



MEMORANDUM

Date: January 9, 2023

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

From: Jan Leshner *Jan Leshner*
County Administrator

Re: **Additional Information on December 20, 2022 Agenda Item No. 23 - Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF)**

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) established the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF). This new federal program authorizes U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) to use this single fund to award monies to any eligible county or Tribal government in Federal Fiscal Years 2022 (FFY22) and 2023 (FFY23). Eligibility differs by the type of government as outlined below and awards are granted independently. Funds can be utilized for any government service, with the exception of any lobbying activity.

Eligible County Government Recipients

An eligible county must meet the following requirements:

- is independent of any other unit of local government; and
- is principal provider of government services for area within its jurisdiction; and
- is determined there is a "negative revenue impact" due to participation in specific federal programs.

Treasury defines counties meeting the last criteria as those participating in either or both of the following federal programs: 1) Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT), which is administered by the Department of the Interior, and 2) the Refuge Revenue Sharing (RRS) program, which is administered by the Fish and Wildlife Service. "Negative revenue impact due to participation" in these federal programs refers to the fact that Congress has not always provided consistent funding for these federal programs.

Pima County meets all the eligibility criteria including the last one since it participates in both the PILT and Refuge Revenue Sharing programs. Pima County is not required to share any of its LATCF funds with any other jurisdiction or Tribal governments.

Eligible Tribal Government Recipients

LATCF funding for Tribal governments will be allocated in amounts that are "determined by the Secretary taking into account economic conditions for each eligible Tribe" (42 U.S.C. 805(b)(2)). Guided by this principle, Treasury determined Tribal government allocations based on self-certified tribal enrollments and employment per capita data.

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LATCF funding will result in a total of a little more than \$7.9 million split over FFY22 and FFY23 coming to Pima County, in addition to our regular disbursements of PILT and Refugee Revenue Sharing dollars.

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c: Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator
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