



# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: 12/20/2022

*\*= Mandatory, information must be provided*

Click or tap the boxes to enter text. If not applicable, indicate "N/A".

**\*Title:**

Addendum Agenda Item – Discussion/Action on the Pima County Attorney’s Office request to utilize Anti-Racketeering Revolving Funds in support of Tanque Verde High School.

**\*Introduction/Background:**

Funds are requested in the amount of \$5,000. for Tanque Verde High School

**\*Discussion:**

This request is for Tanque Verde High School Graduation Night which is an "All Night-Lock In- Stay Safe" celebration, held at the Golf N' Stuff 6503 E. Tanque Verde Road, Tucson, AZ 85715. Students are required to preregister and provide backpacks containing any supplies/clothing they will require for the evening. The backpacks are inspected and secured on site before the students arrive from the Graduation Ceremony at Golf N' Stuff by 9:00 p.m. Non- prescription drugs, alcohol, and weapons are not permitted. Students are required to personally sign in for entry, intoxicated or inebriated students are not permitted to enter the facility. Food and non-alcoholic beverages are provided. Once at the facility students may experience a huge range of activities (Miniature Golf, Raceway Cars Bumper Boats, Laser Tag, Batting Cages, and Arcade). If a student decides to leave the party, he/she may not return afterwards and may only leave with a parent (a necessary precaution against possible importation of contraband). The party ends at 5:00 a.m. Adult supervision is provided for all activities at all times. Tucson Police Officers/ Pima County Sheriff Deputies are also hired to provide safety and presence during the celebration.

**\*Conclusion:**

One of the stated goals of Tucson/Pima County law enforcement is protection of the community. Local agencies spend millions of dollars each addressing DUI, drug and sex offense violations. Unfortunately, our high school are not immune to these problems especially on Graduation Night. Tanque Verde High School Graduation Night directly addresses these concerns by providing a safe environment for graduation Seniors to celebrate this special, once-in-a-lifetime event. With on-campus Deputy Lynsey Cole encouraging the at-risk students to sign up for Grad Night we are excited to start a tradition at Tanque Verde High School of zero percent accident/injury record and promote students can have a safe celebration on graduation night.

**\*Recommendation:**

Approve the funding request in the amount of \$5,000.

**\*Fiscal Impact:**

TOTAL IMPACT: Vendor service fees: Music DJ \$2500 and Security charge of \$2500

**\*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

*(Signature page to follow on page 2)*

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Department Director Signature:  Date: 12/7/2022

Deputy County Administrator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

County Administrator Signature:  Date: 12/7/2022



# Pima County Attorney's Office

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Arika Wells, Legal Administrator

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

DATE: 11/17/2022

RE: Approval of purpose/use of distribution of Pima County Attorney anti-racketeering funds under state law for Tanque Verde High School PTSA in the amount of \$5,000.00.

I have reviewed the attached 11/15/2022 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* (2009) (*Guide*) & Interim guidelines section V.B. (July 2014), specifically subsec(s) VB1k.
- These monies will provide support of a community-based program (*see the Guide, Interim guidelines sections V.B.1.1. (July 2014)*). 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).

ATTACHMENT A

- \_\_\_\_\_ 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:

Grad night DJ and security; State Funds



**Pima County Attorney's Office**  
**ARF Applicant Information Form**

Once completed, please send this form and your ARF application to:  
 PCAO Community Outreach Coordinator, [ARFRequest@pcao.pima.gov](mailto:ARFRequest@pcao.pima.gov)

Name of agency/organization Tanque Verde High School Parent Teacher Student Association

Address

4201 N. Melpomene Way Tucson, AZ 85749

Mailing (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person Dr. Amy Cislak Title Tanque Verde High School Principal

Contact person \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 520-760-0801 Email acislak@tang.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)**

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Community Organization Tanque Verde High School Parent  
Teacher Student Association

Executive Director/Agency Head Dr. Amy Cislak

Date November 15, 2022

\$5,000.00

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:**

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

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*Unfortunately, our high schools are not immune to these problems, especially on Graduation Night. Tanque Verde High School Graduation Night directly addresses these concerns by providing a safe environment for graduation Seniors to celebrate this special, once-in-a-lifetime event. With on-campus Deputy Lynsey Cole encouraging the at-risk students to sign up for Grad Night we are excited to start a tradition at Tanque Verde High School of 0% accident/injury record and promote Students can have a fun and a safe celebration on graduation night.*

**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?**

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**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):**

*Request funds will be used to pay for Vendors for entertainment activities (Gaming/Laser Tag/Mini Golf/Batting Cages/Go Kart Racing all included in the Rental of the Facility at \$10,000.00.), DJ is \$2,500.00, and Security us \$2,500.00., Decorations \$5,000.00 Wristbands \$300.00, T-Shirts \$1,000.00, other entertainment such as Movie Screen \$1,500.00, Comedian \$3,000.00, Board Games \$500.00. Funds may also be used to purchase clerical supplies. Although the program does feature prizes/gifts for students, all such materials are donated by local Tucson businesses and parents. Our high attendance figures result from the meticulous planning efforts, polls, and high quality of our senior presentation. The budget for this event exceeds \$30,000.00, a substantial portion of which comes from donations. We are requesting \$5,000. Of funding from the Pima County Anti-Racketeering Funds (ARF) to assist with your event. Without this donation, and others like it, an event like this would not be possible. Our Seniors are looking forward to this celebration because we make it fun, safe and, most important, an event they don't want to miss!*

ITEM	BUDGET	ACTUAL COST	Funding Request for Assistance from Pima County Anti-Racketeering Funds (ARF)	Remaining Budget
Facility Rental (Golf n Stuff)	\$10,000	\$10,000.00		
DJ	\$2,500		\$2500.00	
Food (Dinner and Breakfast)	\$5,000			
Snacks	\$5,000			
Security	\$2,500		\$2,500.00	
Medical/Emergency Team	\$1,500			
Decorations	\$5,000			
Wristbands	\$300			
T-shirts	\$1,000			
Insurance	\$500			
Movie Screen	\$1,500			
Hypnotist/Comedian	\$3,000			
Misc board games	\$500			
Bottled Water	\$1,500			
Total	\$39,800	\$10,000.00	\$5,000	\$24,800

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

*Tanque Verde High School Parent Teacher Student Group is a 501C3 and have a built-in scholarship program for the Graduation Festivities for seniors. Tickets are \$85 before Dec. 31 at midnight and \$100 afterwards, but guardians/parents have an option to add a scholarship to their purchase. Also, we created a Remind for seniors and teachers have asked students to take a poll on how many of them would need a partial/full scholarship, (which 7% said they would), to choose a theme, how many parent/guardians would help, etc.*



**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 |
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| 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.<br>Tax I.D. Number: <u>14-1973209</u>   | X   | ☐  |
| 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.  | X   | ☐  |
| C. Applicant agrees to account separately for all anti-racketeering funds received.   | X   | ☐  |
| 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. | X   | ☐  |
| E. Applicant is in compliance with federal civil rights laws.   | X   | ☐  |
| F. Applicant is in compliance with all other Arizona and federal laws that apply to applicant.  | X   | ☐  |
| 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.  | X   | ☐  |
| H. Applicant agrees not to use funds for personal or political purposes.  | X   | ☐  |
| 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.  | X   | ☐  |

Dr. Amy Cislak  
 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 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.)

Laura Conover

Print Name of Chief Law  
Enforcement Officer

Date 12/7/22

  
Signature of Chief Law Enforcement  
Officer