



## PIMA COUNTY

### ONE PIMA INITIATIVE

*A Framework for Safety, Recovery, & Treatment*

### ***Frequently Asked Questions***

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#### **What is the One Pima Initiative? How was it drafted?**

One Pima is a coordinated plan to improve safety along The Chuck Huckelberry Loop, expand access to treatment and diversion programs, strengthen public-health responses to fentanyl, and support stable housing options across Pima County. It brings together long-standing County programs under one strategy so that families, neighborhoods, and businesses see clear and measurable progress.

One Pima is the culmination of a month-long effort to bring together all of Pima County's existing safety, housing, treatment, and public-health programs into a single guiding document. **Supervisor Cano worked with County Administration, neighborhood leaders, treatment providers, justice-system partners, and regional jurisdictions to map what the County is already doing and identify gaps.**

The plan builds on efforts already underway—including Loop cleanup funding, opioid-settlement investments, court diversion programs, crisis stabilization, and housing initiatives—and integrates them into a holistic, forward-looking framework.

**One Pima also reflects the values and direction of the Prosperity Initiative by centering safety, stability, and equitable access to health and housing.** The result is a unified, coordinated plan that responds to public concerns with clear action steps and measurable outcomes.

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#### **Does this plan create new costs?**

**No.** For FY26, One Pima's **existing FY26 funding has already been approved by the Board**, and/or forthcoming expenditures with dollars appropriated through dedicated opioid-settlement funds.

- **\$750,000** for Loop and wash cleanups (already adopted)
- **\$14M+** in behavioral-health and addiction-prevention programming (already adopted)

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- **\$3.4M** for crisis stabilization at the Crisis Response Center (already adopted)
- **\$850,000** for heat-response and cooling centers (already adopted)
- **\$1M** for transitional and supportive housing partnerships (already adopted)

Any new proposals for FY27 will come back to the Board for consideration during the budget process in Spring 2027.

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## How does One Pima address fentanyl and public health?

One Pima **strengthens and continues** the County's major behavioral-health investments, including:

- Countywide overdose prevention and Narcan access
- Fentanyl test-strip availability
- Trauma-informed youth programs
- Expanded medication-assisted treatment (MAT) inside the jail
- Crisis stabilization and involuntary treatment services at the Crisis Response Center
- Heat-relief and wellness operations

It also directs the County to **advocate for statewide AHCCS continuity of care for substance abuse and behavioral health treatment** to ensure people leaving custody don't lose access to treatment or medication.

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## What are the safety improvements requested for the Loop?

Residents and trail users will see **visible, on-the-ground changes**, including:

- Accelerated cleanup of trash, debris, and hazardous waste by April 2026 in designated areas identified as top priorities by the Regional Flood Control District.
- A plan forthcoming for **better lighting, QR-coded safety markers**, and a **Loop wellness/reporting app**

A safety plan has been requested for Spring 2026 in consultation with the Pima County Sheriff to address emergencies along the Loop in unincorporated areas, increase visibility, and partner with outreach teams. These efforts are based on public feedback and will be paired with outreach and service navigation.

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## What are the treatment and diversion improvements?

The plan strengthens proven alternatives that help people get treatment instead of repeatedly cycling through court or jail:

- Expansion of the **Transition Center** to seven-day operations in FY26 using \$300,000 from dedicated opioid-settlement funds.
- Creation of the **Sobering Alternative for Recovery (SAFR) Center** in FY26 using \$1.8 million from dedicated opioid-settlement funds.
- Forecasts increased capacity for the **Drug Treatment Alternative Program (DTAP) in FY27**
- Forecasts increased capacity for the **Supportive Treatment & Engagement Program (STEPS) in FY27**.

These programs reduce recidivism, connect people to recovery, and lower long-term costs.

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## What is the Mission-Silverlake Reinvestment Zone and how was it proposed?

The Mission–Silverlake Reinvestment Zone is a neighborhood-focused improvement effort for the area surrounding the Pima County Jail, the Transition Center, and nearby public facilities. It was proposed for inclusion in One Pima after months of conversations with residents in Barrio Santa Cruz, Barrio Kroeger Lane, Barrio Sin Nombre, and other Westside neighborhoods, who consistently asked for better lighting, safer streets, clearer protocols for jail drop-offs and transfers, and relief from custody-related traffic on residential roads.

The Zone creates a formal planning process—using existing capacity in the County’s Capital Improvement Project Fund—to study these concerns and design infrastructure, safety, and neighborhood improvements. No construction decisions are made at this stage; the purpose is to listen first, gather community input, and return with recommendations shaped directly by the people who live closest to these facilities.

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