



MEMORANDUM

Date: July 13, 2022

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

From: Jan Leshner 
County Administrator

Re: Request for Information – Humanitarian Aid Contract Agreements from the Board of Supervisors July 5, 2022 Meeting, Consent Item 18

Pima County and Catholic Community Services (CCS) have a long-standing partnership to meet the humanitarian aid service needs within Pima County. In Calendar Year (CY) 2019, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) agencies released over 20,000 migrants who sought asylum at the U.S. southern border to temporary shelters throughout Pima County. Beginning in January 2019, community Nongovernmental Organizations (NGOs) began collectively responding to a steady rise in volume of migrants released by Border Patrol (BP), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP). The community NGOs included CCS, but also a number of primarily faith-based groups who mobilized large numbers of volunteers and shelter spaces to accommodate the growing need for asylum seeker supports.

In first half of 2019, CCS, began operating out of the former Benedictine Monastery in central Tucson. Pima County provided collaborative services including food, facilities support, medical supplies and public health expertise.

As the volume started to eclipse the capacity at the Benedictine Monastery and other locations, the County and City of Tucson opened up respective overflow shelters. At the onset of this response, specifically between January and June of 2019, migrant shelters in Pima County served over 11,000 unique individuals, served by CCS and other area humanitarian aid service agencies and faith-based organizations.

In 2019, there was no formal agreement between CCS and the County for provision of these services, aside from the lease drafted for the use of the Pima County Juvenile Detention Center, starting August 6, 2019. To support this operational shift to this new facility, Pima County pursued reimbursement from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) to retrofit the existing facility at Pima County Juvenile Court Center (PCJCC) to accommodate this alternative use. Through the lease agreement between Pima County and CCS for use of the PCJCC facility, this partnership has continued to meet the pressing needs of individuals and families seeking asylum at the southern border and released into Pima County.

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In the spring of 2021, there was a stark increase in volumes of individuals and families seeking asylum in the Pima County sector, and policy discussions on the federal level of the potential removal of Title 42, Migrant Protection Protocols. In response to this increased volume and the looming threat of street-releases, Pima County identified the need to scale up the response to meet growing need. (Attachment)

In June of 2021, Pima County Grants Management and Innovation (GMI) became the fiscal agent for all area-partners, including CCS, City of Tucson, congregate and non-congregate shelter partners, food vendors, transportation, and other supplies and services. As the fiscal agent for this operation, Pima County is the primary liaison with FEMA to procure and receive federal funding for the agency-partners, in addition to the financial oversight of all associated activities related to the operation. This includes a very unusual ability to obtain advanced funds, rather than rely on a reimbursement model, which is the historical funding mechanism for these federal funds.

Per the request from the Pima County Board of Supervisors, received on July 5, 2022, please note the table below on all historic contractual agreements between the County and CCS for the provision of emergency food and shelter programming. There are two formal contract agreements where the County is the fiscal agent for CCS, in alignment with the annual lease agreement for shelter activities housed at PCJCC.

Table 1. Emergency Food and Shelter Programming Agreements – CCS / County

<u>Original Contract Number</u>	<u>Master Agreement Number</u>	<u>Amendment No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Termination Date</u>
CT-GMI-21 *452	N/A	Original	\$669,846.85	12/31/2021
CT-GMI-21 *452	N/A	1	\$1,857,208.41	6/30/2022
Total			\$2,527,055.26	

In preparation for continued flow of legal asylum seekers and federal policy changes including the repeal of Title 42, we continue to plan for the provision of continued safe, short-term emergency food, shelter, and services provided in a manner consistent with public health and safety guidelines.

On July 5, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved the first contract with a second service provider, the Inn of southern Arizona (the Inn), for short-term emergency shelter services, coordinated at the Comfort Suites Inn. This humanitarian aid partner affiliated with the Methodist Church, has a long-standing partnership with CCS as part of the original 2019 network of NGOs responding to the humanitarian aid effort. The agreement between the Inn and the County is a six-month agreement, \$490,675.00, to provide a necessary emergency shelter bridge between the current agencies, in light of increasing volumes, and federal policy changes.

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Since 2019, there have been over 67,000 unique asylum seekers served in the Pima County region, through a comprehensive network and partnership between the County, City and local-area NGOs. This continued partnership assures the ability to pivot and respond to volume increases, federal policy changes, and assure the safe processing of individual and families seeking asylum at the southern border, specifically in the Pima County region.

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Attachment

c: Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer
Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator

ATTACHMENT

Asylum Seeker Related Contracts

Name	Original Contract Number	Master Agreement Number	Amended Amount	Amount	Termination Date
Catholic Community Service Of S.AZ	CT-GMI-21*452			\$669,846.85	
	CT-GMI-21*452		\$1,187,361.56	\$1,187,361.56	6/30/2022
			Total	\$1,857,208.41	
City of Tucson Contracted Services	CT-GMI-21*0484			\$545,700.00	
	CT-GMI-21*0484		\$1,315,405.00	\$1,315,405.00	
	CT-GMI-21*0484		\$440,100.00	\$440,100.00	6/30/2022
			Total	\$2,301,205.00	
The Inn of Southern Arizona	CT-GMI-22*428			\$490,675.00	12/31/2022
World Dining		MA-PO-22*084	\$1,455,300.00	\$1,455,300.00	
		MA-PO-22*084			1/20/2023
			Total	\$1,455,300.00	
Jot Properties (Red Roof Inn/Comfort Suites Airport)		MA-PO-22*030		\$2,008,000.00	
		MA-PO-22*030	\$2,800,000.00	\$2,800,000.00	
		MA-PO-22*030			6/18/2022
			Total	\$4,808,000.00	
SJM Premier Medical Group	CT-HD-22*003			\$150,000.00	
	CT-HD-22*003		\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	
	CT-HD-22*003		\$398,750.00	\$398,750.00	
	CT-HD-22*003				
	CT-HD-22*003		\$1,200,000.00	\$1,200,000.00	
			Total	\$1,848,750.00	7/1/2023
Transportation					
Bee Line Bus Transportation				\$250,000.00	
Citizen Tours LLC					
Diamond Transportation AZ LLC		MA-PO-21*171	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	10/11/2022
Mountainview Tours LLC					
AAA Cab Service Inc		MA-PO-22*026		\$250,000.00	
		MA-PO-22*027			
		MA-PO-22*028	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	8/15/2022
			Total	\$1,050,000.00	