



MEMORANDUM

Date: May 6, 2024

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

From: Jan Lester 
County Administrator

Re: **Additional Information for the May 7, 2024 Board of Supervisors Meeting Agenda Item No. 24 - Non-Competitive Outside Agency for 2024-2025**

At the April 2, 2024 Board of Supervisors (Board) Meeting, I presented a Fiscal Year 2024/25 Recommended Budget Update where I discussed the necessity to reduce non-competitive outside agency funding as a means to the development a balanced budget. During the same meeting, the discussion occurred on externally funded programs and/or services that may be duplicative of internal Pima County programs and/or services. As a result of these two discussions, I received direction to provide further information related to the following:

- Comparison of functions performed by the Pima County Attractions & Tourism Department and Visit Tucson;
- Comparison of functions performed by Pima County Economic Development and Sun Corridor Inc., and explanation of why Pima County has historically provided more funding than other jurisdictions;
- Comparison of functions performed by the Pima County Community & Workforce Development and JobPath Inc., and what may be done to increase partnership and collaboration between the two entities;
- Information on the non-competitive funding approach for the Metropolitan Education Commission (MEC).

At the April 16, 2024 Board Meeting, the Board was provided with additional information relating to the aforementioned comparisons where more specific discussion occurred, which resulted in budgetary and programmatic questions from Supervisor Lee and Vice-Chair Scott specific to JobPath Inc., Sun Corridor Inc., and the MEC. Answers to these questions have been provided for discussion at the May 7, 2024 BOS Meeting.

Additionally, I have worked with the Deputy County Administrators to review other historically funded non-competitive outside agency programs to determine the need for the continuance of funding. Included in these non-competitive outside agency programs is funding for programs provided by the University of Arizona through Pima County's allocation to the Arizona Board of Regents.

Furthermore, I have worked with our Finance Department to identify a \$300,000 recommended budgetary reduction for non-competitive outside agencies. We have determined this amount to be the minimal reduction necessary to present the Board with a balanced recommended budget.

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Recommendation

Given the multiple discussions we have had on this topic and the necessity to reduce expenditures for our Recommended 2024/25 Budget, I am recommending the Board of Supervisors approve the following budgetary reductions:

1. Reduce JobPath Inc., General Fund annual budgetary contribution from \$750,000 to \$600,000.
2. Reduce Sun Corridor Inc., General Fund annual budgetary contribution from \$650,000 to \$550,000.
3. Reduce funding to the Arizona Board of Regents for health related programs by \$50,000.
4. Maintain MEC at its current funding level of \$122,000 and move MEC back to the competitive outside agency funding process for the 2025/2026 budget.

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c: Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator
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