inventory, protect, maintain, preserve the availability of, advertise or sell property that is subject to forfeiture; or any other necessary expenses incident to the seizure, detention, preservation or forfeiture of the property. ARS § 13-4315(C)(1).
- ____ Funding to pay awards for information or assistance which led to a civil or criminal proceeding under the Criminal Code. ARS § 13-4315(C)(2).

Notes/Special Instructions:

State Funds; Narcan/Naloxone kits.

Laura Conover
Pima County Attorney



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ellen Brown, Deputy County Attorney

FROM: Nicole Heath, Legal Administrator Nicole Heath

DATE: 10/27/23

RE: Request for approval of purpose/use of distribution of anti-racketeering funds

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Date: 2023.10.27 11:23:46 -07'00'

Please review this description of purpose/use of funds held by the Pima County Attorney in the Pima County Attorney's Anti-Racketeering Revolving fund.

Agency/Entity to be paid: Amistades

Subaccount: Treasury ☐ Justice ☐ State ☒

Recurring Distribution: ☐

DESCRIPTION OF PURPOSE/USE OF DISTRIBUTION

This request is for approval to utilize ARRF funding assistance from Pima County Anti-Racketeering Funds in the amount of \$2500.00. Attached is the ARRF application from Amistades, Inc. The funds are intended to support The Noche Oscura (Dark Night) Task Force by distributing Narcan/Naloxone with a prevention and education campaign. The funding will purchase additional needed Narcan kits to supplement the need that is not met from free kits received by the County. Amistades is able gain the trust of community members and will be able to provide data to local police departments on distribution efforts and overdose prevention.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Attachment: Application from Amistades, Inc.