



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: 5/16/2023

*= 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 88-CRIME rewards.

***Introduction/Background:**

Funds are requested in the amount of \$5,000.00 for 88-CRIME to fund rewards for community members who come forward to report on crime.

***Discussion:**

At a time when law enforcement resources are in short demand and citizens are sometimes reluctant to call law enforcement directly, the information received through the 88-CRIME tip line is channeled directly to the appropriate law enforcement agency, and often to the specific investigative unit. amplifying their ability to bring criminals to justice and subsequently improve the quality of life for those impacted by crime. Reward procedures and decisions are made by the 88-CRIME, Inc. Board of Directors. 88-CRIME, Inc. accepts contributions and raises funds to pay for rewards. Tax dollars are not used for rewards. 88-CRIME, Inc is funded exclusively by donations and fundraising. Donations received from any RICO account, including that of the Pima County Attorney's Office, will be used exclusively to pay rewards.

***Conclusion:**

These funds will support continued payments of rewards to community members who come forward to 88-CRIME to provide information which contributes to the investigation and prosecution of crimes.

***Recommendation:**

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

***Fiscal Impact:**

TOTAL IMPACT: \$5,000.00 (Rewards)

***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: _____

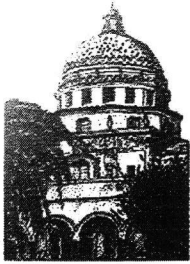
Date: _____

Deputy County Administrator Signature: _____

Date: _____

County Administrator Signature: _____

Date: _____



Pima County Attorney's Office

ARF Applicant Information Form

Name of agency/organization: 88-CRIME Inc.

Address: 32 N. Stone Avenue

Tucson, AZ 85701

Mailing (if different) Same

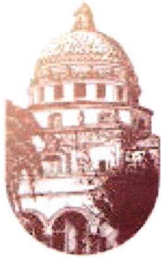
Contact person: David Azuelo

Title: President of the Board

Phone: 520-343-3672

Email: David.c.azuelo@rxt.com

Is your agency/organization a: Previous ARF applicant	Yes	If yes, when? 2022
Previous ARF grantee	Yes	If yes, when? 2022
Current ARF grantee	Yes	



Pima County Attorney's Office

MEMORANDUM

TO: Arika Wells, Legal Administrator

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

DATE: 2/22/23

RE: Approval of purpose/use of distribution of Pima County Attorney anti-racketeering funds under state law in the amount of \$5,000.00 for 88-Crime rewards.

I have reviewed the attached 2/17/2023 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* (2009) (*Guide*) & Interim guidelines section V.B. (July 2014), specifically subsec(s) _____.
- ☒ These monies will provide support of a community-based program (*see the Guide, Interim guidelines sections V.B.1.i. (July 2014)). 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).

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- 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:

VB1a allows for use of ARRF for reward money.

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

Community Organization: 88- CRIME Inc.

Executive Director/Agency Head: David Azuelo

Law Enforcement Agency : Pima County Attorney's Office

Date 2/17/2023

Amount Requested \$5000.00

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 88-CRIME Program was incorporated in 1980 to assist law enforcement agencies in obtaining information from the public about felonies and other serious crimes. The corporation developed community responses against crime by providing incentives such as rewards to members of the public who assist law enforcement agencies by providing information. Serving as a conduit between the community and Law Enforcement, 88-CRIME Inc. supports an anonymous tip line enabling citizens to report information to help solve crimes. The tip line is operated by the Pima County Attorney's Office. 88-CRIME, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the 88-CRIME program by raising funds to provide rewards to anonymous tipsters who provide useful information to law enforcement that leads to the apprehension and arrest of those suspected of committing crimes. 88-CRIME Inc. also supports the program through educational campaigns and through public-private sector advocacy, media collaboration, and various marketing efforts. The 88-CRIME Program directly supports crime prevention efforts across Southern Arizona by providing actionable information gleaned from the public and furnished to law enforcement, enabling them to bring criminals to justice in a timely manner, reducing their capacity to commit additional crimes after they are taken off the streets. The Program also provides economies of scale for Federal, state, and local

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law enforcement agencies by expediting actionable intelligence, potentially reducing demand on scarce investigative resources.

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

At a time when law enforcement resources are in short demand and citizens are sometimes reluctant to call law enforcement directly, the information received through the 88-CRIME tip line is channeled directly to the appropriate law enforcement agency, and often to the specific investigative unit, amplifying their ability to bring criminals to justice and subsequently improve the quality of life for those impacted by crime.

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?

Between July 1980 and December 2022, 88-CRIME tips have led to more than 6,305 felony arrests, resulted in more than 6,820 investigations being cleared, \$92.5 million dollars in illicit narcotic seizures and more than \$22.5 million dollars of recovered property and cash seizures. Tips have included information about homicides, robberies, sexual assaults, physical assaults, narcotic and firearms offenses, and fugitives from justice just to mention a few.

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):

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

Over the last several years, the topic of law enforcement has become a polarizing issue for many communities across the country, but particularly for those of color. As a result, some communities have become reluctant to contact law enforcement officers directly out of fear of retribution by criminals. Operating an anonymous tip line, the 88-CRIME program has been able to serve as a confidential bridge between law enforcement and many at-risk communities, but particularly those from underserved communities that are often the most impacted by rising crime.

The 88-CRIME Inc. BOD is actively engaging our at-risk communities, particularly throughout the most dominant Southern Arizona Diasporas, our Latin-American communities. We have specifically recruited Spanish speaking Board members, one of which is a member with very close ties to some of the most influential Latin-American media outlets across Southern Arizona. This has enabled 88-CRIME Inc. to attend various Latin-American

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community events and promote the 88-CRIME program in those same communities.

Through our community partnerships the 88-CRIME Inc. program seeks to reduce crime through active partnerships with Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and the media. We will never underestimate the value of developing trust with the communities we support.

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: FEID: 86-0407186	X	<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.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Applicant agrees to account separately for all anti-racketeering funds received.	X	<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.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. Applicant is in compliance with federal civil rights laws.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. Applicant is in compliance with all other Arizona and federal laws that apply to applicant.	X	<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.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
H. Applicant agrees not to use funds for personal or political purposes.	X	<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.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>

David Azuelo, President, 88-CRIME, Inc.

David Azuelo

Print Name of Requesting Agency
President, 88-CRIME Inc.

David Azuelo

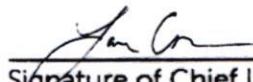
Signature of Requesting Agency
Director

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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 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 04/26/2023