



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT **CONTRACTS / AWARDS / GRANTS**

☐ Award ☐ Contract ☒ Grant

Requested Board Meeting Date: 2/2/2021

** = Mandatory, information must be provided*

or Procurement Director Award ☐

***Contractor/Vendor Name/Grantor (DBA):**

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

***Project Title/Description:**

Safety + Justice Challenge (SJC)

***Purpose:**

To support Pima County's participation as an implementation site in the Safety + Justice Challenge, the foundation's criminal justice reform initiative aimed at reducing over-incarceration by changing the way the US thinks about and uses jails.

***Procurement Method:**

This grant is not subject to Procurement rules.

***Program Goals/Predicted Outcomes:**

The third round of funding (a continuation of efforts put in place in 2015) is designed to provide Pima County and partners with additional support and continued expert technical assistance to strengthen and expand strategies that address the main drivers of local jail incarceration. A main goal of the program is finding appropriate alternatives to incarceration, such as treatment, education, and counseling and further reducing and maintaining reduced levels of Pima County's average daily jail population.

While the goal of the project will continue to be reducing utilization of the jail, the primary strategies in this round of funding will be improving community engagement and reducing racial and ethnic disparities and disproportionalities in the justice system.

***Public Benefit:**

***Metrics Available to Measure Performance:**

The MacArthur Foundation continues to a) monitor operations under this grant, b) discuss strategies and progress with Pima County staff, and c) review financial and other materials and data connected with grant activities.

***Retroactive:**

Yes. Ongoing communications regarding funding between the funder and grantee commenced in December 2020 and concluded in mid-January 2021. If not approved, the loss of these funds would further stall criminal justice reform efforts in Pima County.

GM Approval 1/28/2021

Revised 5/2020

Contract / Award Information

Document Type: _____ Department Code: _____ Contract Number (i.e., 15-123): _____
Commencement Date: _____ Termination Date: _____ Prior Contract Number (Synergen/CMS): _____
☐ Expense Amount: \$* _____ ☐ Revenue Amount: \$ _____

***Funding Source(s) required:**

Funding from General Fund? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes \$ _____ % _____

Contract is fully or partially funded with Federal Funds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, is the Contract to a vendor or subrecipient? _____

Were insurance or indemnity clauses modified? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, attach Risk's approval.

Vendor is using a Social Security Number? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, attach the required form per Administrative Procedure 22-10.

Amendment / Revised Award Information

Document Type: _____ Department Code: _____ Contract Number (i.e., 15-123): _____
Amendment No.: _____ AMS Version No.: _____
Commencement Date: _____ New Termination Date: _____
Prior Contract No. (Synergen/CMS): _____
☐ Expense or ☐ Revenue ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease Amount This Amendment: \$ _____
Is there revenue included? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes \$ _____

***Funding Source(s) required:**

Funding from General Fund? ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes \$ _____ % _____

Grant/Amendment Information (for grants acceptance and awards)

☒ Award ☐ Amendment

Document Type: GTAW Department Code: CA CJRU Grant Number (i.e., 15-123): 21-110
Commencement Date: 1/1/2021 Termination Date: 12/31/2022 Amendment Number: --
☐ Match Amount: \$ -- ☒ Revenue Amount: \$ 500,000.00

***All Funding Source(s) required:** John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

***Match funding from General Fund?** ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes \$ -- % --

***Match funding from other sources?** ☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes \$ -- % --

***Funding Source:--**

***If Federal funds are received, is funding coming directly from the Federal government or passed through other organization(s)?**

non-Federal funding

Contact: Kate Vesely, Director, Justice Reform Initiatives

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Department Director Signature/Date: *[Signature]* Jan 26, 2021

Deputy County Administrator Signature/Date: _____

County Administrator Signature/Date: *[Signature]* 1/27/21
(Required for Board Agenda/Addendum Items)

MacArthur Foundation

January 26, 2021

Mr. Chuck Huckelberry
County Administrator
Pima County Governmental Center
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Tucson AZ, 85701-1317

Dear Mr. Huckelberry,

On behalf of the MacArthur Foundation, I would like to thank you for your December 21, 2020 letter. I was delighted to hear from Wendy about your decision to accept our grant award in the amount of \$500,000 over two years. The Safety and Justice Challenge (SJC) has valued Pima's participation since 2016. We have seen your jurisdiction become a model site for advancing behavioral health strategies and we continue to be impressed with Pima's cross-county leadership commitment and engagement from various stakeholders in your local justice reform efforts.

We are hopeful that during the final stages of the SJC, Pima will continue to use its data to better understand its drivers of overincarceration in the County. This includes a deeper analysis to support plans for reducing system involvement for people of color and strategies that will address racial equity and community engagement. In addition, we believe that it is important for your criminal justice stakeholders to conduct a more detailed analysis to understand Pima's performance data during the first 3 years of implementation funding and assess what strategies had the most impact on your jail population and advanced racial equity and community engagement. We also hope that you will continue to identify the policy and practice changes the County made during COVID-19 that significantly reduced the jail population, and determine if there are ways to sustain those changes when the County decides that it is safe to reopen its operations. As the SJC transitions into a sustainability phase, we are emphasizing the need for local jurisdictions to maintain and expand successful criminal justice strategies that meet each participating Challenge jurisdictions longer-term justice reform goals.

In terms of next steps for the grant award, we asked Wendy and Kate to submit a revised budget that aligns with Pima's sustainability strategies as well as the SJC's goals to the Foundation by January 29, 2021. We will work with Wendy, Kate, and your site coordinator from Justice System Partners to develop and submit a comprehensive sustainability plan to the Foundation. The plan should describe how the County will sustain efforts to reduce the jail population and advance racial equity, including strategies for funding, criminal justice partner commitment and collaboration, and community engagement.

Mr. Chuck Huckelberry

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The Foundation recognizes that COVID-19 has created a challenging environment for Pima and all participating SJC sites. We are confident that Pima County stakeholders can work together to develop a plan that sustains its commitment to existing strategies, maintains the pandemic related reductions in the jail population, and actively addresses inequity for people of color.

The Foundation greatly values Pima County's participation in the SJC, and its commitment to its ambitious goals. The sustainability renewal grants had a very high bar and were awarded through a very competitive application process involving an outside review panel as well as the Foundation's internal review and consideration for a limited funding pool. We appreciate your bringing your concerns to our attention and understand the result is disappointing and not the news you wanted to hear. I welcome the opportunity to speak with you further should you have any additional questions. We look forward to you working together with your site coordinators, the Implementation team, and SJC experts to achieve your goals.

Best regards,



Laurie Garduque PhD

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