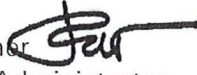




MEMORANDUM

Date: March 18, 2026

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

From: Jan Leshar 
County Administrator

Re: **Additional Information for the March 24, 2026, Board of Supervisors Meeting - Agenda Item #32 – Recommended Use of Project Blue Land Sales Proceeds**

At the March 3, 2026, Board of Supervisors meeting I presented the following recommendations for the use of Project Blue Proceeds in alignment with the County's Strategic Plan, Prosperity Initiative and One Pima Initiative:

Category	Amount
Economic Development	\$3,120,000
Intergovernmental Relations	\$485,849
Special Programs and Projects	\$1,000,000
Neighborhood Reinvestments	\$2,000,000
Environmental Health Initiatives	\$1,000,000
Workforce Development	\$1,000,000
Capital Improvement Projects	\$10,750,000
Contingency	\$1,500,000
Total Allocated Funding	\$20,855,849

My [February 27, 2026](#) memo to the BOS provided additional funding details.

Based on feedback from the Board of Supervisors meeting on March 3rd and subsequent conversations with Board Members, I have made the following changes to my proposed recommendations:

Category	Amount
Economic Development	\$3,120,000
Intergovernmental Relations	\$485,849
Public Records Request Enhancements	\$1,017,000
Neighborhood Reinvestments	\$2,000,000
Environmental Health Initiatives	\$1,000,000
Workforce Development	\$1,000,000
Capital Improvement Projects	\$10,750,000
Utility Assistance/Weatherization Programs	\$1,178,000
Code Enforcement Expansion	\$305,000
Total Allocated Funding	\$20,855,849

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Additional details on this modified proposal are as follows:

Special Programs and Projects / Contingency

In order to fund new priorities recommended in the proposal, I have removed the previously recommended funding categories associated with Special Programs and Projects and Contingency. This **\$2,500,000** is being reallocated to three new proposed categories: Public Records Requests Enhancements, Expansion of Utility Assistance and Weatherization Programs, and the Development Services Department Code Enforcement Expansion.

Public Records Request Enhancements - \$1,017,000

An ongoing public concern has been the time it takes to respond to public records requests. To expedite our process, it is necessary to invest in new technology tools and additional support staff. Based on input from our Information Technology Department, Legal Counsel, and our Clerk of the Board, I am recommending we support funding for the following:

- New Public Records Request Management System - \$600,000 total over two years
- Implementation and Integration (one-time)- \$150,000
- 1 PCN for the Clerk's Office for additional support (ongoing): \$267,000 (\$89K X 3 years)

Expansion of Utility Assistance and Weatherization Programs - \$1,178,000

In alignment with our Regional Housing Strategy (4.6) and the Prosperity Initiative and due to increases in utility expenses for County Residents, I am recommending expanding funding for utility assistance and programs for home improvements that improve energy efficiency. In consultation with our Community and Workforce Development Department, we are proposing adding an additional staff member dedicated solely to processing utility applications as well as \$332,677 per year for 3-years for direct utility assistance.

Development Services Department Code Enforcement Expansion - \$305,000

To ensure safe housing and tenant protection, it is essential that we expand code enforcement rules. To do this, we are going to need additional staffing in our Department of Development Services. The \$305,000 will fund one Code Enforcement Officer for 3 years including one-time costs of vehicle and equipment purchase in the initial year of employment.

Summary and Recommendations

As previously stated, the recommended allocations of the Project Blue proceeds represent a strategic, balanced investment in the County's economic vitality, community well-being, environmental health, and long-term infrastructure needs. The updates made in the new proposed recommendation align what I believe to be the Board's priorities and position the

The Honorable Chair and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors

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County to advance key initiatives while maintaining responsible fiscal stewardship. For this reason, I recommend the Board approve the new recommended Project Blue sale proceeds funding allocations as outlined herein.

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c: Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator
Steve Holmes, Deputy County Administrator
Chad Kasmar, Deputy County Administrator
Art Cuaron, Director, Finance & Risk Management