



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: 2/6/2024

*= Mandatory, information must be provided

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***Title:**

Discussion/Action on the Pima County Attorney's Office request to utilize Anti-Racketeering Revolving Funds in support of Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona.

***Introduction/Background:**

Funds are requested in the amount of \$2,100.00 for Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona.

***Discussion:**

This request is for Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona (GSSOAZ) Camp Fury. This is a high adventure immersion experience in the life of elite women of the police and fire services. It is a five-day, four-night experience, Girl Scouts ages 14-18 will join ranks of female law enforcement personnel and firefighters to learn how they ensure public safety for our communities. Girl Scouts will practice search and rescue skills, learn crime scene investigation techniques, and perform physical fitness drills-including rappelling down a six-story building, climbing a 100-foot ladder truck, investigating crime scenes, and riding along with driving instructors in a high-speed obstacle course. One hundred and eight girls have participated in Camp Fury program over the past five years and has proven to provide overwhelmingly positive interactions between the girls and law enforcement personnel, and is a powerful "pre-recruiting" tool for the Tucson Police Department.

***Conclusion:**

Camp Fury is an open and inclusive program that is advertised on the GSSOAZ website, across many of its social media platforms. Representatives from police and fire departments also reach out to the wider community to recruit girls for the program reaching girls who attend Camp Fury are from underserved communities. The program directed towards girls who are facing the greatest challenges: girls in foster/kinship care; in or at risk of entering the juvenile justice system; girls from low-income communities and/or under-resourced schools; and girls with a mother who is incarcerated. This organization is committed to making the Camp Fury experience available to any girl who wants to attend.

***Recommendation:**

Approve the funding request in the amount of \$2,100.00.

***Fiscal Impact:**

Funds will support the following: Additional equipment such as floor mats, training guns, trainings cuffs =\$900, Transportation costs=\$1200. Total Impact \$2,100.00.

***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: 1-18-24

Deputy County Administrator Signature: _____

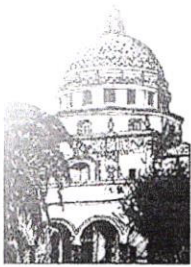
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County Administrator Signature: _____

Date: _____

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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 Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona

Address
4300 East Broadway Blvd.
Tucson, AZ 85711

Mailing (if different) same as above

Contact person Kristen Garcia-Hernandez Title CEO

Contact person Mary Kashmar Title Senior Grant Writer

Phone 520-319-3172/520-319-3170 Email khernandez@girlscoutsoaz.org/mkashmar@girlscoutsoaz.org

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>Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona</u>	
Executive Director/Agency Head <u>Kristen Garcia-Hernandez</u>	
Law Enforcement Agency Pima County Attorney	
Date <u>10/13/23</u>	Amount Requested <u>\$2,100</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:

Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona's (GSSOAZ) Camp Fury is a high adventure immersion experience in the life of elite women of the police and fire services. In this five-day, four-night experience, Girl Scouts ages 14-18 join the ranks of female law enforcement personnel and firefighters to learn how they ensure public safety for our communities. By way of example, Girl Scouts practice search and rescue skills, learn crime scene investigation techniques, and perform physical fitness drills—including rappelling down a six-story building, climbing a 100-foot ladder truck, investigating crime scenes, and riding along with driving instructors in a high-speed obstacle course. One hundred and eight (108) girls have participated in the Camp Fury program over five years.

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

The International Association of Chiefs of Police has published a guide entitled "Practices in Modern Policing: Police Youth Engagement." It states that more than four million youth who are 16 and 17 years old have face-to-face interactions with law enforcement each year. However, while research finds that positive interactions with police are predictive of positive attitudes toward the police, negative interactions are predictive of negative attitudes. (www.theiacp.org) Closer to home, the national 30x30 initiative has been embraced by the Tucson Police Department, which is working to have 30% of women in their ranks sworn in 2030.

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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 Camp Fury program has proven to provide overwhelmingly positive interactions between the girls and law enforcement personnel, and is a powerful "pre-recruiting" tool for the Tucson PD. Its unique design allows for a "brave space" for girls to push themselves both physically and mentally, in ways they may never have before. Because of the daily presence and active participation of all the female law enforcement and fire professionals, mutual admiration and respect grows between them and the girls. The girls take these experiences back to their schools, families, and the wider community, becoming de facto advocates for law enforcement.

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**):

Funds will be used to replace (and expand) the equipment needed to operate the program. GSSOAZ consults with local professionals from each partner agency, along with Camp Fury co-founders, retired Fire Chiefs Cheryl Horvath and Laura Baker, to ensure we have the proper equipment to run the program safely. Equipment purchase is the main cost driver of this program. Another major cost is the transportation we provide to and from our Hacienda Program Center and the Public Safety Academy. We are able to operate such an extensive and multi-faceted program on a very lean budget due to the extraordinary volunteer efforts of our police and fire department representatives, at all levels. Our program staff is also integral to the success of the program. GSSOAZ underwrites these personnel costs through our general operating funds, which remain robust.

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

Camp Fury is an open and inclusive program. We advertise the program on the GSSOAZ web site, and across our many social media platforms. As mentioned above, representatives from police and fire departments also reach out to the wider community to recruit girls for the program. Because of this, we know that there are girls who attend Camp Fury that are from underserved communities. Also, GSSOAZ's Staff-Supported Program is directed towards girls who are facing the greatest challenges: girls in foster/kinship care; in or at risk of entering the juvenile justice system; girls from low-income communities and/or under-resourced schools; and, girls with a mother who is incarcerated. Our organization is committed to making the Camp Fury experience available to any girl who wants to attend.

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Certification by Community Organization Applicant

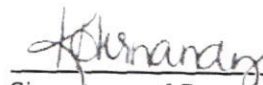
Applicants for funds must certify in writing the following aspects of its background and compliance with Arizona and federal law and Department of Justice guidelines:

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>86-0098917</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.	✓	

Kristen Garcia-Hernandez

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.)

Pima County Attorney Laura Conover

Print Name of Chief Law
Enforcement Officer

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Signature of Chief Law Enforcement
Officer

Date 1/16/2024



GSSOAZ Budget (non-personnel)	Request from PC
Aerial equipment \$1,900	
Protective equipment \$3,000	
Additional equipment** \$ 900	\$900
**floor mats, training guns, training cuffs	
Food costs (5-day, 4-night program for 15-20 girls)** \$1,500	
**we also receive food donations from local restaurants	
Transportation costs** \$1,200	\$1,200
**to and from the Hacienda and training center	
TOTAL: \$8,500	\$2,100



Pima County Attorney's Office

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nicole Heath, Legal Administrator

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

DATE: 11/7/2023

RE: Approval of purpose/use of distribution of Pima County Attorney anti-racketeering funds under state law Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona in the amended amount of \$2,100.00

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) _____.
- ☒ 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:

Approval of amended budget requesting \$2,100.

Laura Conover
Pima County Attorney



(520) 724-5600
pcao.pima.gov
32 N. Stone Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ellen Brown, Deputy County Attorney

FROM: Nicole Heath, Legal Administrator Nicole Heath
Digitally signed by Nicole Heath
Date: 2023.10.27 11:35:54 -0700

DATE: 10/27/23

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

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: Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona

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 Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona. The funds are intended to support the Camp Fury program, specifically for equipment and transportation costs related to the program. Camp Fury partners police and fire departments with girls aged 14-18, in a five-day experience to learn how public safety is implemented in the community. The participants do a variety of activities, including perform drills, investigate crime scenes, and conduct ride-alongs. The program is inclusive and prevention focused, targeting girls in foster/kinship care, at risk for entering the juvenile justice system, girls from low-income communities, and girls with a mother incarcerated.

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

Attachment: Application and budget from the Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona