## Arizona Department of Housing Awarded United Funding Agency Status On behalf of The Arizona Balance of State Continuum of Care

In 2021, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded the Arizona Department of Housing status as the United Funding Agency on behalf of the Arizona Balance of State Continuum of Care (AZBOSCOC). Of the more than 400 continuum of care nationwide, only 14 have the designation of the United Funding Agency (UFA).

The AZBOSCOC includes the 13 less urban counties in Arizona including Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Mohave, Navajo, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai, and Yuma. The purpose of the AZBOSCOC is to plan and implement strategies and services to end homelessness.

The Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) is both the UFA and the collaborative applicant for the AZBOSCOC. What makes ADOH unique from Maricopa and Pima's collaborative applicants is that ADOH is also the recipient of the project funds awarded for the AZBOSCOC. ADOH then contracts with sub-recipients for project implementation throughout the state.

## ADOH's responsibilities as UFA include:

- Overall management and coordination of CoC activities.
- Fiduciary responsibility for funds awarded to the AZBOSCOC.
- Executing contracts with sub-recipients for projects that provide housing and services to support ending homelessness in the AZBOSCOC geographic area.
- Monitoring sub-recipient performance
- Overall coordination for annual point in time count
- Submission of all required HUD reports
- Ensure that the CoC is operating in compliance with the HEARTH Act.

ADOH has a dedicated CoC Coordinator, who with the Special Needs Administrator, provides overall support and coordination to AZBOSCOC functioning and activities. Currently ADOH, on behalf of the AZBOSCOC administers \$4,720,597 in HUD awarded CoC funds. In 2021, ADOH, as the UFA and Collaborative Applicant, applied for a total of \$5,915,826 which includes renewal project funding, five new projects, UFA administrative funds, and AZBOSCOC planning funds.