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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT (BOSAIR)

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Record Number: PO JS PO2600018077

Award Type:	Contract
BOSAIR Activity:	Board Meeting Request
Requested Board Meeting Date:	08/25/2026
Supplier / Customer / Grantor / Subrecipient:	Connections Southern AZ, LLC
Project Title / Description:	RISE Peer and Case Management
Purpose:	Pima County Justice Services seeks to contract with Connections Southern AZ, LLC to establish the Regional Initiative for Safety and Engagement (RISE), a regional co-responder program funded with opioid settlement dollars. RISE will supplement and integrate with—not replace or assume responsibility for—the existing program operated through the partnership between Connections and the Tucson Police Department. By building upon this established model and service infrastructure, RISE will extend coordinated support to participating law enforcement and judicial agencies throughout Pima County, including rural communities and jurisdictions not currently served by the city-based program. RISE will strengthen public safety by broadening the identification and engagement of individuals whose substance use or behavioral health needs contribute to repeated justice-system contact or other public safety concerns. A new regional team of Connections case managers and peer support specialists will work alongside participating agencies to engage individuals following overdoses, behavioral health crises, homelessness-related contacts, and other qualifying justice-system encounters. The program will support the justice system’s role in ensuring accountability while addressing underlying conditions that may contribute to continued criminal behavior. Connections’ clinical staff will connect eligible participants with Medicaid-funded treatment and recovery resources, including residential treatment, medications for opioid use disorder, and other behavioral health and crisis services. This coordinated regional approach is intended to reduce service gaps, improve access to appropriate interventions, and decrease future justice-system involvement.
Procurement Method:	Direct Select for Professional Services: Direct Select per Board of Supervisors Policy D29.6, III-C.
Procurement Method Additional Info:	N/A
Program Goals/Predicted Outcomes:	RISE is intended to expand regional access to timely behavioral health and substance use interventions for individuals whose needs contribute to repeated justice-system contact or other public safety concerns. Anticipated outcomes include increased engagement with treatment and recovery services; improved continuity of care following referral; and reductions in repeat overdoses, crisis-system utilization, law enforcement contacts, arrests, and jail bookings. The program will also expand coordinated co-responder capacity across participating jurisdictions, including rural areas, while supporting justice-system accountability and efforts to reduce future criminal behavior.
Public Benefit and Impact:	The proposed contract aligns with broader efforts to improve public safety, prevent and reduce crime and overdoses, and create new pathways to recovery.

Strategic Plan Pillar	Quality of Life
Support of Prosperity Initiative:	C-S-3. Prevent and Reduce Crime
Provide information that explains how this activity supports the selected Prosperity Initiatives	The proposed contract aims to prevent and reduce crime through an established program model.
Metrics Available to Measure Performance:	Justice Services will monitor contractual, fiscal, and program performance through standardized reporting. Measures will include the number, referral source, and geographic distribution of individuals referred and served; successful contact and assessment rates; connections to treatment, housing, and other supports; timeliness of service engagement; and continued engagement at defined follow-up intervals. When data are available, Justice Services will also compare participants' law enforcement contacts, arrests, jail bookings, overdoses, and crisis-service utilization before and after program enrollment. Results will be reviewed by jurisdiction and referral source to assess regional reach, identify service gaps, and guide program improvement.
Retroactive:	NO

Contract / Award Information

Record Number: PO JS PO2600018077	
Document Type:	PO
Department Code:	JS
Contract Number:	PO2600018077
Commencement Date:	09/01/2026
Termination Date:	08/31/2027
Supplier / Subrecipient Headquarters Location	Phoenix, AZ
* Headquarters information is not a consideration for awards	
Total Expense Amount:	
\$200,000.00	
Total Revenue Amount:	
\$0.00	
Funding Source Name(s) Required:	Opioid Abatement
Funding from General Fund?	NO

Contract is fully or partially funded with Federal Funds?	NO
Contract is fully or partially funded with Non-Federal Grant Funds?	NO
Were insurance or indemnity clauses modified?	YES
Vendor is using a Social Security Number?	NO

Department:	Justice Services
Name:	McKenzie Nottingham
Telephone:	5207249933

Add Procurement Department Signatures	No
Add GMI Department Signatures	No

Department Director Signature: Kate Vesely Date: 7/30/2026 | 11:07 AM MST

Deputy County Administrator Signature: Chad Kosmer Date: 8/6/2026 | 9:20 AM MST

County Administrator Signature:  Date: 8/6/2026 | 9:45 AM MST



MEMORANDUM

Date: June 22, 2026

To: Jan Leshner,
County Administrator

From: Kate Vesely 
Director, Department of Justice Services

CC: Chad Kasmar, Deputy County Administrator
Bruce Collins, Procurement Director

RE: Direct Selection for Professional Services – Connections Southern AZ, LLC for Opioid-Funded RISE Program

Pursuant to Board of Supervisors Policy D29.6 III.C - Direct Selection and Procurement Procedure No. PO-50, this memorandum seeks approval to select Connections Southern AZ, LLC to provide peer and case management support for the Regional Initiative for Safety and Engagement (RISE) co-responder program as a required deliverable and to better serve Pima County residents. This contract directly supports broader County initiatives, such as the Prosperity Initiative: Prevent and Reduce Crime and the Strategic Plan: Public Service and Quality of Life.

Background: Through awarded Opioid Settlement funds, Pima County Justice Services seeks to contract with Connections Southern AZ, LLC to expand into a regional co-responder program by leveraging an existing partnership and the successful program model between Connections Southern AZ, LLC and the Tucson Police Department (TPD). The proposed RISE program will serve as both capacity expansion and a sustainability mechanism for the proven initiative, enabling it to increase the number of people served, expand the resources offered, and broaden its jurisdiction.

While the existing program has been successful within city limits, those outside the city's jurisdiction have not been able to access it. The proposed contract will be critical to launching and evolving the program by addressing immediate unmet needs across Pima County, including rural areas, underserved populations, and individuals impacted who are not within the current program's jurisdiction. This expansion would allow Justice Services to scale the program across Pima County by working with multiple participating law enforcement agencies or judicial agencies within the county's jurisdiction. Priority agencies will be rural and those with pooled opioid settlement funds.

The RISE program will create a new co-responder team that pairs Connection's staff with police or judicial agencies across the county, providing support to individuals experiencing recent overdoses, homelessness, and behavioral health crises through a connected regional approach to prevent individuals from falling through the cracks among multiple agencies. One central pillar of the programming is contracting with a local treatment provider to be embedded within

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participating police departments, enabling clinical staff to leverage Medicaid-funded resources, such as residential treatment, Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), and other behavioral health and crisis services.

Connections Southern AZ, LLC operates the only local 24/7 Crisis Response Center (CRC) and has been adopted by SAMHSA and the National Council for Mental Wellbeing as a national best practice in crisis care for its “no wrong door” policy. Connections Tucson is one of the largest and most studied crisis response centers, known for its clinical crisis expertise. Connections is the only supplier that can leverage the necessary local crisis resources, ensure program continuity, and offer access to program and model implementation experts only located within their agency. Connections’ established relationships, programmatic execution, and crisis subject-matter expertise support a direct selection process.

Requested Action: Pima County Justice Services requests that Connections Southern AZ, LLC, be selected to provide RISE Peer and Case Management with a not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000.00 for a contract term of one (1) year with four (4) one-year extension options pursuant to the Direct Select provisions of Board of Supervisors Policy D29.6, III.C.

Thank you for considering this request. Please let us know if we can provide additional information or supporting documentation.

Approved as to Form: Bruce D Collins Digitally signed by Bruce D Collins
Date: 2026.06.17 12:46:37 -07'00' Date: _____
Bruce Collins
Procurement Director

Concur: Chad Kasmar Date: 6/22/26
Chad Kasmar
Deputy County Administrator

Direct Select Approved: Jan Leshar Date: 6/22/26
Jan Leshar
County Administrator

From: [Patricia Le](#)
To: [McKenzie Nottingham](#)
Cc: [Maria Luna](#)
Subject: Re: Insurance Review Request - Direct Select Contract
Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 10:09:30 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.png](#)

Hello,

Risk has reviewed Insurance.

5.1.2 Business Automobile Liability -Coverage for bodily injury and property damage on any owned, leased, hired, and/or non-owned autos assigned to or used in the performance of this Contract with minimum limits not less than **\$2,000,000** Each Accident.

Thank you!

[Patricia Le](#)
Insurance Coordinator
Pima County Dept. of Finance & Risk Management
520-724-9725

From: McKenzie Nottingham <McKenzie.Nottingham@pima.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 8:13 AM
To: INS REVIEW <INS.REVIEW@pima.gov>
Subject: Insurance Review Request - Direct Select Contract

Hello,

Please see the attached draft Direct Select contract for insurance review and approval. Please note that it is still undergoing internal and external review, but the premise remains. Hoping to have the insurance correct by the time I send it to the supplier for their review.

 [RISE - Co - Responder Direct Select Contract.docx](#)

Please let me know if you have any questions! Thank you,

McKenzie B. Nottingham

Administrative Services Manager I

Department of Justice Services, Pima County

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Justice Services



Pima County Department of Justice Services

Project: RISE Peer and Case Management

Contractor: Connections Southern AZ, LLC

Amount: \$200,000.00

Contract No.: PO2600018077

Funding: Opioid Abatement

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

1. Parties and Background.

- 1.1. Parties. This Contract is between Pima County, a body politic and corporate of the State of Arizona ("County"), and Connections Southern AZ, LLC ("Contractor").
- 1.2. Authority. County selected Contractor pursuant to and consistent with Board of Supervisors Policy D29.6.

2. Term.

- 2.1. Initial Term. The term of this Contract commences on September 1, 2026, and will terminate on August 31, 2027 ("Initial Term"). "Term," when used in this Contract, means the Initial Term plus any exercised extension options under Section 2.2. If the commencement date of the Initial Term is before the signature date of the last party to execute this Contract, the parties will, for all purposes, deem the Contract to have been in effect as of the commencement date.
- 2.2. Extension Options. County may renew this Contract for up to four (4) additional periods of up to 1 year each (each an "Extension Option"). An Extension Option will be effective only upon execution by the Parties of a formal written amendment.

3. Scope of Services. Contractor will provide County with the services described in **Exhibit A** (4 pages), at the dates and times described on **Exhibit A** or, if **Exhibit A** contains no dates or time frames, then upon demand. The Services must comply with all requirements and specifications in the Solicitation.

4. Compensation and Payment.

- 4.1. Rates; Adjustment. County will pay Contractor at the rates set forth in **Exhibit B** (2 pages). Those rates will remain in effect during an Extension Option period unless Contractor, at least 90 days before the end of the then-existing Term, or at the time the County informs Contractor that the County intends to extend the Term, if that is earlier, notifies County in writing of any adjustments to those rates, and the reasons for the adjustments.
- 4.2. Maximum Payment Amount. County's total payments to Contractor under this Contract, including any sales taxes, may not exceed \$200,000.00 (the "NTE Amount").

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The NTE Amount can only be changed by a formal written amendment executed by the Parties. Contractor is not required to provide any services, payment for which will cause the County's total payments under this Contract to exceed the NTE Amount; if Contractor does so, it is at the Contractor's own risk.

- 4.3. Sales Taxes. The payment amounts or rates in **Exhibit B** do not include sales taxes. Contractor may invoice County for sales taxes that Contractor is required to pay under this Contract. Contractor will show sales taxes as a separate line item on invoices.
- 4.4. Timing of Invoices. Contractor will invoice County on a monthly basis unless a different billing period is set forth in **Exhibit B**. County must receive invoices no more than 30 days after the end of the billing period in which Contractor delivered the invoiced products or services to County. County may refuse to pay for any product or service for which Contractor does not timely invoice the County and, pursuant to A.R.S. § 11-622(C), will not pay for any product or service invoiced more than 6-months late.
- 4.5. Content of Invoices. Contractor will include detailed documentation in support of its invoices and assign each amount billed to an appropriate line item.
- 4.6. Invoice Adjustments. County may, at any time during the Term and during the retention period set forth in Section 22 below, question any payment under this Contract. If County raises a question about the propriety of a past payment, Contractor will cooperate with County in reviewing the payment. County may set-off any overpayment against amounts due to Contractor under this or any other contract between County and Contractor. Contractor will promptly pay to County any overpayment that County cannot recover by set-off.
5. **Insurance**. Contractor will procure and maintain at its own expense insurance policies (the "**Required Insurance**") satisfying the below requirements (the "**Insurance Requirements**") until all its obligations under this Contract have been met. The below Insurance Requirements are minimum requirements for this Contract and in no way limit Contractor's indemnity obligations under this Contract. The County in no way warrants that the required insurance is sufficient to protect the Contractor for liabilities that may arise from or relate to this Contract. If necessary, Contractor may obtain commercial umbrella or excess insurance to satisfy the Insurance Requirements.
 - 5.1. Insurance Coverages and Limits: Contractor will procure and maintain, until all its obligations have been discharged, coverage with limits of liability not less than those stated below. Coverage must be placed with insurers acceptable to the County with A.M. Best rating of not less than A-VII, unless otherwise approved by the County.
 - 5.1.1. Commercial General Liability (CGL) – Occurrence Form with limits not less than \$2,000,000 Each Occurrence and \$2,000,000 General Aggregate. Policy shall include coverage for liability arising from premises, operations, independent contractors, personal injury, bodily injury, broad form contractual liability and products-completed operations. Any standard coverages excluded from the CGL policy, such as products/completed operations, etc. shall be covered by endorsement or separate policy and documented on the Certificates of Insurance.

- 5.1.2. Business Automobile Liability – Coverage for bodily injury and property damage on any owned, leased, hired, and/or non-owned autos assigned to or used in the performance of this Contract with minimum limits not less than \$2,000,000 Each Accident.
- 5.1.3. Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability – Statutory coverage for Workers' Compensation. Workers' Compensation statutory coverage is compulsory for employers of one or more employees. Employers Liability coverage with limits of \$1,000,000 each accident and \$1,000,000 each employee – disease.
- 5.1.4. Professional Liability (E & O) Insurance – This insurance is required for work from professionals whose coverage is excluded from the above CGL policy. The policy limits shall be not less than \$2,000,000 Each Claim and \$2,000,000 Annual Aggregate. The insurance shall cover professional misconduct or negligent acts of anyone performing any services under this contract.
- 5.2. Additional Coverage Requirements:
 - 5.2.1. Claims Made Coverage: If any part of the Required Insurance is written on a claims-made basis, any policy retroactive date must precede the effective date of this Contract, and Contractor must maintain such coverage for a period of not less than three (3) years following Contract expiration, termination or cancellation.
 - 5.2.2. Additional Insured Endorsement: The General Liability, Business Automobile Liability and Technology E&O Policies shall each be endorsed to include Pima County, its departments, districts, officials, agents, and employees as additional insureds with respect to liability arising out of the activities performed by or on behalf of the Contractor.
 - 5.2.3. Subrogation Endorsement: The General Liability, Business Automobile Liability, Workers' Compensation and Technology E&O Policies shall each contain a waiver of subrogation endorsement in favor of Pima County, and its departments, districts, officials, agents, and employees for losses arising from work performed by or on behalf of the Contractor.
 - 5.2.4. Primary Insurance Endorsement: The Required Insurance policies must stipulate that they are primary and that any insurance carried by County, or its agents, officials, or employees, is excess and not contributory insurance.
 - 5.2.5. The Required Insurance policies may not obligate County to pay any portion of Contractor's deductible or Self Insurance Retention (SIR).
 - 5.2.6. Subcontractors: Contractor must either (a) include all subcontractors as additional insureds under its Required Insurance policies, or (b) require each subcontractor to separately meet all Insurance Requirements and verify that each subcontractor has done so, Contractor must furnish, if requested by County, appropriate insurance certificates for each subcontractor. Contractor must obtain County's approval of any subcontractor request to modify the Insurance Requirements as to that subcontractor.

5.3. Notice of Cancellation:

Contractor must notify County, within two (2) business days of Contractor's receipt of notice from an insurer, if any Required Insurance policy is suspended, voided, or cancelled for any reason. Notice must include the Pima County project or contract number and project description.

5.4. Verification of Coverage:

5.4.1. Contractor must furnish County with a certificate of insurance (valid ACORD form or equivalent approved by Pima County) for each Required Insurance policy, which must specify that the policy has all the required endorsements, and must include the Pima County project or contract number and project description. Each certificate must be signed by an authorized representative of the insurer.

5.4.2. County may at any time require Contractor to provide a complete copy of any Required Insurance policy or endorsement. Note: Contractors for larger projects must provide actual copies of the additional insured and subrogation endorsements.

5.4.3. Contractor must provide the certificates to County before work commences. Each Required Insurance policy must be in effect at least 10 days before work under this Contract commences. Contractor must provide County a renewal certificate not less than 15 days prior to a Required Insurance policy's expiration date. Failure to maintain the Required Insurance policies, or to provide evidence of renewal, is a material breach of this Contract.

5.4.4. All insurance certificates must be sent directly to the appropriate County Department.

5.5. Approval and Modifications:

The Pima County Risk Manager may modify the Insurance Requirements at any point during the Term of this Contract. This can be done administratively, with written notice from the Risk Manager and does not require a formal Contract amendment. Neither the County's failure to obtain a required insurance certificate or endorsement, the County's failure to object to a non-complying insurance certificate or endorsement, nor the County's receipt of any other information from the Contractor, its insurance broker(s) and/or insurer(s), constitutes a waiver of any of the Insurance Requirements.

6. **Indemnification.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor will defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Pima County and any related taxing district, and the officials and employees of each of them (collectively, "Indemnitee") from and against any and all claims, actions, liabilities, losses, and expenses (including reasonable attorney fees) (collectively, "Claims") arising out of actual or alleged injury of any person (including death) or loss or damage to tangible or intangible property caused, or alleged to be caused, in whole or in part, by any act or omission of Contractor or any of Contractor's directors, officers, agents, employees, volunteers, or subcontractors. This indemnity includes any claim or amount arising or recovered under the Workers' Compensation Law or arising out of the failure of

Contractor to conform to any federal, state or local law, statute, ordinance, rule, regulation or court decree. The Indemnitee will, in all instances, except for Claims arising solely from the acts or omissions of the Indemnitee, be indemnified by Contractor from and against any and all Claims. Contractor is responsible for primary loss investigation, defense and judgment costs for any Claim to which this indemnity applies. This indemnity will survive the expiration or termination of this Contract.

7. Laws and Regulations.

7.1. Compliance with Laws. Contractor will comply with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, standards and Executive Orders.

7.2. Licensing. Contractor warrants that it is appropriately licensed to provide the services under this Contract and that its subcontractors will be appropriately licensed.

7.3. Choice of Law; Venue. The laws and regulations of the State of Arizona govern the rights and obligations of the parties under this Contract. Any action relating to this Contract must be filed and maintained in the appropriate court of the State of Arizona in Pima County.

8. **Independent Contractor.** Contractor is an independent contractor. Neither Contractor, nor any of Contractor's officers, agents or employees will be considered an employee of Pima County for any purpose or be entitled to receive any employment-related benefits, or assert any protections, under the Pima County Merit System. Contractor is responsible for paying all federal, state and local taxes on the compensation received by Contractor under this Contract and will indemnify and hold County harmless from any and all liability that County may incur because of Contractor's failure to pay such taxes.

9. **Subcontractors.** Contractor is fully responsible for all acts and omissions of any subcontractor, and of persons directly or indirectly employed by any subcontractor, and of persons for whose acts any of them may be liable, to the same extent that the Contractor is responsible for the acts and omissions of its own employees. Nothing in this Contract creates any obligation on the part of County to pay or see to the payment of any money due any subcontractor, except as may be required by law.

10. **Assignment.** Contractor may not assign its rights or obligations under this Contract, in whole or in part, without the County's prior written approval. County may withhold approval at its sole discretion.

11. **Non-Discrimination.** Contractor will comply with all provisions and requirements of Arizona Executive Order 2009-09, which is hereby incorporated into this contract, including flow-down of all provisions and requirements to any subcontractors. During the performance of this Contract, Contractor will not discriminate against any employee, client or any other individual in any way because of that person's age, race, creed, color, religion, sex, disability or national origin.

12. **Americans with Disabilities Act.** Contractor will comply with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (Public Law 110-325, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213) and the federal regulations for Title II (28 CFR Part 35).

13. **Authority to Contract.** Contractor warrants its right and power to enter into this Contract. If any court or administrative agency determines that County does not have authority to enter into this Contract, County will not be liable to Contractor or any third party by reason of such determination or by reason of this Contract.
14. **Full and Complete Performance.** The failure of either party to insist, in one or more instances, upon the other party's complete and satisfactory performance under this Contract, or to take any action based on the other party's failure to completely and satisfactorily perform, is not a waiver of that party's right to insist upon complete and satisfactory performance, or compliance with any other covenant or condition in this Contract, either in the past or in the future. The acceptance by either party of sums less than may be due and owing it at any time is not an accord and satisfaction.
15. **Cancellation for Conflict of Interest.** This Contract is subject to cancellation for conflict of interest pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-511, the pertinent provisions of which are incorporated into this Contract by reference.
16. **Termination by County.**
 - 16.1. Without Cause. County may terminate this Contract at any time without cause by notifying Contractor, in writing, at least 30 days before the effective date of the termination. In the event of such termination, County's only obligation to Contractor will be payment for services rendered prior to the date of termination.
 - 16.2. With Cause. County may terminate this Contract at any time without advance notice and without further obligation to County when County finds Contractor to be in default of any provision of this Contract.
 - 16.3. Non-Appropriation. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Contract, County may terminate this Contract if for any reason there are not sufficient appropriated and available monies for the purpose of maintaining County or other public entity obligations under this Contract. In the event of such termination, County will have no further obligation to Contractor, other than to pay for services rendered prior to termination.
17. **Notice.** Any notice required or permitted to be given under this Contract must be in writing and be served by personal delivery or by certified mail upon the other party as follows:

County:	Contractor:
Kate Vesely 201 North Stone Avenue, Floor 2 Tucson, Arizona 85701	Robert Web 1205 South 7 th Avenue, Ste 105 Phoenix, Arizona 85007
18. **Non-Exclusive Contract.** Contractor understands that this Contract is nonexclusive and is for the sole convenience of County. County reserves the right to obtain like services from other sources for any reason.
19. **Remedies.** Either party may pursue any remedies provided by law for the breach of this Contract. No right or remedy is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy and

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each is cumulative and in addition to any other right or remedy existing at law or at equity or by virtue of this Contract.

20. **Severability.** Each provision of this Contract stands alone, and any provision of this Contract found to be prohibited by law will be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition without invalidating the remainder of this Contract.

21. **Books and Records.** Contractor will keep and maintain proper and complete books, records and accounts, which will be open at all reasonable times for inspection and audit by duly authorized representatives of County. In addition, Contractor will retain all records relating to this Contract for at least five (5) years after its expiration or termination or, if later, until any related pending proceeding or litigation has concluded.

22. **Public Records.**

22.1. **Disclosure.** Pursuant to A.R.S. § 39-121 et seq., and A.R.S. § 34-603(H) in the case of construction or Architectural and Engineering services procured under A.R.S. Title 34, Chapter 6, all documents submitted in response to the solicitation resulting in award of this Contract, including, but not limited to, pricing schedules, product specifications, work plans, and any supporting documents, are public records. As such, those documents are subject to release and/or review by the general public upon request, including competitors.

22.2. **Records Marked Confidential; Notice and Protective Order.** If Contractor reasonably believes that some of those records contain proprietary, trade-secret or otherwise-confidential information, Contractor must prominently mark those records "CONFIDENTIAL." In the event a public-records request is submitted to County for records marked CONFIDENTIAL, County will notify Contractor of the request as soon as reasonably possible. County will release the records 10 business days after the date of that notice, unless Contractor has, within that period, secured an appropriate order from a court of competent jurisdiction, enjoining the release of the records. County will not, under any circumstances, be responsible for securing such an order, nor will County be in any way financially responsible for any costs associated with securing such an order.

23. **Legal Arizona Workers Act Compliance.**

23.1. Compliance with Immigration Laws. Contractor hereby warrants that it will at all times during the term of this Contract comply with all federal immigration laws applicable to its employment of its employees, and with the requirements of A.R.S. § 23-214 (A) (together the "State and Federal Immigration Laws"). Contractor will further ensure that each subcontractor who performs any work for Contractor under this Contract likewise complies with the State and Federal Immigration Laws.

23.2. Books & Records. County has the right at any time to inspect the books and records of Contractor and any subcontractor in order to verify such party's compliance with the State and Federal Immigration Laws.

23.3. Remedies for Breach of Warranty. Any breach of Contractor's or any subcontractor's warranty of compliance with the State and Federal Immigration Laws, or of any other provision of this section, is a material breach of this Contract subjecting Contractor to

penalties up to and including suspension or termination of this Contract. If the breach is by a subcontractor, and the subcontract is suspended or terminated as a result, Contractor will be required to take such steps as may be necessary to either self-perform the services that would have been provided under the subcontract or retain a replacement subcontractor, as soon as possible so as not to delay project completion. Any additional costs attributable directly or indirectly to such remedial action are the responsibility of Contractor.

- 23.4. Subcontractors. Contractor will advise each subcontractor of County's rights, and the subcontractor's obligations, under this Section 24 by including a provision in each subcontract substantially in the following form:

"Subcontractor hereby warrants that it will at all times during the term of this contract comply with all federal immigration laws applicable to

Subcontractor's employees, and with the requirements of A.R.S. § 23-214 (A). Subcontractor further agrees that County may inspect the Subcontractor's books and records to insure that Subcontractor is in compliance with these requirements. Any breach of this paragraph by Subcontractor is a material breach of this contract subjecting Subcontractor to penalties up to and including suspension or termination of this contract."

24. **Israel Boycott Certification.** Pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-393.01, if Contractor engages in for-profit activity and has 10 or more employees, and if this Contract has a value of \$100,000.00 or more, Contractor certifies it is not currently engaged in, and agrees for the duration of this Contract to not engage in, a boycott of goods or services from Israel. This certification does not apply to a boycott prohibited by 50 U.S.C. § 4842 or a regulation issued pursuant to 50 U.S.C. § 4842.
25. **Forced Labor of Ethnic Uyghurs.** Pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-394, if Contractor engages in for-profit activity and has 10 or more employees, Contractor certifies it is not currently using, and agrees for the duration of this Contract to not use (1) the forced labor of ethnic Uyghurs in the People's Republic of China; (2) any goods or services produced by the forced labor of ethnic Uyghurs in the People's Republic of China; and (3) any contractors, subcontractors or suppliers that use the forced labor or any goods or services produced by the forced labor of ethnic Uyghurs in the People's Republic of China. If Contractor becomes aware during the term of the Contract that Contractor is not in compliance with A.R.S. § 35-394, Contractor must notify the County within five business days and provide a written certification to County regarding compliance within one hundred eighty days.
26. **Heat Injury and Illness Prevention and Safety Plan.** Pursuant to Pima County Procurement Code 11.40.030, Contractor hereby warrants that if Contractor's employees perform work in an outdoor environment under this Contract, Contractor will keep on file a written Heat Injury and Illness Prevention and Safety Plan. At County's request, Contractor will provide a copy of this plan and documentation of heat safety and mitigation efforts implemented by Contractor to prevent heat-related illnesses and injuries in the workplace. Contractor will post a copy of the Heat Injury and Illness Prevention and Safety Plan where it is accessible to employees. Contractor will further ensure that each subcontractor who performs any work for Contractor under this Contract complies with this provision.

27. **Amendment.** The parties may modify, amend, alter or extend this Contract only by a written amendment signed by the parties.
28. **Entire Agreement.** This document constitutes the entire agreement between the parties pertaining to the subject matter it addresses, and this Contract supersedes all prior or contemporaneous agreements and understandings, oral or written.

This agreement will become effective when all parties have signed it. The effective date of the agreement will be the date this agreement is signed by the last party (as indicated by the date associated with that party's signature).

PIMA COUNTY

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Date

ATTEST

Clerk of the Board

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM



Deputy County Attorney
Kyle Johnson

Print DCA Name

7/2/2026

Date

CONTRACTOR



C27A184C5BDD4CD025DD358EB93C5AF0 contractworks.

Authorized Officer Signature

Laura Buckley

Printed Name and Title

07/24/2026

Date

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT



Department Head

7/3/2026

Date

Exhibit A (4 pages) **Scope of Services**

Pima County Justice Services seeks to contract with Connections Southern AZ, LLC to build a regional co-responder program by leveraging an existing partnership and successful program model established by Connections Southern AZ, LLC and the Tucson Police Department. The proposed RISE program will serve as both capacity expansion and a sustainability mechanism for the proven initiative, enabling it to increase the number of people served across Pima County, expand the resources offered, and broaden its jurisdiction.

While the existing program has been successful within city limits, those outside the city's jurisdiction have not been able to access it. The proposed contract will be critical to launching and evolving the program by addressing immediate unmet needs across Pima County, including rural areas and individuals impacted who are not within the current program's jurisdiction. This expansion would allow Justice Services to scale the program across Pima County by working with multiple participating law enforcement agencies throughout the county.

The RISE program will create a new co-responder team that pairs Connection's case managers and peers with police or judicial agencies across the county, providing support to individuals experiencing recent overdoses, homelessness, and behavioral health crises through a connected regional approach to prevent individuals from falling through the cracks among multiple agencies. One central pillar of the programming is contracting with a local treatment provider to be embedded within participating police departments, enabling clinical staff to leverage Medicaid-funded resources, such as residential treatment, Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), and other behavioral health and crisis services.

The intent is that increasing access to treatment and other appropriate resources will reduce recidivism and improve outcomes, including reducing an individual's contact with law enforcement, reducing utilization of crisis services, reducing hospital admissions, and increasing engagement with treatment providers post-discharge. This partnership aligns with broader efforts to improve public safety, prevent and reduce crime, reduce overdoses, and create new pathways to recovery.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNTY.

The County will:

1. Serve as the primary recipient responsible for program oversight, law enforcement partnership coordination, and regional referral management.
2. Provide 1 FTE Public Safety and Engagement Liaison, who will oversee RISE's implementation, facilitate interagency partnerships, and ensure integration with opioid settlement planning and regional goals.
3. Provide 1 FTE Data Analyst, who will support real-time reporting, hotspot mapping, performance dashboards, and outcome tracking across jurisdictions.
4. Develop and establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with partner law enforcement agencies.
5. Develop program and standard operating procedures for the program. Jointly with County and Contractor process improvements and data-informed decisions will guide process improvements during the program.
6. Establish and finalize a data collection plan and tracking mechanism that is mutually agreed upon by the County and Contractor.

7. Coordinate meetings to ensure regular communication and program execution.
8. Submit authorization and request for payment within 30 days of receiving and approving the final invoice from the Contractor.
9. County shall preserve any personally identifiable information provided by Contractor in a HIPAA-compliant manner; any personally identifiable information will be aggregated and/or de-identified prior to any distribution outside the County.
10. Monitor the contract compliance of the Contractor.

ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONTRACTOR.

In collaboration with Pima County, Contractor will:

1. Provide 1.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff members to serve the functions of Peer Support Specialist (PSS).
2. Provide 1.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff member(s) to serve the functions of Case Manager (CM).
3. Hire qualified individuals to fill the position(s) of PSS and CM:
 - i. PSS must complete and maintain a peer support training program with peer support certification.
 - ii. The total staff time shall not exceed 1.0 FTE for CM and 1.5 for PSS.
4. Responsibilities of PSS and CM include:
 - i. Work with partner law enforcement agencies and Justice Services Program Manager to schedule field-based case management and peer services for behavioral health assessment, treatment, and deflection.
 - ii. Conduct outreach to individuals to conduct home assessments and connect individuals to behavioral health services and social determinants of health support.
 - iii. Conduct motivational interviewing to encourage enrollment in behavioral health treatment per the individual's treatment plan.
 - iv. Help coordinate safe transportation to and from health care provider services per the individual's treatment plan and RISE transportation resources, when established.
 - v. Co-respond with officers to identified overdose events or home visits when necessary for potential members.
 - vi. Documentation of treatment plan and progress from initial and subsequent home/field visits. Sharing of case notes, within applicable health care and patient privacy laws, with law enforcement and the Justice Services Liaison for any coordination of follow-up services.
 - vii. Conduct re-engagement field visits with individuals with whom there is an established relationship and treatment plan, but the individual is no longer actively engaged in services per their treatment plan.
 - viii. Respond to complex crisis events as a second responder service for participating law enforcement agencies, and provide case management and peer support.
 - ix. Follow-up visits as requested by law enforcement agencies to individuals who have experienced an overdose. Follow up within the best-practice standard of 24-72 hours, to the best of the agency's capability and caseload.
 - x. Participate in and provide training for law enforcement or court officials to inform of the program.

- xi. Co-locate at the assigned law enforcement stations and be available to officers within designated schedule.
 - xii. Participate in community forums to support the RISE program and efforts to reduce the overdose deaths.
 - xiii. Act as a liaison between law enforcement, Justice Services Liaison, and treatment providers to assure the needs of targeted individuals are met.
 - xiv. Responsibilities may differ slightly depending on the particular law enforcement agency and their capacity. Any changes will be mutually agreed upon by all three parties.
5. The PSS and CM will be employees of Contractor; the position(s) cannot be subcontracted without prior written approval by the County. Contractor will determine the appropriate classification for the position within their organization based on experience and responsibilities, and may create a functional job title(s) at their discretion.
 6. Provide supervision of PSS and CM, including clinical supervision as required by Contractor's licensure.
 7. Contractor is responsible for any clinical documentation required by licensure or Contractor policy. Any changes to certification/licensure/accreditation shall be reported to the County within two business days.
 8. Ongoing staffing decisions, including hiring and termination, will remain at the discretion of Contractor:
 - i. Contractor will ensure staff meet appropriate licensure requirements and have adequate training.
 - ii. If concerns arise regarding staff, Contractor agrees to take corrective action with the employee and/or remove the employee from the program if appropriate.
 - iii. Contractor retains sole discretion on employee termination; Contractor shall notify the County of any termination within two business days.
 - iv. At the conclusion of this contract, it is at the Contractor's discretion to retain or release employee(s) who are funded by this agreement.
 9. Ability to travel, co-locate, and follow up with any law enforcement agency or individual within the County.
 10. Must maintain client confidentiality in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws, including but not limited to HIPAA and 42 CFR Part 2, as related to medical, behavioral health, and substance use treatment information.
 11. Any staff member with direct access to minors must: obtain and maintain an Arizona Department of Public Safety Level 1 Fingerprint Clearance Card and complete a background check prior to engaging in any project activities involving youth.
 12. Obtain release-of-information authorization from participants (if not already acquired) as well as any releases specific to Contractor needed to permit fluid communication with the County for the purpose of data collection, and/or participant coordination with other services or resources.
 13. Contractor shall coordinate with the County and law enforcement agencies to develop a mutually agreed upon data collection plan for the purpose of evaluation and reporting for the minimum areas:
 - i. Percent of co-response calls resulting in Narcan provision or overdose education Interaction tracking data
 - ii. Zip code/Census Tract of individual Interaction tracking data
 - iii. Zip code/Census Tract of interaction location Interaction tracking data
 - iv. Percent of behavioral health crisis calls resulting in diversion (not arrest) Interaction tracking data

- v. Percent of individuals linked to MOUD or outpatient BH within 48 hours Interaction tracking data
 - vi. Number of repeat encounters within 90 days Interaction tracking data
14. Notify the County as soon as reasonably possible of any urgent situations relating to funded staff or program.
15. Work with county officials and stakeholders to develop sustainability plans for ongoing support and funding of initiatives and identify opportunities for leveraging additional resources and partnerships to expand the reach and impact.
16. Submit **monthly** invoices utilizing the provided invoice template in **Exhibit B**. Invoices will include an itemization of direct costs, supporting documentation as required, and indirect costs. Monthly submissions must include the following information:
- i. Expenses will be billed in the month in which they were paid.
 - ii. Invoices must include itemization of costs with supportive documentation. This may include, but is not limited to, timecards, time-and-effort certifications, ERE breakdowns, proof of payment, and wet signatures.
 - iii. County maintains the right to request additional documentation, as needed.
17. Report quarterly using **Exhibit C**.

Exhibit B (2 pages)
Rates

Estimated actual costs by Contractor for one-year period of agreement, or until funds are fully expended:

Line Item	Estimated Cost
Direct Personnel	\$132,080.00
ERE (@28%)	\$36,982.40
Transportation (Mileage Reimbursement)	\$4,851.00
Direct Costs	\$173,913.40
Indirect / Admin Costs (@15%)	\$26,087.01
Total Year Estimated Costs	\$200,000.00

Line items are estimates only. Contractor may use reasonable discretion to deviate from projected figures as long as the variance is not more than 10% of the line-item budget value, and the total amount invoiced does not exceed the allocated budget amount above. County will make payments based on Contractor's actual expenditures. Contractor must provide supporting documentation for reimbursement of each cost-type. County may request additional supporting documentation, as needed. Contractor will utilize the provided invoice template or a mutually agreed-upon format.

County must receive invoices from Contractor no more than 30 days from the date of service delivery. County may withhold payment for late submissions. County may refuse to pay for any service for which Contractor does not timely invoice County, and pursuant to A.R.S. § 11-622, will not pay for any service invoiced more than six months late.

County must receive invoices no more than 30 days after the end of the billing period in which Contractor delivered the invoiced products or services to County, except for the request for services provided in the month of June. The June 2027 request will be submitted no later than July 19, 2027.

PIMA COUNTY INVOICE REQUEST
SPECIAL REVENUE - OPIOID ABATEMENT

Invoice For The Month Of _____, 2026-2027

This invoice is to be used for submitting all billing to Pima County

PLEASE SEND INVOICE TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Department of Justice Services
ATTN: McKenzie Nottingham
Contract Coordinator
201 N. Stone, 2nd Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

AGENCY INVOICE IS FOR:

CONNECTIONS SOUTHERN AZ, LLC
ATTN:

INVOICE DATE: _____

PROGRAM NAME: _____

INVOICE #: PO2600018077 - _____

FISCAL YEAR: 2026 - 2027

AGENCY CONTRACT #: PO2600018077

RISE Peer Case Management and Support

MAJOR PROGRAM/PROGRAM: _____

APPROVED BUDGET & BILLING DETAILS

PAYMENT TERMS: Net 30 Days DIRECT PERSONNEL ERE MILEAGE INDIRECT /ADMIN COSTS TOTAL CONTRACT BILLING	APPROVED BUDGET	Sep-26 Billed Amt	Oct-26 Billed Amt	Nov-26 Billed Amt	Dec-26 Billed Amt	Jan-27 Billed Amt	Feb-27 Billed Amt	Mar-27 Billed Amt	Apr-27 Billed Amt	May-27 Billed Amt	Jun-27 Billed Amt	Jul-27 Billed Amt	Aug-27 Billed Amt	YEAR TO DATE TOTALS	REMAINS TO BE SPENT
	\$132,080.00													-	\$132,080.00
	\$36,982.40													-	\$36,982.40
	\$4,851.00													-	\$4,851.00
	\$26,087.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,087.01
	200,000.41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200,000.41

By signing this report: I certify that to the best of my knowledge: (1) the information reported represents actual receipts and actual expenditures which have been incurred in accordance with the agreement for Co-Responder Peer Services and are based on official accounting records and supporting documents which will be maintained by us for purposes of audit; and (2) the report is true, complete and accurate, and the expenditures, disbursements and cash receipts are for the purposes and objectives set forth in the terms and conditions of the award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material face, may subject me to criminal, civil or administrative penalties for fraud, false statement, false claims or otherwise. (U.S. Code Title 18, Section 1001 and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812).

REQUIRED CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE(S):

Agency Preparer Signature - please print & sign

Date

Contact Phone Num/Ext

Agency Approver Signature - please print & sign

Date

Contact Phone Num/Ext

~~~~~FOR PIMA COUNTY USE ONLY~~~~~

Date bill rcv'd/Initials

Date rtnd for corrections/Initials

Date rwd & submitted for payment/Initials

Reviewer Signature - please print & sign  
  
Date

Authorized Approver Signature - please print & sign  
  
Date

**Exhibit C (3 pages)**  
**Quarterly Report**

CONNECTIONS SOUTHERN AZ, LLC  
RISE PEER AND CASE MANAGEMENT  
Quarterly Report Form

CONTRACT NUMBER: PO2600018077

**AGENCY CONTACT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REPORT FOR THE CONTRACT QUARTER ENDING:**

☐ November 2026    ☐ February 2027    ☐ May 2027    ☐ September 2027

**Program Updates:** Please share any relevant updates.

**Contract No.: PO2600018077**  
**Revised May 2026**

**Challenges or Concerns:** Please share any challenges or barriers you encountered during this quarter. Was this resolved? Do you need support from Justice Services?

**Success Stores:** Please share your good news! This can be a programmatic success or an individual success.

**Other Notes:** Please share anything else that would be important to discuss further with Justice Services, or items relevant to note in routine reporting.

**Data Reporting:** Please provide any available data based on the agreed-upon metrics.

Email to: Justice Services, Pima County  
Staff: Cynthia Chapman at [cynthia.chapman@pima.gov](mailto:cynthia.chapman@pima.gov)

REVIEWED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ RECEIVED DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_