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# MEMORANDUM

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Date: May 9, 2023

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

From: Jan Leshner   
County Administrator

Re: **American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund and Pima Recovers Quarterly Update**

## Background

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSLFRF) allocation has provided pivotal funding for Pima County to respond to the impacts of, and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. These monies were directed to County departments, and community partners to implement their CSLFRF projects, as approved by the Pima County Board of Supervisors (BOS) on December 21, 2021.

## PimaRecovers.com

As promised in our last quarterly update, [PimaRecovers.com](https://www.pimarecovers.com) recently underwent a refresh, both in terms of the website platform and through additions to its data inventory. Now all the COVID-19 response related funding can be located on the data dashboard, including Emergency Rental Assistance funds received to date. The data dashboard sits on a newly revamped website merged into the County's website, [www.pima.gov](https://www.pima.gov). Last month, the website received a significant upgrade, making the site more accessible to mobile device users and for the visually impaired. In addition to the new, mobile-responsive website, the County also acquired a new form builder that will make it easier for people of all abilities and literacy levels to interact with the County, as well as new civic engagement software that will improve how the County informs the public about major initiatives. It is also a powerful surveying tool that can be used by County decision makers to ascertain important constituent feedback about programs, capital projects, and resource delivery.

## Quarterly Project & Expenditure Report

Grants Management and Innovation (GMI) recently completed and submitted the required quarterly *Project and Expenditure Report* to the United States Treasury (UST) on April 30, 2023.

This quarter two projects in particular stand out as high performers, a County run program in Community and Workforce Development (CWD), and a community program, JobPath.

- **CWD Emergency Housing**—CWD's Emergency Housing Project aids people and families experiencing or at risk of homelessness. To date, nearly 250 households, approximately 60 percent of which are families, have been served by the project. Of

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those, more than 80 percent have transitioned to permanent housing. The program on average provides 76 days of shelter and more than 30 hours of case management support by CWD staff. The attached sheet (Attachment 1) provides more highlights of this successful program.

- **JobPath**— This innovative job training program focuses on removing barriers to success to improve career pathways for individuals in low-income and otherwise under-represented and under-privileged communities through educational partnerships, case management, wraparound services, and financial assistance. Many of JobPath’s enrollees are displaced workers who receive financial support, coaching, and other services to ensure they succeed in obtaining the skills needed to land good-paying jobs. Since the beginning of the fiscal year, JobPath has enrolled 230 new participants supported with CSLFRF funding, bringing the total supported to 638 since 2021. The attached sheet (Attachment 2) provides details on the demographics of the newly enrolled members this fiscal year and the industries benefitting from this workforce development effort.

These stories will be showcased on Pima County’s transparency website for federal funding associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, [Pimarecovers.com](https://pimarecovers.com).

#### Future Updates

The ARPA CSLFRF authorized funding continues to be a critical investment for Pima County and its residents, demonstrating notable positive impacts. With the ending of the COVID-19 emergency declaration, staff is evaluating how Pima County might sustain these successful programs. The Deputy County Administrators are working closely with GMI staff to identify cost savings and projects that could be modified or added to continue to build on the successes Pima County has experienced to date. Project updates, and importantly, community impact stories, will continue to be showcased on [PimaRecovers.com](https://PimaRecovers.com) for public awareness of the impact of this critical and ongoing investment.

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#### Attachments

c: Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator  
Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer  
Steve Holmes, Deputy County Administrator  
Regina Kelly, Director, Grants Management and Innovation  
Dan Sullivan, Director, Community and Workforce Development

# ATTACHMENT 1

# Emergency Housing Project

Aiding Pima County individuals and families at risk of experiencing homelessness with  
**\$2.95 million** in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

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OUTCOME: **82%** of those served exit to permanent housing

## Serving Pima County households lacking other housing options

**46%** of households enter with no income. (All households are low income.)

**23%** of households were living in places not meant for human habitation.



## Supporting some of our most vulnerable community members

**59%** of households served are families with children.

**52%** are over 62 years old or under 18 years old.

**12%** experience chronic illnesses.

Those served by the project include single parents, people with disabilities, domestic violence survivors, veterans, and others.



## Searching for solutions and supplying stability requires

**76 days** of shelter (average length of stay).

**30+ hours** of active support / case management by CWD staff.



## Participant Feedback

“This program has changed our lives, for the first time I feel at peace and know everything will be ok. **I have secured an apartment and will be moving in the first of March.**”

“We are now financially stable again and **thanks to the program we are in our own apartment.**”

“**If not for your program, I don't know what would have happened. I don't know where I would be.** But I do know I am so blessed to have come across the information to your program.”

“**They literally saved our lives.** I hope that this program can keep going and maybe even expand into a larger space to shelter families in similar situations as Tucson is in dire need of this.”

“**Sometimes all someone needs is just a little help to allow them time to get back on their feet again** and that is what this program did for us.”

To date, Pima County has served **247** households through Community & Workforce Development's Emergency Housing project.

# ATTACHMENT 2

# JobPath Inc. by the Numbers

Funded by Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF)

JobPath Inc. is a local non-profit workforce development agency serving Pima County's most vulnerable populations



## Helping the Community Financially Recover

**\$1 Million CSLFRF**  
investment in  
FY2023



**\$3 Million**  
over 3 years



**638**

Current Workforce Development  
Participants Served with CSLFRF



**230**

Newly Enrolled  
Since July 1, 2022

## Serving the Most in Need



**Average Age 32**

Many are displaced  
workers

**70%**

Identify as  
a racial/  
ethnic  
minority



**70%**

Identify as  
female

**50%**

Are first  
generation  
college  
students



**31%**

Are single  
parents

**68% live in Extremely Low Poverty**

Less than \$27,750 annual income for a family of 4 (FY2022)

Housing and Urban Development (HUD)\*

## Filling Gaps in Pima County's High Need Industries

### Enrollment by Local Workforce Investment Board Target Industry

Health Care Industry

**69%**

Industrial Trades

**25%**

Information Technology

**6%**



Registered Nurse



Dental Hygiene



Aviation  
Technology



Automotive  
Technology



Network Engineer



Computer Support  
Technician



Respiratory Therapist



Medical Laboratory  
Technician



Electrician



Truck Driving



Programmer



Cyber Security

\* [https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il/il2022/2022summary.odn?states=4.0&data=2022&inputname=METRO46060M46060\\*0401999999%2BPima+County&stname=Arizona&statefp=04&year=2022&select\\_ion\\_type=county](https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il/il2022/2022summary.odn?states=4.0&data=2022&inputname=METRO46060M46060*0401999999%2BPima+County&stname=Arizona&statefp=04&year=2022&select_ion_type=county)

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