



PIMA COUNTY

# ONE PIMA INITIATIVE

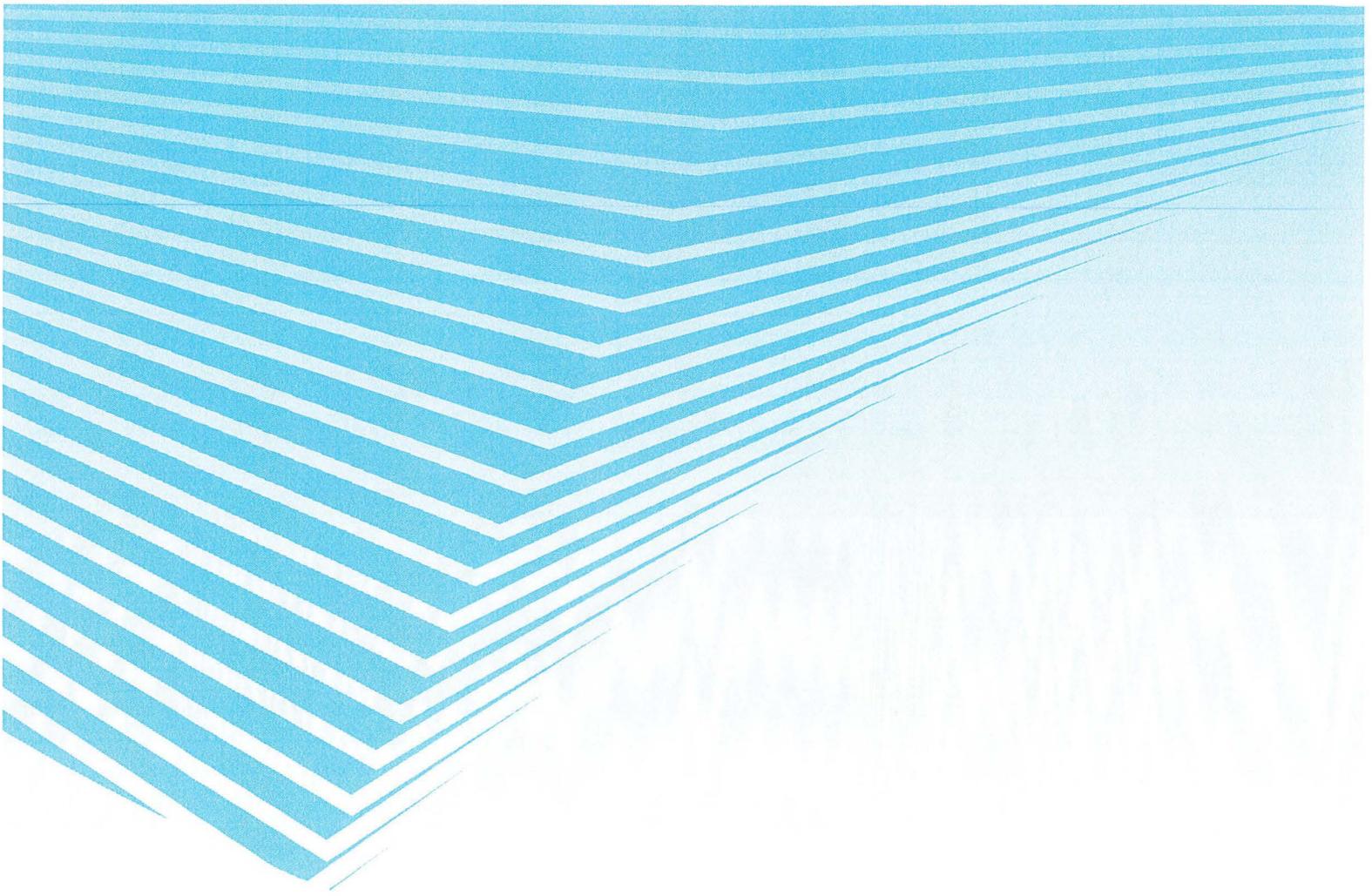
## A Framework for Safety, Recovery, and Treatment

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## Summary

The One Pima Initiative is Pima County's two-year coordinated plan to strengthen public safety, expand treatment and recovery services, support housing stability, protect public health, and improve the condition of the Chuck Huckelberry Loop and County-managed public spaces. The funding for One Pima is a combination of general fund commitments, state and federal funding, primarily from grants, and opioid settlement dollars. Additionally, the One Pima Initiative is in strong alignment with the Board of Supervisors' approved Prosperity Initiative.



# Priority Areas & Progress

## **PRIORITY AREA 1:** Prioritize Chuck Huckelberry Loop Cleanup & Safety

- Restore and maintain clean, safe Loop pathways, parks, and washes.
- Develop an enhancement plan for additional Loop signage, wayfinding, and amenities, as well as a wellness app to promote user health and safety.

## **PROGRESS**

**Goal:** *Make the Loop cleaner, safer, and easier to use for everyone.*

### **Why it matters**

The Loop covers more than 138 miles and connect neighborhoods across the region managed and maintained by both the Regional Flood Control and County Parks & Recreation. Clean, well-lit, clearly marked paths help people feel safe, support public health, and protect shared public spaces.

### **What we're doing**

Staff will enhance safety and usability of public spaces by continuing frequent and expanded cleanups of The Loop paths, parks, and washes, removing debris and hazards, and installing wayfinding signage. Staff will develop and launch a community survey to solicit feedback on The Loop's features and improvements. Staff will also launch a Wellness App for reporting issues and accessing safety information.

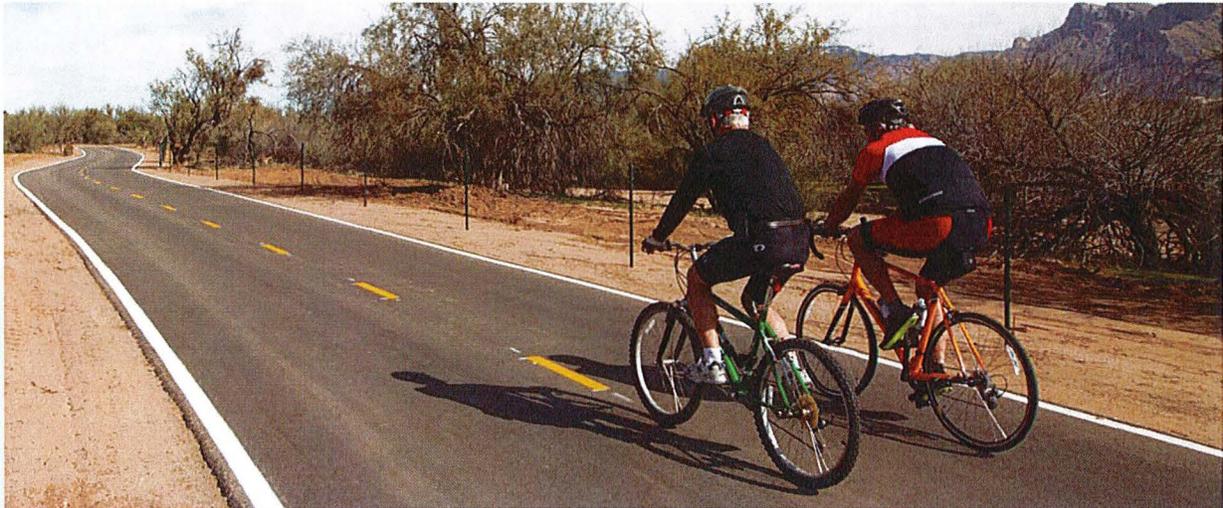
### **Pima County Department(s):**

Regional Flood Control District and Parks & Recreation

### **Alignment:**

Aligned with County Administrative Procedure 46.1 "Pima County Encampment Protocol on County Owned or Maintained Property"

# Do you use the Chuck Huckelberry Loop?



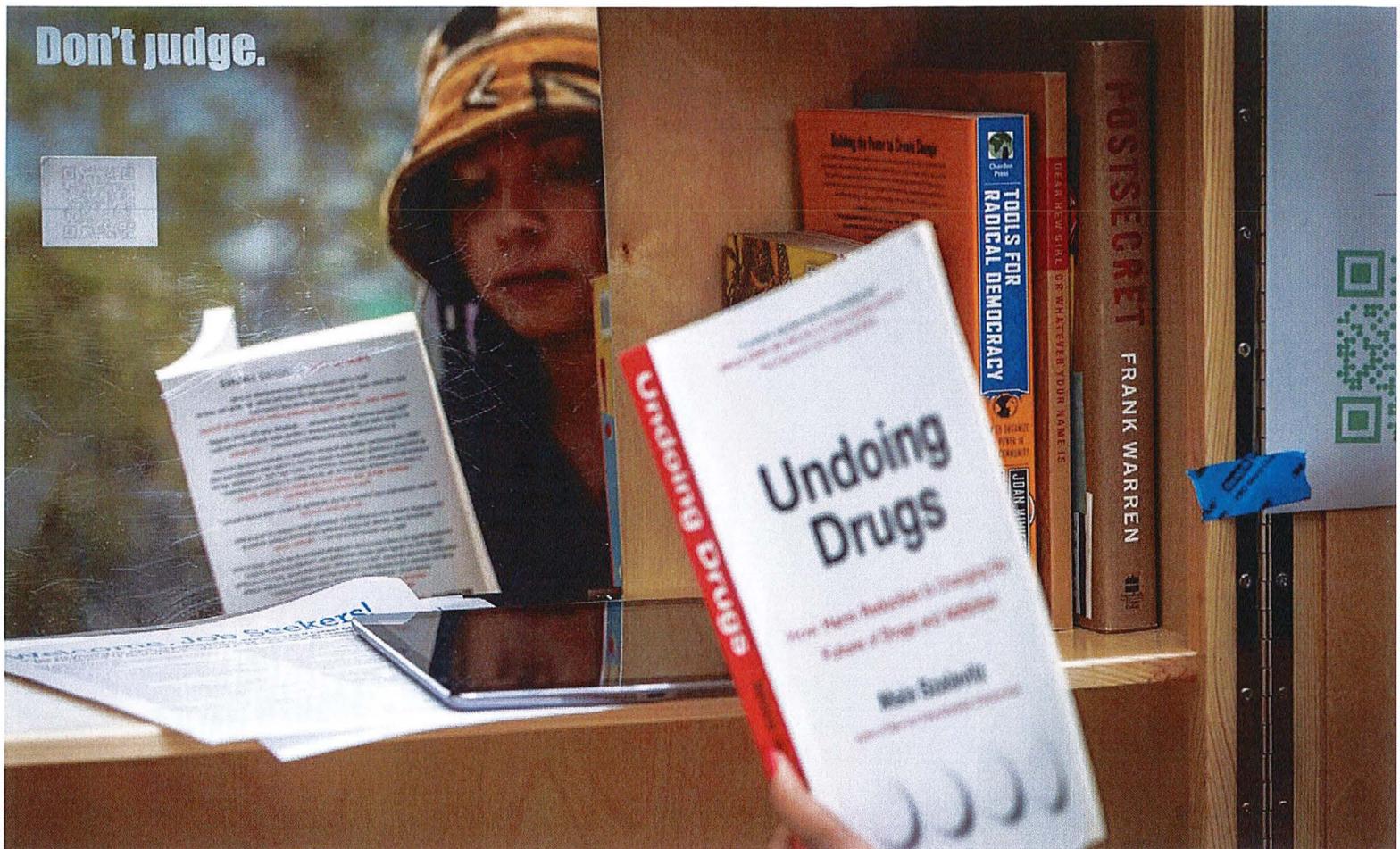
## Pima County wants to hear from you!

This short survey is designed for anyone who has ever used the Chuck Huckelberry Loop.



Your answers will help us make the County's favorite trail even better!

◀ Scan here to take the Survey!



## **PRIORITY AREA 2:** Strengthen Public Health and Treatment Access

- Support and maintain Countywide overdose prevention, youth education, and behavioral health programs, run by a wide variety of community partners.
- Ensure people in custody receive treatment and continued care when released.
- Sustain cooling centers during extreme heat.
- Advocate at the State for expanded coverage for people in early and long-term recovery.

## **PROGRESS**

**Goal:** *Protect and strengthen public health and ensure people across the region can access prevention, treatment, and recovery services when and where they need them.*

### **Why it matters**

Substance use, behavioral health challenges, and extreme weather events impact the entire community. Coordinated prevention, treatment, and recovery services save lives, reduce strain on emergency systems, and help people stay healthy and stable.

### **What we're doing**

Continued focus on strengthening prevention, treatment, and recovery systems. County will maintain overdose prevention and behavioral health programs, fund youth education efforts, and provide treatment and care coordination for people in custody. Moving forward, efforts will focus on expanding continuity of care for individuals leaving custody, invest further in prevention and recovery programs, and advocate for broader coverage for people in early and long-term recovery.

### **Pima County Department(s):**

Health and Detainee & Crisis Systems

### **Prosperity Initiative Alignment:**

Improve quality of life by reinvesting in high poverty neighborhoods and improving housing stability.



### **PRIORITY AREA 3:** Expand Treatment and Diversion Programs

- Increase capacity at the Transition Center to operate seven days a week.
- Strengthen diversion programs that move people into treatment instead of jail.
- Improve reentry support for low-risk justice-involved individuals.
- Pilot the Sobering Alternative for Recovery (SAFR) Center through Opioid settlement dollars

## **PROGRESS**

**Goal:** *Reduce reliance on jail by expanding treatment options and diversion programs that connect people to care and long-term stability.*

### **Why it matters**

Diversion and treatment programs improve outcomes for individuals while reducing costs and improving public safety. Supporting people through treatment and reentry helps prevent repeated involvement in the justice system.

### **What we're doing now**

Improve alternatives to incarceration and reentry support by expanding services at the Transition Center, strengthen diversion programs and supporting low-risk justice-involved individuals. Next, staff will operate the Transition Center seven days a week and evaluate the Sobering Alternative for Recovery (SAFR) Center pilot program to guide future operations and programming decisions.

In addition to SAFR Center, "the Pima County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the distribution of more than \$1.86 million in opioid settlement funds to six community-based organizations to expand substance use prevention, peer support and recovery services across Pima County."

### **Pima County Department(s)**

Health, Justice Services, and Pima County Attorney's Office

### **Prosperity Initiative Alignment**

Improve quality of life by reinvesting in high poverty neighborhoods and prevent and reduce crime.

# SOBERING ALTERNATIVE FOR RECOVERY (SAFR) CENTER



The Pima County Sobering Alternative for Recovery (SAFR) Center provides 24/7, short-term stabilization for adults experiencing substance use disorder. The Center offers a safe, therapeutic alternative to jail or emergency rooms, giving individuals time, space, and support to stabilize and connect to next steps in care.

Operated by Community Bridges, Inc. (CBI), the SAFR Center is designed as a deflection and stabilization resource for the community and first responders.

## SERVICES OFFERED

**The SAFR Center provides services that go beyond traditional sobering or crisis response, including:**

- Up to a 96-hour stay in a medically supported setting
- Individual beds in a safe, monitored environment
- Screening and assessment using ASAM criteria
- Withdrawal management and stabilization
- Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for opioid use disorder
- Peer support services
- Meals, showers, and personal hygiene supplies
- Secure storage for personal belongings
- Pet accommodations, when appropriate
- Transportation assistance and connections to ongoing treatment and recovery services
- Naloxone distribution upon discharge or request

## WHO CAN ACCESS SERVICES / HOW TO ACCESS

- Adults 18 years and older
- Open regardless of insurance status, gender, or citizenship
- Accepts walk-ins
- Accepts law enforcement and first-responder drop-offs as a deflection option
- Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

If an individual requires a higher level of medical or psychiatric care, staff assist with referral to the appropriate setting.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

- **Location:** 250 South Toole Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701
- **Phone:** (480) 869-1521
- **Website:** [communitybridgesinc.org/safrcenter/](https://communitybridgesinc.org/safrcenter/)



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# SOBERING ALTERNATIVE FOR RECOVERY (SAFR) CENTER FAQs



## WHAT IS THE SAFR CENTER AND WHAT IS ITS PURPOSE?

The Pima County Sobering Alternative for Recovery (SAFR) Center provides 24/7, short-term stabilization for adults experiencing substance use disorder. The SAFR Center is operated by Community Bridges, Inc. (CBI), with funding approved by the Pima County Board of Supervisors using opioid settlement funds.

## WHO CAN RECEIVE SERVICES AND HOW DO PEOPLE ACCESS THE SAFR CENTER?

The SAFR Center serves adults 18 years and older, regardless of insurance status, gender, or citizenship. Services can be accessed through:

- Walk-ins
- Law enforcement and first-responder drop-offs as a therapeutic deflection option, helping reduce unnecessary emergency department use and incarceration

If someone requires a higher level of medical or psychiatric care, staff assist with referral to the appropriate setting.

## WHERE IS THE CENTER LOCATED? WHAT ARE THE HOURS AND CONTACT INFO?

The SAFR Center is open **24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**

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## WHAT DO “LOW-BARRIER” AND “NO WRONG DOOR” MEAN?

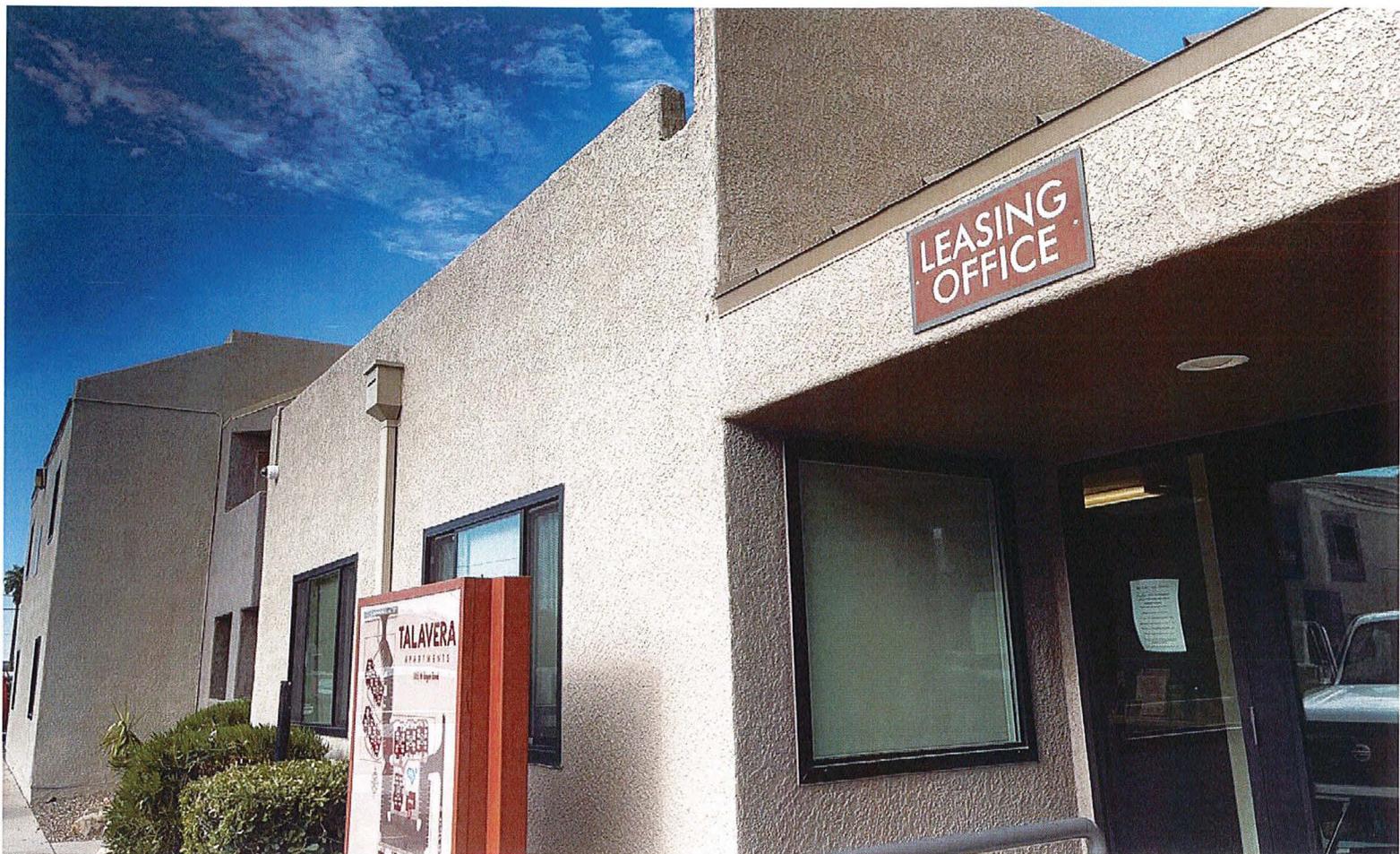
The SAFR Center is designed to reduce barriers to care. Using trauma-informed care and peer support, staff focus on meeting individuals where they are, stabilizing them safely, and connecting them to the most appropriate next step, rather than excluding them from services.

## WHAT SERVICES DOES THE SAFR CENTER PROVIDE?

The SAFR Center provides comprehensive stabilization services that go beyond traditional sobering or crisis response, including:

- Up to a 96-hour stay in a medically supported setting
- Individual beds in a safe, monitored environment
- Screening and assessment using ASAM criteria
- Withdrawal management and crisis stabilization
- Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for opioid use disorder
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## **PRIORITY AREA 4:** Stabilize Housing & Prevent Homelessness

- Continue significant County investments in housing, including affordable construction, rental assistance, supportive housing, and weatherization.
- Expand partnerships for transitional and supportive housing.
- Develop a regional real-time system showing available shelter and beds.
- Address shelter barriers: pets, storage, and bathroom & shower facilities.

## **PROGRESS**

**Goal:** *Increase housing stability and reduce homelessness through coordinated investments, partnerships, and system improvements.*

### **Why it matters**

Stable housing is essential for health, safety, and recovery. Preventing homelessness and improving shelter access helps individuals and families stay connected to services and the community which increases opportunity to return to stable housing, school and jobs.

### **What we're doing now**

Increase housing stability and accessibility by continued investment in affordable housing construction and preservation, rental assistance, supportive housing programs, and weatherization for safety. Actions include expanding partnerships with regional partners and community stakeholders to increase transitional and supportive housing, creating a real-time shelter and bed availability system, and addressing barriers such as pets, storage, and access to bathrooms and showers.

### **Pima County Department(s)**

Community & Workforce Development and Office of Housing Opportunities & Homeless Solutions

### **Prosperity Initiative Alignment**

Improve housing stability, increase housing supply, mobility and opportunity and improve quality of life in high poverty neighborhoods.



## **PRIORITY AREA 5:** Support Impacted Neighborhoods & Small Businesses

- Launch the Silverlake–Mission Reinvestment Zone planning study to improve roads, parks, and neighborhood infrastructure.
- Study a Small Business Safety & Recovery Pilot to help local businesses offset safety-related expenses.

## **PROGRESS**

**Goal:** *Reinvest in neighborhoods and support small businesses impacted by safety and quality-of-life challenges.*

### **Why it matters**

Strong neighborhoods and thriving small businesses are essential to a healthy local economy. Targeted reinvestment helps improve infrastructure, safety, and economic resilience.

### **What we're doing now**

Focus on revitalize neighborhoods and support small businesses by planning the Silverlake–Mission Reinvestment Zone and identifying infrastructure needs for roads, parks, and public spaces. Next steps include neighborhood outreach and community engagement for feedback on neighborhood improvements and designing a Small Business Safety & Recovery Pilot to offset safety-related costs.

### **Pima County Department(s)**

Community & Workforce Development, Economic Development and Supervisor District 5 Office

### **Prosperity Initiative Alignment**

Improve housing stability, increase housing supply, mobility and opportunity and improve quality of life in high poverty neighborhoods.



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