



AGENDA MATERIAL

DATE 5/17/22 ITEM NO. CC 13

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 24, 2022

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

From: Jan Lesher 
County Administrator

Re: **May 17, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting Consent Agenda Item 13 – Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Food and Shelter Program, National Board Amendment No. 4**

Please see the attached memorandum from the Grants Management and Innovation Office's Deputy Director, Amy Fish. Ms. Fish provides answers to Supervisor Steve Christy's questions regarding this matter posed at the May 17, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

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c: Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer,
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Regina Kelly, Director, Grants Management and Innovation Office
Amy Fish, Deputy Director, Grants Management and Innovation Office

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Date: May 19, 2022 *AF*

To: Jan Leshar
County Administrator

From: Amy Fish, Deputy Director
Grants Management & Innovation

Re: Inquiry regarding BOS 5/17/22 Consent Agenda Item #13

The purpose of this memo is to respond to the question posed by Supervisor Christy regarding the Board of Supervisors May 17, 2022, meeting Consent Calendar, Item #13 regarding Acceptance of the Federal Emergency Management Agency Emergency Food and Shelter Program grant of \$1,600,000 for humanitarian relief for asylum seekers.

Pima County tracks several metrics for the humanitarian relief effort to assure continued ability to adequately respond to assisting asylum seekers (individuals and families) released from Department of Homeland Security into Southern Arizona with reaching their sponsors across the country. This includes respite stays while travel is arranged, including food, shelter and clothing. These metrics include monitoring daily volumes of individuals and families served at the Casa Alitas Welcome Center (CAWC) and at additional non-congregate sheltering sites, such as contracted hotels (e.g., Redroof Inn).

Since April of 2019 through May 18, 2022, 61,597 unique individuals have been provided humanitarian aid resources in the region, through the coordinated effort between Catholic Community Services (CCS), Pima County and City of Tucson. The average length of stay to-date is 3 days. Of note, early 2022 has seen drastically increased volumes in the region from our federal partners, with monthly volumes ranging from 2,500 to exceeding 5,000 unique individuals in April. Attached please find a report with more detailed information. Please advise if you would like to receive this report on a continuing basis (e.g., monthly or quarterly).

Pima County has partnered with Catholic Community Services (total subaward amount, as amended, is \$1,857,208.41) and the City of Tucson (total contract amount is \$2,301,205) to provide allowable humanitarian services, including food, shelter, medical care and transportation for Asylum Seekers. The entire amount of each funding agreement is for direct program operations – there are no administrative costs being funded under either of these two contracts.

Attachment

Casa Alitas Monthly Data Summary, April 2022

Prepared by GMI Research and Analysis



Executive Summary: Pima County identified the Pima County Juvenile Justice Center (PCJJC) to lease to Catholic Community Services (CCS) in response to the increased volume of asylum seekers and associated need for shelter capacity in 2019. CCS-Casa Alitas Welcome Center (CAWC) has provided the majority of services for individuals and families seeking asylum in Pima County, specifically releases from federal agencies. As of August 6, 2019 (the operational start date of CAWC at PCJJC) it has become the primary agency-accepting individuals seeking asylum in the County.

At the onset of this response, specifically between January and June of 2019, migrant shelters in Pima County served over 11,000 unique individuals. Upon the opening of CAWC, between August and December, over 5,000 unique asylum seekers received services at the PCJJC site. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the onset of federal legislation, specifically, Migrant Protection Protocols (Title-42) CAWC provided services to only 1,209 unique individuals in calendar year 2020. In 2021, CAWC has continued to see an increase in guests arriving and has provided services to over 21,000 unique individuals. Since inception, through the completion of April 2022, the total number of individuals served is 57,827. Of note, early 2022 has seen drastically increased volumes in the region from our federal partners, with monthly volumes ranging from 2,500 and exceeding 5,000 unique individuals in April.

At CAWC and program non-congregate shelters, comprehensive services are provided to individuals and families seeking asylum that are released from Department of Homeland Security into the Pima County sector. Specifically, these services include shelter, food, public health / emergency medical care, and supplies. These guest stays are short-term in nature, until the individuals and families are able to coordinate travel to their next destination. Upon release into the care of CCS-CAWC, these individuals are able to receive immediate medical care and direct COVID-19 public health services, with the support of the contracted medical provider at CAWC, facilitated through partnership with the Pima County Health Department. With the onset, and drastic increases in COVID-19 cases, COVID-19 testing and quarantine support is provided to all individuals upon arrival. After confirmed test results, CCS will assign appropriate housing to meet public health guidelines.

The graphics herein intend to highlight the multi-agency partnerships, facilities, and the growth of CAWC as the primary release location for all individuals seeking asylum at the U.S. Southern border and into Pima County.

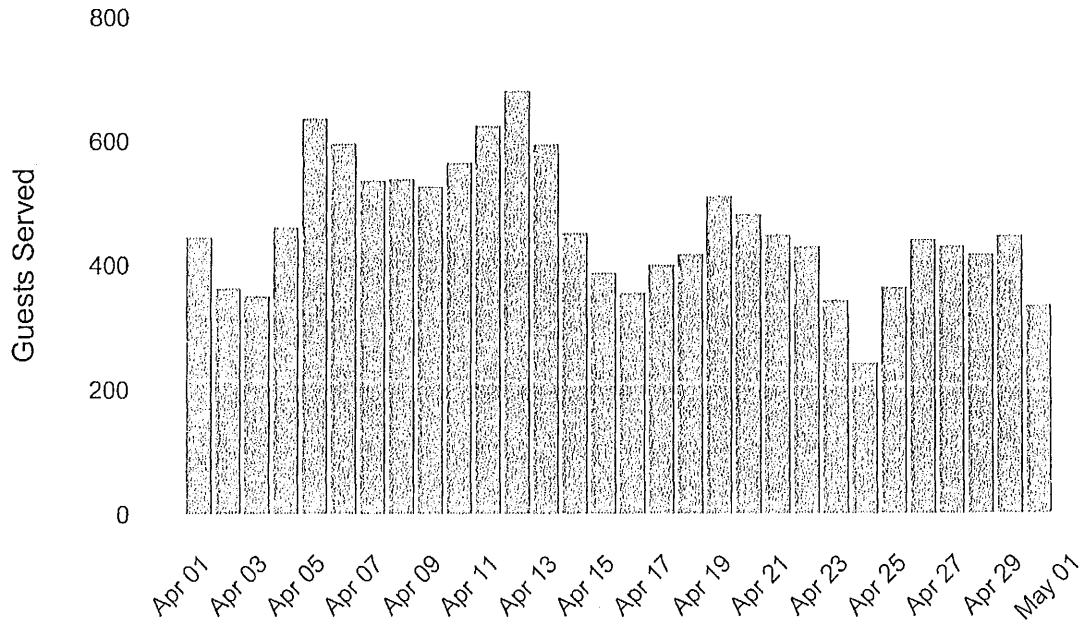
There has been a notable increase in volumes in calendar year 2021. A continued increase in volume is imminent with potential federal policy changes planned for 2022. CCS-CAWC, Pima County and response partners are able to continue meet the demands of volume increases, in addition to critical medical screening available for asylum seekers. Additionally, the facility at CAWC, and program non-congregate shelters are able to continue to provide the capacity for federally recommended standards of housing and distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

April Report Highlights: The County is able to continue to measure services provided at CAWC through comprehensive data provided by CCS. April saw a drastic increase in number of arrivals exceeding, for the first time, 5,000 unique individuals (5,090). The majority of unique individuals are sheltered at the Welcome Center. COVID positive individuals are provided shelter at the program identified non-congregate shelter location for public health recommended quarantine. There are additional non-congregate hotel rooms available for increased volume surges in the Pima County sector.

Graph 1. Day-by-Day Count: Number of Asylum Seekers Served

Casa Alitas Guests Served by Day

The average number of guests served per day was 460



- This graphic depicts the total number of asylum seekers served by CAWC on any given day.
- In April, the average number of arrivals was 169 guests.
- In the month of April, the range of total guest served on a unique day was 241-681. The average daily served rate was 460.

Monthly Summary Tables

Table 1: Monthly Shelter Statistical Table

Monthly Summary	CA Overnight Rooms	CA Overnight Guests	Comfort Suites Night Rooms	Comfort Suites Night Guests	RR Overnight Rooms	RR Overnight Guests
Daily Avg.	35	114	20	66	41	116
Total	1,056	3,411	601	1,980	1,225	3,478
Previous Total	1,132	3,340	597	2,114	741	1,942
% Diff	-7	2	1	-6	65	79
N Diff	-76	71	4	-134	484	1,536

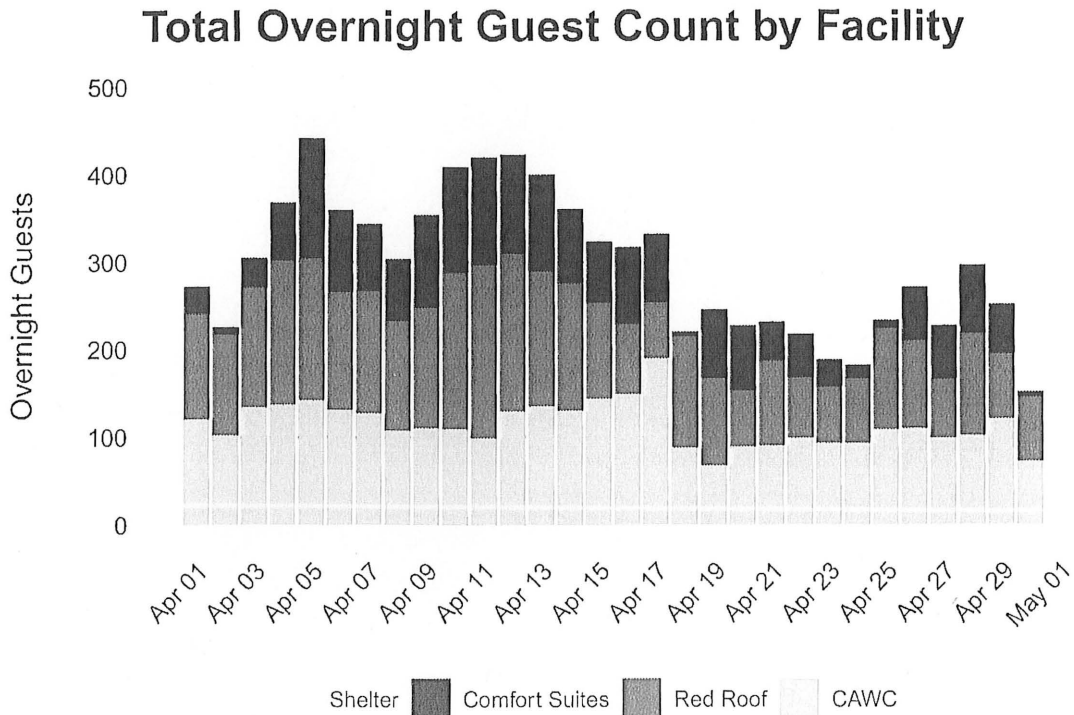
- This table shows summary statistics across all three shelters used in Pima County
- Comparing to March, all three shelters saw over a 20% increase in overnight guests
- In April, Red Roof had a 79% increase in overnight room usage

Table 2: Monthly Guest Statistical Table

Monthly Summary	Family Count	Individuals	Arrivals	Total Overnight	Total Rooms per Room	Guests
Daily Avg.	40	53	170	296	96	3
Total	1,187	1,582	5,090	8,869	2,882	91
Previous Total	678	2,767	4,712	7,396	2,470	89
% Diff	75	-43	8	20	17	2
N Diff	509	-1,185	378	1,473	412	2

- This table shows summary statistics of all guests arriving in Pima County
- Pima County saw a 75% increase in families arriving.
- Highlighting the stark difference from month-to-month, April saw an additional 378 guest arrivals

Graph 2: Total Overnight Guest Count by Facility



- This graphic depicts a breakdown guests by of congregate (CAWC) and non-congregate (Red Roof Inn and Comfort Suites) shelters
- Red Roof Inn saw the largest amount of overnight guests, averaging 115 per night. The Red Roof Inn has a wing allocated to COVID-19 respite, and the additional rooms are used for increased volumes presenting at the Welcome Center.
- In April, the number of overnight guests ranged from 150 to 441 per night