

# American Rescue Plan

*Combating Homelessness Track – Session Five*



Arizona  
Department  
of Housing

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# American Rescue Plan Act

## Housing Funding Summary



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# American Rescue Plan Act Background

- Signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021.
- \$1.9 trillion in economic stimulus spending and relief measures.
- Includes multiple housing related provisions and funding sources administered by several different federal, state and local agencies.



# ADOH Related Funds in ARPA

- Emergency Rental Assistance
- Homeowner Assistance Fund
- Emergency Housing Vouchers
- Homelessness Assistance and Supportive Services Program



# Emergency Rental Assistance

- \$21.5 billion for emergency rental assistance
- \$374 million designated for the state, county and municipalities of AZ
- Previously, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020 included \$492 million for rental assistance programs in Arizona
- DES is administering the Emergency Rental Assistance Program for rural counties



# Emergency Rental Assistance



The screenshot shows the ADES ERAP website. At the top is a blue header with the ADES logo, the text "Arizona Department of Economic Security Your Partner for a Stronger Arizona", a search bar, and social media links. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: About, Services, How do I?, Documents Center, Online Services, Media Center, Office Locator, and Report Fraud. The main heading is "Emergency Rental Assistance Program" with a "Español" link. Below this is a banner image showing a "FOR RENT" sign, a building, and US dollar bills. Under the banner are four blue buttons: "Apply for Assistance" (house icon), "FAQs for Renters" (house with person icon), "FAQs for Landlords" (person with key icon), and "Dashboard" (circular arrow icon). Below the buttons is the tagline "Keeping renters safe and in their homes" and a paragraph explaining the program. At the bottom is a section titled "Rent and Utility Assistance" with details about eligibility and application process.

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Emergency Rental Assistance Program

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*Keeping renters safe and in their homes*

The DES Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) now offers rent and utility assistance to eligible Arizona renters impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible households may receive up to \$3,500 per month for both rent and utility assistance for a maximum of 18 months.

**Rent and Utility Assistance:** Renters and landlords in the 12 Arizona counties listed below may apply for rent and utility assistance using the online ERAP portal. To determine a renter's eligibility for assistance, applications must be submitted by the renter **AND** their landlord.

- \$17+ million distributed
- 7000+ applications approved
- Eligible households receive up to \$3,500/month for a maximum of 18 months





# Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF)



- \$199 million appropriated to Arizona for the Homeowner Assistance Fund
- ADOH will administer this program statewide
- Established to mitigate financial hardships associated with COVID-19
- Planned launch of HAF program and application portal for Fall of 2021
- Landing page for program information: <https://haf.azhousing.gov/>





We will be accepting applications for the HAF program very soon. Please visit this website for future updates.

## Check Eligibility for the Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF)

The HAF provides help for homeowners who have experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19 after January 21st, 2020.

[Find Out If You Qualify](#)

We will be accepting applications for HAF program very soon. Please visit this website for future updates.



# Homeowner Assistance Fund: Eligible Homeowners

Those who:

- Experienced a financial hardship after 1/21/2020 and have incomes equal to or less than 150% of the area median income (AMI).
- Maximum payment of up to \$25,000 per homeowner to cure up to 12 months of past due or delinquent payments.
- Up to three months of additional payments after delinquency is cured.
  - Maximum payment of \$3,500 per month.



# Homeowner Assistance Fund: Qualified Expenses

- Mortgage Reinstatement Payment
- Insurance Assistance Payment  
(Homeowners, Flood, and/or Mortgage)
- Utility / Internet Assistance Payment
- Monthly Mortgage Payment Assistance
  - Up to three additional months of mortgage assistance outside of reinstatement assistance if the homeowner has not reached \$25,000 maximum assistance limit.
- Delinquent Property Tax Assistance
- Association Fees & Lien Assistance
- Displacement Prevention Assistance



# Homeless Assistance and Supportive Services



- \$21,818,662 allocated to the Arizona Department of Housing.
- \$83,257,820 total between state, Phoenix, Mesa, Tucson, Yuma, Maricopa County and Pinal County
- Provided through the HOME Investment Partnership Program
- Funding expires in September 2025

*Stepping Stone Place, Native American Connections project, Phoenix*



# Homeless Assistance and Supportive Services (Continued...)

- Eligible Activities:
  - Production or preservation of affordable housing.
  - Tenant-based rental assistance.
  - Supportive services (homeless prevention, housing counseling).
  - Purchase/Development of non-congregate shelter.
- Qualifying Populations:
  - Homeless
  - At-risk of homelessness
  - Fleeing domestic violence
  - Human trafficking victims
  - People experiencing housing instability



# Emergency Housing Vouchers

- American Rescue Plan 2021 allocated \$5B for 70K EHV's
- Arizona was offered a total of 1,215 EHV's
- The Arizona Public Housing Authority (APHA) that serves Yavapai County was offered and accepted 46 EHV's







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## **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Maricopa County**

August 20, 2021

Bruce Liggett, Director  
Maricopa County Human Services Department





# ARPA MARICOPA COUNTY

- \$871 million – First half received
- Major Categories:
  - Support Public Health Response - \$136 million
  - Business Support - \$60 million
  - Behavioral Health, Addiction Recovery, and Community Health Equity - \$33.5 million
  - Human Services - \$147 million
  - Other - \$36.6 million



# Maricopa County Human Services ARPA Categories

- Early Education - \$1 million
- Senior and Persons with Disabilities - \$15 million
- Workforce Support - \$25 million
- Career/College Readiness - \$5 million
- Domestic Violence - \$15 million
- Food Bank Support - \$3 million
- Prevention and Assistance Eviction - \$20 million
- Housing - \$40 million
- Homelessness - \$22 million
- Funeral Assistance - \$1 million



# Maricopa County ARPA Prevention, Housing, and Homeless

- Eviction Prevention - \$20 million
  - Applicant Assistance
  - Legal Assistance
  - Long Term Case Management
- Housing - \$40 million
  - Landlord Engagement
  - Emergency Repairs
  - Affordable Housing
- Homeless - \$22 million
  - Flexible Funding for Providers
  - Rapid Rehousing
  - Shelter and Support Services



# Challenges, Opportunities, and Reflections

- Covid Pandemic and Community Impact
- Public Health Response
- Our Workforce(s)
- Rapid Influx of Resources:
  - Phased Awards and One Time Funds
  - Multiple Fund Sources, Eligible Criteria, and Ramping up
- Balancing Urgent Needs, Responsible Uses, and Sustainability
- New Initiatives
- Systemic Improvements

# Marcos Ysmael

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# PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT HOUSING FUNDS

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**MARCH 2021 CONGRESS PASSES THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 TO DELIVER MORE AID TO STATES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS & PEOPLE STRUGGLING ECONOMICALLY DUE TO COVID19.**

**NATIONALLY, THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROVIDES:**

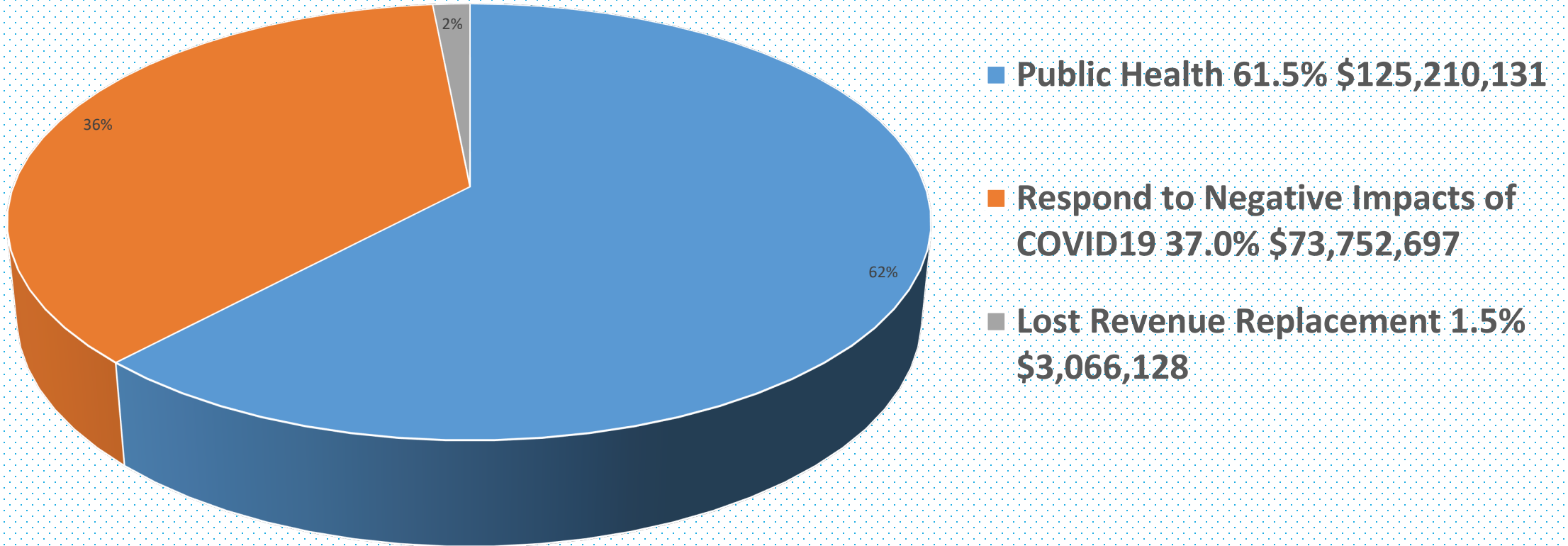
- **Emergency rental assistance - \$21.5 billion** in emergency rental assistance, to be administered by Treasury, to help families keep up on their rent and remain in their homes.
- **Homeowner Assistance Fund - \$10 billion**, to be administered by Treasury, to help homeowners behind on their mortgage and utility payments and avoid foreclosure and eviction.
- **Emergency housing vouchers - \$5 billion** for emergency housing vouchers for individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.
- **Homelessness assistance & supportive services program - \$5 billion** for the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME Program) to create housing & services for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- **Housing assistance and supportive services programs for Native Americans - \$750 million** for assistance to Native Americans and Native Hawaiians, helping reduce housing-related health risks during the pandemic.

# AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING CONTINUED

- **Emergency assistance for rural housing - \$100 million**, to be administered by USDA, to help people in rural communities keep their homes during the pandemic.
- **Funds for housing counseling - \$100 million**, to be administered by NeighborWorks, for grants to housing counseling providers to provide services to households facing housing instability.
- **Relief measures for section 502 and 504 direct loan borrowers - \$39 million**, to be administered by USDA, for Section 502 & 504 home loans, which help low income borrowers purchase, repair, & rehabilitate housing in rural areas, while helping existing borrowers struggling to afford housing.
- **Funds for fair housing activities - \$20 million**, for the Fair Housing Initiatives Program to investigate fair housing complaints, strengthen enforcement, and assist victims of housing discrimination.
- **Utility Assistance - \$5 billion total**: \$4.5 for utility assistance through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) & \$500 million for water assistance through the Low-Income Household Drinking Water & Wastewater Emergency Assistance Program.
- **State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund - \$350 billion**, emergency funding to address the health & economic impacts of the COVID19 pandemic, which includes:
  - **\$195.3 billion for States; 20 billion for Tribal governments and \$4.5 billion for U.S. territories**
  - **65.1 billion for Counties**
  - **45.567 billion for CDBG entitlement Cities**
  - **19.53 billion for non-entitlement units of local governments**



# **PIMA COUNTY STATE & LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND - \$203,421,668 ALLOCATIONS/SPENDING PLAN**



# ARPA - PIMA COUNTY STATE & LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND ALLOCATION & SPENDING PLAN DETAILS

## **Public Health: \$125,210,131 (61.5 % of total ARPA/SLFRF revenue)**

- Health Department staffing, supplies & services to respond to & mitigate/contain COVID19
- Communication activities to address public health emergency
- Behavioral Health supplies, services, and capital investments to address primary and secondary effects of the pandemic including domestic violence response.
- Capital investments:
  - To repair and modify Curley School Gymnasium (Ajo) to meet pandemic operational needs including (but not limited to) temporary shelter for asylum seekers in compliance with local and federal COVID-19 mitigation tactics;
  - To expand public health and employment services in an adversely impacted neighborhood/Qualified Census Tract through the development of the Northwest Services Center on Miracle Mile; and
  - To outfit a new Office of the Medical Examiner with appropriate furniture, fixtures, and equipment in recognition of the expanded need for to respond to the increase in deaths from the pandemic and the increased number of services provided for the indigent.
- Provision of funding to Fire Districts, especially those serving rural areas, for supplies and services for the prevention, mitigation and treatment of COVID-19.

# ARPA - PIMA COUNTY STATE & LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND ALLOCATION & SPENDING PLAN DETAILS

## **Responding to Negative Economic Impacts of COVID19: \$73,752,679 (37% of total)**

- Assistance to households & disproportionately impacted populations & communities that address housing insecurity, lack of affordable housing, or homelessness:
  - **Emergency Eviction Legal Services Program**
  - **Eviction Prevention staffing to ensure continued success**
  - **Providing for additional administrative costs associated with contracted Eviction Prevention vendor (CIC)**
  - **Investment in Early Childhood Education**
- **Investment in job training programs for displaced workers, unemployed and low income individuals:**
  - Expansion of JobPath program
  - Purchase of equipment and software to enhance job training programs and partnership with Pima Community College to include health and Information Technology (IT) infrastructure programs

# **ARPA - PIMA COUNTY STATE & LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND ALLOCATION & SPENDING PLAN DETAILS**

## **Responding to Negative Economic Impacts of COVID19, continued:**

- **Investment in IT infrastructure to support enhanced public health data capacity, cybersecurity, etc.**
- **Investment in Court IT infrastructure to further support remote-enabled court, furthering ability to protect public and employees during court proceedings**
- **Expansion of grants management staff to support tripling of grant revenue and assure ability to staff to meet programmatic and fiscal requirements**
- **Investment in Attractions & Tourism - City of Gastronomy, Southwestern Fair Commission, Visit Tucson, Old Tucson & Improvements in leased properties**
- **Investment in Stadium District - delayed maintenance and upkeep due to COVID-19, including wear and tear from vaccination activities (e.g., pavement)**

## Emergency Eviction Legal Services

### Get Legal Help with Pima County's Emergency Eviction Legal Services (EELS)

Are you facing an eviction? You may be entitled to FREE legal help. The Office of Emergency Eviction Legal Services, a new program, can help tenants in need of legal advice and representation in eviction cases.

Free legal counsel is available to qualifying tenants. Navigators are available to explain the process and connect tenants with other county and community resources, like rent assistance, help finding a job and much more.

We understand that an eviction process can be scary and confusing. That's why EELS is here to help. Connect with our team to get legal services you may need.

### Contact us

If you don't know whether you qualify, contact us anyway. You might qualify, and even if you don't, one of our navigators may be able to connect you with other available resources.

To find out if you qualify or to receive more information, call 520-724-3357 (520-724-EELS) or click on the "Contact Us" button below.

[Contact Us](#)

### Who Is Eligible?

Navigation services are available to all tenants or landlords involved in eviction cases in Pima County. If you are a tenant and your income is at or below 80% of area median income, you also qualify for access to an attorney, for free. In the chart below, find the box that represents your household size. If you earn up to the amount listed below it, you meet income eligibility requirements.



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(Unemployed adults)  
340 N. Commerce Park Loop  
Tortolita Building  
Tucson, AZ 85745

(520) 724-7650

**Sullivan Jackson Employment Center**  
(Homeless individuals)  
400 E. 26th St.  
Tucson, AZ 85713

(520) 724-7300

**Youth Employment Center**  
320 N. Commerce Park Loop  
Sentinel Building, 2nd Floor  
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### COVID-19 Information

- [COVID-19 Home](#)
- [Contact Tracing & Jobs](#)
- [Testing Info](#)

# PIMA COUNTY EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE (ERA) SUMMARY — ERA1 AND ERA2

- ERA1 - Bipartisan-Bicameral Omnibus COVID Relief Deal (Enacted Dec 2020)
  - Pima County - \$15,188,622.60
  - City of Tucson - \$16,675,428.50
  - County & City allocated \$27.1 million (from funds listed above) in March to the Community Investment Corporation to administer ERA1 rent & utility assistance
- ERA2 – American Rescue Plan Act (Enacted Mar 2021)
  - Pima County - \$12,018,046.20
  - City of Tucson - \$13,194,486.10 + \$7,663,362.00 High-Need Allocation
  - County & City currently finalizing plans for ERA2 administration

## ERA1 UPDATE

# TUCSON AND PIMA COUNTY EVICTION PREVENTION/RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND UTILITY RELIEF PROGRAM DASHBOARD — FUNDING & CASE PROCESSING BEGAN MID-MARCH 2021 - LAST UPDATED 8/9/2021

**17,547**

Total Eviction Prevention Requests



**918**

Awaiting Tenant Eligibility Form



**3,356**

Preliminarily Eligible + Awaiting Case Worker



**1,014**

Cases Currently in Process



**3,635**

Cases Paid / Submitted for Payment



**\$1,538,344**

Total Utilities Payments Paid



**\$18,597,138**

Total Rental Assistance Paid



**\$22,551,233**

Total Funds Paid and Committed to Eligible Cases Being Finalized by Case Workers



# HUD HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME PROGRAM)

PRESERVE AND PRODUCE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOW/MOD INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

ANNUAL APPROPRIATION AND AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING

**FY2021 National HOME Program Appropriation = \$1.35B**

**FY2021 Pima County-City of Tucson Consortium HOME \$'s (7/1/2021)**

<b>Pima County</b>	<b>City of Tucson</b>	<b>Consortium Total</b>
<b>\$1,043,814</b>	<b>\$2,479,663</b>	<b>\$3,523,477</b>

**American Rescue Plan Act HOME Program \$'s for Homeless Assistance = \$4.75B Nationally**

**ARP Act - Tucson-Pima County HOME Program Consortium Allocation (Fall/Winter 2021)**

<b>Pima County</b>	<b>City of Tucson</b>	<b>Consortium Total</b>
<b>\$3,785,184</b>	<b>\$8,992,003</b>	<b>\$12,770,187</b>

- Annual HOME \$'s: Invest in creation/preservation of affordable housing, leverage other public and private investments for maximum impact; TBRA; Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance Program
- ARPA HOME \$'s: Motel/Hotel Conversions for shelter housing, and permanent supportive housing; support services including homeless prevention services and housing counseling.



# AZ's ARPA Allocation of Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Awards

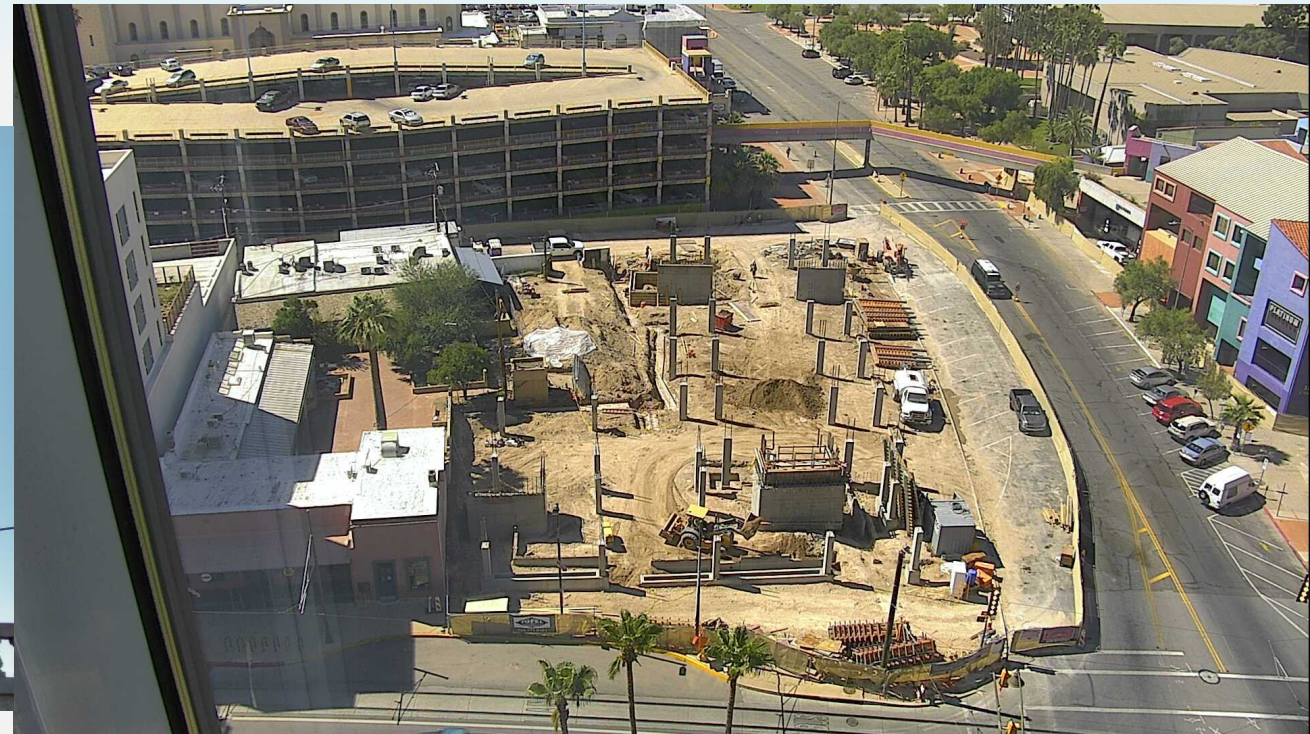
This is all EHV awards as of June 22, 2021. PHAs were given the option to accept or decline a EHV allocation. The process for making the formula allocation and redistributing declined awards is outlined in PIH 2021-15.

State	PHA Code	PHA Name	Allocation of EHV Vouchers
AZ	AZ001	City of Phoenix Housing Department	390
<b>AZ</b>	<b>AZ004</b>	<b>City of Tucson Housing and Community Development Department</b>	<b>172</b>
AZ	AZ005	City of Mesa Housing Authority	108
AZ	AZ009	Housing Authority of Maricopa County	89
AZ	AZ003	City of Glendale Housing Authority	72
AZ	AZ031	Tempe Housing Authority	50
AZ	AZ901	Arizona Department of Housing	46
AZ	AZ010	Pinal County Housing Authority	39
AZ	AZ032	Scottsdale Housing Agency	34
AZ	AZ008	Winslow Public Housing Authority	30
<b>AZ</b>	<b>AZ033</b>	<b>Pima County Housing Authority</b>	<b>30</b>
AZ	AZ006	Flagstaff Housing Authority	29
AZ	AZ028	Chandler Housing & Redevelopment Division	28
AZ	AZ043	Mohave County Housing Authority	26
AZ	AZ034	Housing Authority of Cochise County	21
AZ	AZ035	Yuma City Housing Authority	21
AZ	AZ023	Nogales Housing Authority	15
AZ	AZ045	Gila County Housing Authority	15

- EHV's can assist individuals and families who are:
  - Homeless, at risk of homelessness, recently homeless or have a high risk of housing instability
  - Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, sexual assault/stalking, or human trafficking
- Local CoC's and domestic violence prevention agencies make referrals to PHA's
  - PHA, CoC & domestic violence prevention agencies execute MOU's to administer local EHV's
- City of Tucson HCD, PHA Consortium Lead Entity, is executing local MOU's for City and County EHV's

# HOW CAN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS HELP INCREASE SUPPLY?

- Reduce Barriers to producing/preserving affordable & workforce housing
- Leverage Local and Regional Resources – Collaboration/Public-Private Partnerships
- Leverage Public & Private Investments







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# American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

## City of Phoenix ARPA Fund

Marchelle Franklin, Human Services Director

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# ARPA Distribution



## AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

- Awarded \$396M
- Funds to be distributed in two separate allocations of \$198M



# ARPA – Allocations

Initiative	Year 1	Year 2
Community Investment (72%)	\$143M	\$143M
City Operations Investment (25%)	\$50M	\$50M
Contingency (3%)	\$5M	\$5M
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$198M</b>	<b>\$198M</b>



# Community Investment - \$143M

Program	FY21-22
Phoenix Arts, Business and Employee Assistance	\$40.0M
Phoenix Resilient Food System	\$9.7M
Better Health and Community Outcomes	\$5.0M
Youth Sports, Recreation, Education and After-School	\$28.8M
Mitigation and Care for Vulnerable Populations	\$31.5M
Households and Rental Assistance	\$28.0M
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$143M</b>





# Youth Sports, Recreation, Education and After-School

- Early Childhood Education Expansion

\$6.0M





# Mitigation and Care for Vulnerable Populations

• Homelessness and Mental Health	\$10.5M
• Summer Heat Respite	\$3.0M
• Edison Impact Hub	\$5.0M
• US Vets and Veteran Relief	\$4.5M
• Justa Center	\$1.0M
• Financial Assistance for Refugee & Asylee Community	\$3.0M



\*Photo taken pre-COVID



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# Households and Rental Assistance

- Utility & Rent/Mortgage Assistance
- Bus Card Subsidy Program

\$10.0M

\$1.0M







# City of Phoenix Emergency Assistance Program

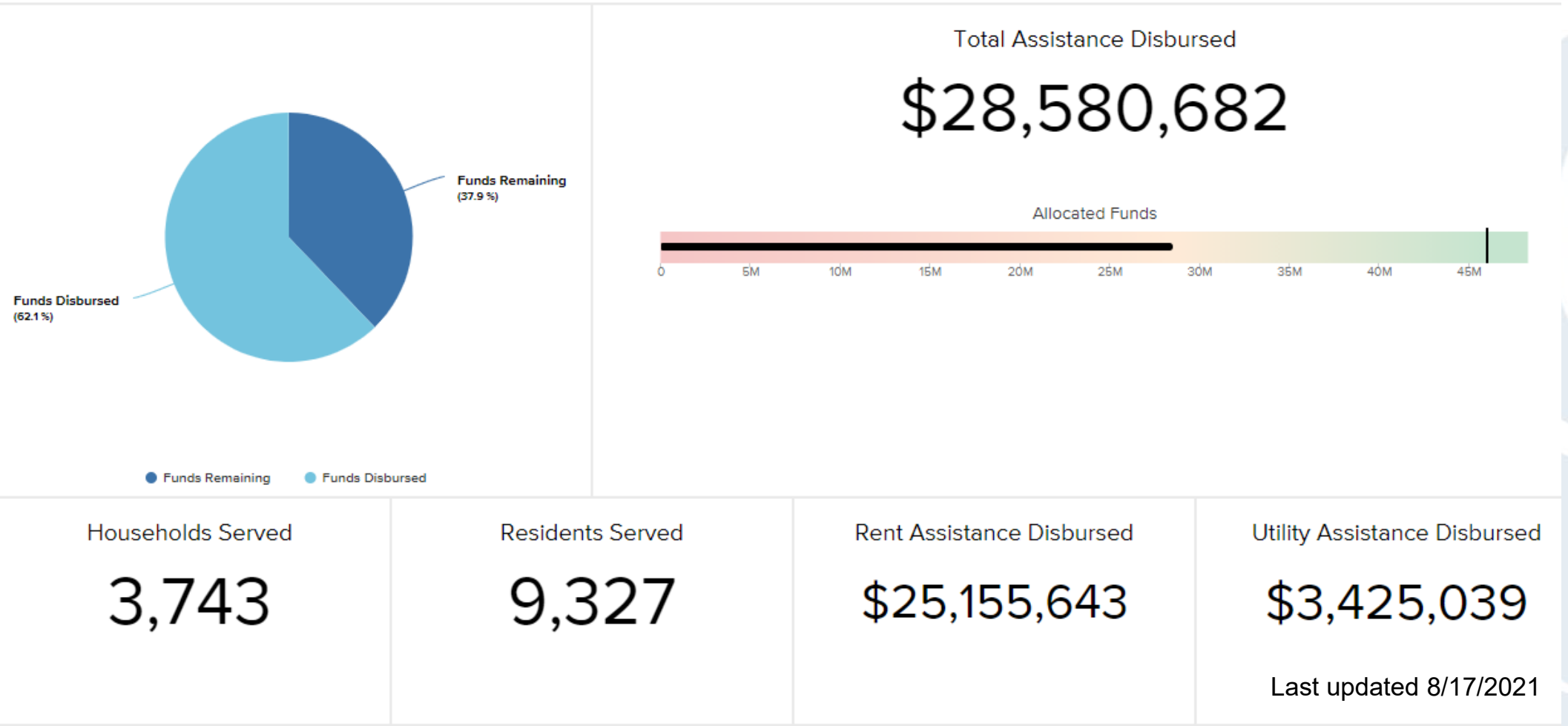
- Emergency Rental Assistance 1.0 (First Allocation) \$51.1M
- Emergency Rental Assistance 2.0 (Second Allocation) \$55.3M



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# ERA Program Dashboard





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