



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 88-CRIME Inc.

***Introduction/Background:**

Funds are requested in the amount of \$2,500.00 for 88-CRIME rewards.

***Discussion:**

This request is for 88-CRIME agency. 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. operates an anonymous tip line for 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 providing rewards to anonymous tipsters who provide useful information to law enforcement that leads to the apprehension and arrest of those suspected of committing crimes and by making the public aware of the anonymous tip through public-private partnerships, media collaboration, and various marketing efforts.

***Conclusion:**

Rewards procedures and decisions are made by the 88-CRIME, Inc. Board of Directors. 88-CRIME accepts contributions and raises funds to pay the rewards. Tax dollars are not used for rewards. Therefore, 88-CRIME is funded exclusively by donations and fundraising. Donations received from ARF accounts from the Pima County Attorney's Office will be used to exclusively to pay rewards.

***Recommendation:**

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

***Fiscal Impact:**

TOTAL IMPACT: \$2,500 to pay for rewards

***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: 1.18.24

Deputy County Administrator Signature: _____

Date: _____

County Administrator Signature: _____

Date: 1/19/24

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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 88-CRIME Inc.,

Address
32 N. Stone Avenue
Tucson, A 85701

Mailing (if different) _____

Contact person Jessica Moats Title Board President

Contact person Babette McDonald Title Executive Director

Phone 520-400-6714 Email Babette.McDonald@pcao.pima.gov

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>88-CRIME Inc.,</u>	
Executive Director/Agency Head <u>Jessica Moats</u>	
Law Enforcement Agency <u>Pima County Attorney's Office</u>	
Date <u>10/4/2023</u>	Amount Requested <u>\$2500.00</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 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

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

Our nonprofit organization is dedicated to strengthening the safety and well-being of our community. We've established a unique program that enables community members to play an active role in maintaining law and order. By providing anonymous tips about illegal activities, we directly support the diligent efforts of all of our local law enforcement agencies

Supporting Local Law Enforcement:

Our program is specifically designed to complement and enhance the work of local law enforcement, the dedicated men and women who protect and serve our community. By providing anonymous tips

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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?

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**):

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.

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

Our nonprofit organization is committed to creating safer and more equitable communities. We have developed a unique initiative that empowers individuals, particularly those from underserved communities, to actively contribute to the safety and well-being of their neighborhoods. By anonymously providing tips about illegal activities, these community members play a vital role in ensuring justice and security for all.

Empowering the Community:

Our initiative is all about empowering the community, especially those who may feel marginalized or underserved. We believe that every individual should have a voice and a role in building a safer environment. By allowing people to report illegal activities while maintaining their anonymity, we remove the fear of retaliation, which is a significant concern in many underserved communities.

Crime Reduction and Safer Neighborhoods:

The impact of this initiative on underserved communities is profound. By enabling community members to report illegal activities, we directly contribute to crime reduction and the creation of safer

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>86-0407186</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.	✓	—
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.	✓	—
E. Applicant is in compliance with federal civil rights laws.	✓	
F. Applicant is in compliance with all other Arizona and federal laws that apply to applicant.	✓	
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.	✓	
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.	✓	

Jessica Moats
 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

Date **1/16/2024**




Signature of Chief Law Enforcement
Officer



Pima County Attorney's Office

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nicole Heath, Legal Administrator

FROM: Ellen R. Brown, Deputy County Attorney 

DATE: 11/1/2023

RE: Approval of purpose/use of distribution of Pima County Attorney anti-racketeering funds under state law for 88 Crime Inc 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; awards for crime tips.

Laura Conover
Pima County Attorney



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pcao.pima.gov
32 N. Stone Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701

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

Digitally signed by Nicole Heath
Date: 2023.10.27 11:17:25 -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: 88 Crime Inc.

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 88 Crime Inc. The funds are intended to assist in the funding of awards that are paid to community members providing tips on crime. 88 Crime Inc is committed to creating a safer and more equitable community by empowering the community to report (specifically underserved communities), crime reduction, strengthening trust in law enforcement, rewarding tipsters, and preventing injustice. Tips have been received about homicides, robberies, sexual assaults, physical assaults, narcotic and firearm offenses, and fugitives from justice.

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

Attachment: Application from 88 Crime Inc.