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Office of Homeless Solutions Program Report

This report is issued monthly to provide the City Council with an update regarding the City's ongoing efforts to address homelessness within our community by the Office of Homeless Solutions. This report does not encompass the totality of the City's efforts to address homelessness but rather provides a review of the key highlights from the preceding month and an update on major upcoming projects.

Summary

The City of Phoenix is committed to working with the community, service providers and our regional partners to implement regional solutions to address homelessness and mitigate impacts to neighborhoods. The information below are highlights from the Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) in the areas of shelter, outreach, procurement and success stories.

Summer Heat Relief Preparations

The Office of Homeless Solutions remains committed to supporting annual heat relief activities for individuals experiencing homelessness in and around the Human Services Campus. Three tents equipped with evaporative coolers, purchased by the City in 2022, will be available on and around the Campus during the summer 2023 heat. A chilled water station is available next to the Respiro Sprung Structure on Jackson Street, and an additional station will be available in May at a tent on 9th Avenue south of Jackson Street. Individuals can also access water at any of the on-site Human Services Campus partner facilities during operational hours.

The City was awarded \$1,015,000 by Maricopa County to provide daytime Heat Relief this year. The City is planning to undertake two projects with this funding in an effort to serve 100-200 people per day. The City is currently working to lease a vacant building, or adequate portion of a building, in downtown Phoenix and to contract with a provider for the Heat Respite services. The selected building will have air-conditioning, adequate restrooms and access to voluntary support services. In addition, the City will work with a nonprofit provider to offer daytime Heat Respite and support services at the Sunnyslope Family Services Center for people in the Sunnyslope community.

Phoenix Departments Coordinate to Host Tour: From Homeless to Housing

The City of Phoenix Office of Homeless Solutions Director Rachel Milne and City of Phoenix Housing Department Deputy Director Angela Duncan coordinated and hosted a tour for attendees of the Urban Land Institute conference on March 27, 2023. Approximately 50 conference attendees joined the tour and visited the Washington Relief Center emergency shelter, Soluna at Edison-Eastlake Choice Neighborhood, United Methodist Outreach Ministries (UMOM) New Day Center's 19 West affordable housing development, and Native American Connections' Patina Mountain Preserve Wellness Center and Dunlap Pointe housing sites. By visiting the sites, participants experienced some of the most effective services and housing in Arizona that are successfully moving people from homelessness to housed. The sites featured innovative partnerships, adaptive reuse, strong community outreach and successful integration with surrounding neighborhoods through collaboration between private, non-profit sectors and multiple levels of government.

Human Services Campus Enhanced Clean Up - Phase 5

OHS staff began phase five of enhanced cleanings in the area around the Human Services Campus (HSC) on March 29, 2023. The cleaning took place on 10th Avenue between Madison and Jefferson streets. The street cleaning consisted of removing trash, waste and other debris from the area. People staying in the designated cleaning area were asked to temporarily move their belongings to a designated safe staging area. Staff from OHS, HSC and Community Bridges, Inc. (CBI) were available to assist anyone who was unable to move their belongings on their own. Staff engaged approximately 35 people camping in the area and all of them cooperated with the request to move their belongings. Of those engaged, 20 people were transported to indoor shelters or treatment programs.

Existing Shelter Project Outcomes

Phoenix invested in four major projects to create and provide 592 new shelter beds in 2022. The attached tables (**Attachment A**) represent the bed utilization at the four shelters and an unsheltered count around the Human Services Campus including:

- Number of unduplicated clients served at the Washington Relief Center;
- Number of unduplicated clients served at Respiro;
- Number of unduplicated clients served at Rio Fresco;
- Average monthly usage at the Central Arizona Shelter Services Single Adult Shelter; and
- Count of unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness and the various types of tents and alternate shelters found of the area immediately surrounding the Human Services Campus.

Success Story

A client of the Community Bridges Inc. (CBI) Rapid Rehousing program had been experiencing homelessness in Phoenix for over 15 years. The client entered The Bridge shelter and received a housing voucher. A Phoenix Rapid Rehousing navigator assisted the client with an apartment search and signing a lease after the apartment passed a housing quality inspection. The client received new furnishings and continues to work with CBI's case management services for continued housing stability and life skill enrichment.

Success Story

A young girl arrived at Child Crisis Arizona's Emergency Children's Shelter at 8-years old. The Case Management team quickly discovered she had very few behavioral health services while in her adoptive home, even though she was diagnosed with multiple Disruptive Disorders. She struggled to adjust, but the shelter staff remained patient and concentrated on her strengths. The staff were able to advocate for in-home behavioral health services to provide her with necessary one-on-one support. Once appropriate services were in place, the staff found a Therapeutic Foster Home that could meet her unique needs. Therapeutic Foster Homes require specialized training to help children and youth who require extra support to help children to heal and thrive. While Child Crisis Arizona's Emergency Children's Shelter is a temporary home for these foster children, it places great importance on finding a longer-term placement that is best suited for the child and their needs. All the behavioral health services that are put into place are transferred to the new foster placement home, providing continuity and stability for the child. Since being placed with this new family, the young girl has been able to build rapport and has adjusted to her new home.

Success Story

A female client entered the UMOM Halle Women's Center shelter after fleeing a domestic violence situation from out of state. She had been staying in her car near grocery stores and hospital parking lots to stay safe. Once the client entered shelter, she worked hard to find employment and after 30 days was employed with a transportation company. She and her case manager worked on a budget plan to help her save for her housing and in two months she was able to save \$1,200 to put towards her new apartment. The client moved into her new apartment three months after entering the shelter. She indicated she was very grateful that she now has her new place that is safe, where she can now focus on herself and her new life in Arizona.

Upcoming Shelter Projects

OHS is investing in seven major projects which are expected to complete in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 and provide a total of 800 new indoor shelter/transitional beds to the region.

The attached tables (**Attachment B**) represent a summary of new shelter beds created with City of Phoenix investments, including the 592 new indoor shelter beds in 2022 and the additional 800 indoor shelter beds that are in process and expected to be completed during FY 2023-24. The total new beds to be created from 2022 through 2024 is 1,392.

Office of Homeless Solutions Staff Outreach Success Stories

Success Story

OHS Caseworkers, with the assistance of CBI, assisted a veteran to successfully obtain shelter placement. The veteran had been experiencing unsheltered homelessness for about two weeks after he was discharged from a program for not meeting the curfew numerous times. Caseworkers noticed the veteran had some significant health problems which made it especially unsafe for him to be unsheltered. The individual was transported to CBI to work with the veteran's program. The veteran was successfully placed in a shelter and is currently waiting to attend his HUD-VASH (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing) briefing to receive his housing voucher. The veteran called the OHS Caseworkers earlier this week to thank them for helping him find shelter and to say he is getting the medical attention and help to get the things that he needs to obtain permanent housing.

Success Story

An OHS Homeless Liaison received an email from a Human Services Program Coordinator for the City of Phoenix. The coordinator informed the Liaison that a 60-year-old female client was at the Helen Drake Senior Center and was seeking help. The client's boyfriend had left her in the area in the early morning. They used to live in a motel and do side jobs, but she was without any means to survive on her own. The client had relocated from California a few months prior but does not have any family in Arizona or in California. The Liaison contacted the CBI outreach team to meet the woman while she was at the senior center. Simultaneously, the Liaison reached out to shelters to inquire about bed openings. Fortunately, the SureStay Shelter had a bed, and the woman was transported by CBI to enter shelter.

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by Deputy City Manager Gina Montes and the Office of Homeless Solutions.

Attachment A

Shelter Status Report				
Location	Date Range	Bed Capacity	Current Usage	Unduplicated People Served
Washington Relief Center	May 13, 2022 – April 7, 2023	200	196	971
Respiro (Sprung Structure)	May 13, 2022 – April 7, 2023	100	88	340
Rio Fresco Shelter	Nov. 16, 2022 – April 7, 2023	117	119	162

CASS Single Adult Shelter Status Report				
Location	Date Range	Bed Capacity	Previous Day Usage	Average Monthly Usage (Duplicated)
CASS Single Adult Shelter	March 1, 2023 – April 7, 2023	600	582	583

Human Services Campus – Street Count Status Report – April 4, 2023				
Type	Persons	Tents	Other Shelters	No Apparent Shelter
Total Counted	679	221	101	102

Attachment B

New Shelter Beds Added in 2022	
Provider/Shelter	New Beds Added
Human Services Campus – Respiro	100
Washington Relief Center	200
CASS – Single Adult Shelter Expansion	175
CBI – Rio Fresco Hotel Lease / Future Acquisition	117
Total	592

New Shelter / Transitional Beds to be Added in 2023 - 2024			
Provider/Shelter	New Beds Added	Est. Phoenix Investment	Est. Open Date
Lutheran Social Services – I-HELP	10	\$1,000,000	Spring 2023
City-Owned Sprung Structure and Non-Congregate Shelter	280	\$12,000,000	Mid 2023
CASS – The Haven Senior Shelter	170	\$4,000,000	Mid 2023
CBI – North Mountain Healing Center	100	\$4,000,000	2023/2024
St. Vincent de Paul – Ozanam Manor II	100	\$6,000,000	Mid 2024
UMOM – New Day Center, Family Shelter <i>(20 units)</i>	80	\$2,000,000	Early 2024
Salvation Army – Family Shelter <i>(12 units)</i>	60	\$6,000,000	Mid 2024
Total	800	\$35,000,000	



Summer 2023 Heat Response Plan

This report provides an overview of heat response programs and services for summer 2023.

Summary

The attached memo (**Attachment A**) provides an overview of heat response programs and services for summer 2023. The centerpiece of the Plan is the detailed list of 30 heat response programs and services that Phoenix will lead and/or collaboratively implement in the summer of 2023. The plan also includes a summary of public health impacts and weather observations from summer 2022 and descriptions of key partnerships. Staff are preparing relevant programs and services for early activation in April, should early season heat occur. Most programs and services will begin operation on approximately May 1.

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by Deputy City Manager Gina Montes and the Office of Heat Response and Mitigation.

City of Phoenix
Summer 2023 Heat Response Plan
April 20, 2023



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Acknowledgements

The City of Phoenix 2023 Heat Response Plan is an update of the City's first Heat Response Plan, which was unanimously approved by City Council in March 2022. The Heat Response Plan reflects initiatives and perspectives from many local and regional collaborators. It also draws content and direction from a network of related plans, including Phoenix's 2021 Climate Action Plan, the 2021 Maricopa County Hazard Mitigation Plan, the Maricopa County Department of Public Health Strategic Plan for Climate and Health, the Heat Action Planning Guide for Greater Phoenix, and the Arizona Department of Health Services Climate and Health Adaptation Plan.

Organizations listed below are partners in the heat response programs that the City operates or supports, have provided input regarding the content of this plan, and/or are responsible for programs or plans referenced in this document, or components thereof.

City of Phoenix Mayor and Council Offices

Office of Mayor Kate Gallego
Office of Vice Mayor Yassamin Ansari, District 7
Office of Ann O'Brien, District 1
Office of Jim Waring, District 2
Office of Debra Stark, District 3
Office of Laura Pastor, District 4
Office of Betty Guardado, District 5
Office of Kevin Robinson District 6
Office of Kesha Hodge Washington, District 8

City of Phoenix Departments and Functions

Arts & Culture
City Manager's Office
Communications
Environmental Programs
Fire
Heat Response and Mitigation
Emergency Management
Homeless Solutions
Housing
Human Services
Innovation
Library
Light Rail Transit
Neighborhood Services

Parks and Recreation
Police
Public Health
Public Transit
Public Works
Sustainability
Volunteer Programs
Water Services

Local, Regional, and National Partners

Arizona Department of Health Services
Arizona Faith Network
Arizona Heat Resilience Work Group
Arizona Public Service
Arizona State University
Bloomberg Associates
C40 Cool Cities Network
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Chispa AZ
Community Bridges, Inc.
Crisis Response Network
Feed Phoenix
Healthy Giving Council
Human Services Campus
Maricopa Association of Governments
Maricopa County Department of Emergency Management
Maricopa County Department of Public Health
Maricopa County Human Services Department
National Integrated Heat-Health Information System
National Weather Service Phoenix Forecast Office
Nature Conservancy Arizona Healthy Cities Program
Phoenix Community Emergency Response Team
Phoenix Industrial Development Authority
Phoenix Parks Foundation
Phoenix Revitalization Corporation
Salt River Project
Sustainable Cities Network
University of Arizona
Valley Metro
Valley of the Sun United Way

1. Introduction

The City of Phoenix Heat Response Plan outlines programs and services intended to protect public health and quality of life from the threats posed by hot weather. The City's first Heat Response Plan was passed in 2022 by a unanimous City Council vote. This document, the 2023 Heat Response Plan, provides an overview of heat response programs and services to be coordinated by the City of Phoenix for the upcoming warm season. It also contains a review of program performance, public health, and meteorological data from the prior year. The 2022 Plan contains more detailed background and contextual information than is included in this update.

The 2023 Heat Response Plan is another milestone in the City of Phoenix's efforts to innovatively respond to the sustainability and resilience challenges posed by the city's climatic setting in the Sonoran Desert. Phoenix is at the forefront of global efforts to close the gap in governance and planning for extreme heat at the local level. In 2021, the City created the world's first publicly funded municipal office focused on managing extreme heat. In 2022, Phoenix joined three other cities across the United States as part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Heat and Equity Pilot Program. This engagement included a federally coordinated two-day heat planning workshop in Phoenix in February 2023, which has informed updates to the Heat Response Plan.

The updated Heat Response Plan reflects input from many internal and external partners. Beginning in late 2022, the Office of Heat Response and Mitigation met with nearly every City Department and key external partners to evaluate the complete inventory of the City's heat response efforts, curate recommendations for new programs and program improvements, prepare budget requests, update the citywide heat safety communications plan, and revise logistical protocols for program implementation. These efforts were coordinated by a new Heat Response Program Manager in the Office of Heat Response and Mitigation.

The centerpiece of the Plan is the detailed list of 31 programs and services that Phoenix will lead and/or collaboratively implement in the summer of 2023. Many programs and services will begin operation on approximately May 1st.

2. Review of 2022 Heat and Public Health Data

Weather Conditions

The 2022 warm season (April 1–September 30) was among the hottest in the recorded history of Phoenix. Although there were relatively few extremely hot days—only one day reached 115°F—the season was characterized by above-average temperatures persisting for long stretches, until intermittent relief began to arrive with monsoon activity in late July. There were five stretches of at least 10 days in which daily high temperatures exceeded climatological normals every day:

- April 1–11 (11 days), average daily high 91.4°F, 7.9°F above average
- April 25–May 8 (14 days), average daily high 95.1°F, 5.7°F above average
- June 6–17 (13 days), average daily high 109.6°F, 6.0°F above average
- July 6–23 (18 days), average daily high 111.2°F, 4.6°F above average
- August 29–Sept. 7 (11 days), average daily high 108.8°F, 5.0°F above average

Overall, the 2022 warm season ranked as the 4th warmest out of the past 100 years with respect to average daily high temperatures (101.2°F) and the 2nd warmest out of the past 100 with respect to average daily low temperatures (77.5°F). The average daily high temperature was approximately 1°F higher than the same period in 2021, and the average daily low was approximately 0.8°F higher.

Measures of hot days and nights generally exceeded climatological normals and counts from 2021. The 2022 warm season had the 5th highest number of 85°F nights in the past century (50 nights); counts of 100°F and 110°F days were in the top 15, and top 25, respectively (113 and 22). 2022 had 4 more 85°F nights, 9 more 100°F days, and the same number of 110°F days as 2021.

National Weather Service Excessive Heat Warnings from the were in effect on 18 days.

Public Health Impacts

Heat-Associated Mortality

As of April 3, the Maricopa County Department of Public Health had confirmed 424 heat-associated deaths for 2022, with a limited number of additional cases pending further review. The 2022 total reflects an increase of 25% above the heat-associated death total from 2021 and is the highest number of heat-associated deaths reported since formal tracking began in 2006. The final report for 2022 heat-associated deaths is

expected to be published by the Maricopa County Department of Public Health within the next 4–8 weeks, after which a more detailed analysis for the City of Phoenix will be completed.

The most recent available reporting with respect to risk factors and circumstances associated with heat-associated deaths in 2022 was published at the end of October and includes statistics for 378 of the confirmed 424 cases in Maricopa County (89%).

Key statistics include:

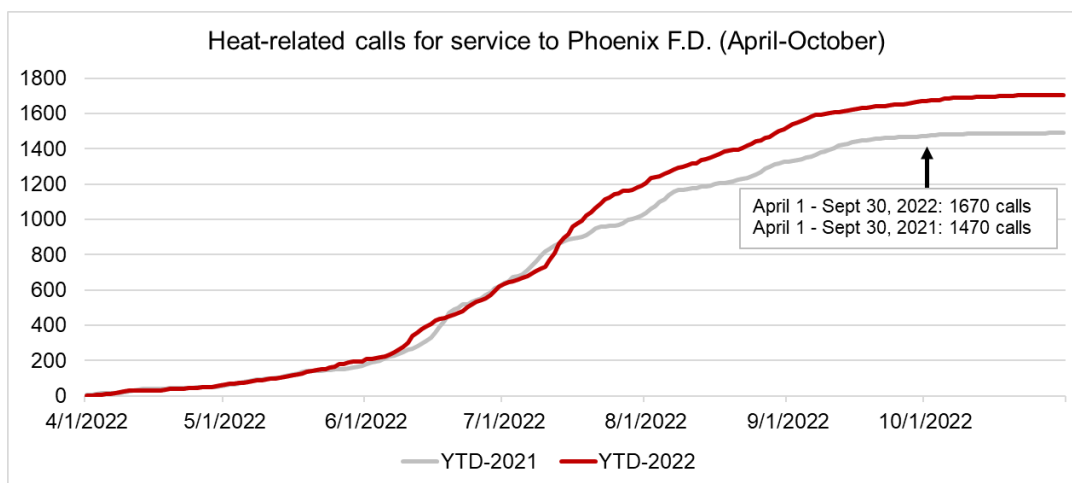
- 79% of cases had an outdoor place of exposure
- 58% of heat-associated deaths were among residents ages 35–64
- Of the 77 indoor heat-associated deaths confirmed to date, 45 were in residences with non-functioning air conditioning, 10 were in residences with the air conditioning not in use, and 14 were in residences with no air conditioning. Two indoor heat-associated deaths occurred in a residence with no electricity.

Other key metrics from the 2021 annual report that are anticipated to be similar in 2022:

- 60% of cases involved substance use, with most substance use cases involving drugs without alcohol
- 38% of cases involved people experiencing homelessness. The rate of heat-associated death among people experiencing homelessness is approximately 300 times higher than the rest of the population.

Heat-Associated Morbidity

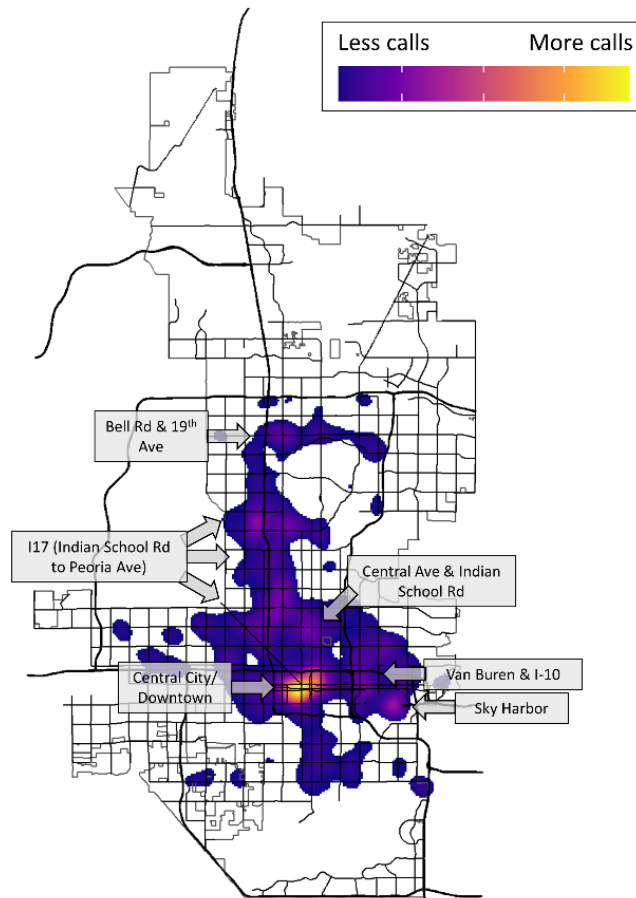
The Phoenix Fire Department responded to 1,670 calls for service identified by the dispatcher to be related to heat between April 1 and September 30, 2022. This was a 13.6% increase over the same period in 2021. Advanced life support systems were deployed for 508 of the 1,670 calls (about 30%).



The month of July had the highest volume of heat-related calls with a total of 574 (18.5 per day, on average). More than 40% of the calls during July occurred over the seven-day period spanning July 11–17, in which call volume increased to nearly 35 per day. The week had an average daily high temperature of 113°F. The 243 calls recorded during that week represented the highest number of heat-related calls in any week in available records, which date back to 2014.

Spatial analysis of heat-related calls for service revealed several locations where impacts were particularly concentrated. The highest density of calls was in the Central City/Downtown area. Other locations with elevated call frequency included the I-17 corridor between Indian School Rd. and Peoria Ave., Sky Harbor airport and its surroundings, Bell Road and 19th Avenue, Central Avenue and Indian School Road, and Van Buren St. and I-10.

Density map of Phoenix Fire Department calls for service related to heat April 1 – September 30, 2022
*Note: Locations are approximated based on partial addresses or cross streets.



3. Review of 2022 Program Highlights

City programs, alongside efforts from a wide range of local, regional, state, and national partners, engaged and benefitted many residents and visitors during the 2022 warm season. A comprehensive evaluation of those programs to quantify the positive outcomes resulting from City investment, particularly with respect to avoided heat-related illnesses and deaths, is ongoing. Preliminary data demonstrating the scope and reach of a sample of programs are included below.

New Shelter at 28th Street and Washington Street

The City partnered with Maricopa County, St. Vincent de Paul, and Community Bridges, Inc., to operate a new shelter for people experiencing homelessness. The 200-bed shelter was operating at full capacity throughout the summer season, providing protection from high temperatures for shelter residents, and connections to a full complement of wraparound services.

Temporary Cooling Structures Near Human Services Campus

The City partnered with the Human Services Campus to provide additional cooling options for people experiencing homelessness outside of the Campus property. A fully enclosed cooling tent, complete with generator-powered mechanical cooling, operated daily from mid-June through the end of September, near the intersection of 9th Avenue and Jackson St. There were approximately 40 people who used this tent each day, which offered a safe place for extended rest and respite, as well as bottled water. An open-air tent with evaporative coolers was installed near the intersection of 12th Avenue and Madison St. This tent primarily saw shorter stays and was a water distribution location.



We're Cool Heat Relief Outreach

The City amplified and refined the focus of its direct heat relief outreach efforts last summer. A major process improvement was the inclusion of PHX Cares case managers on outreach shifts focusing on the unsheltered community. The outreach season spanned May 1 to October 1. Key program measures include:

- 91 outreach shifts completed (75 street outreach, 16 at trailheads)
- More than 4,000 engagements
- 305 Human Services Department referrals
- 250 hours of outreach contributed by 91 volunteers, including significant contributions from volunteer pools with APS and the Maricopa County Medical Reserve Corps



- 605 hours of outreach and 200 hours of planning and coordination by City staff, primarily from Volunteer Programs, Heat Response and Mitigation, Finance, and Communications
- 358 hours of service from an AmeriCorps Vista summer associate
- More than 10,000 individual heat relief items distributed



This initiative was recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as one of ten exemplary heat communication and outreach campaigns across the country through the Let's Talk About Heat challenge.

Arizona Heat Resilience Work Group

Multiple City departments participated in biweekly meetings of the Arizona Heat Resilience Work Group this summer. The work group exists to share data, best practices, and lessons learned about heat response efforts across Arizona to help advance statewide coordination and accelerate action. Meeting participants include local, county, state, and federal government officials, local non-profits, faith-based institutions, academic and research partners, and community advocates. City staff serve on the steering committee for the work group.

Supply Distribution to Local Non-Profits

In response to community requests and City Council guidance, the Office of Heat Response and Mitigation partnered with Volunteer Programs and the Finance Department to implement a new heat relief supply distribution program for summer 2022. Through this program, 50 local non-profit and charitable organizations received more than 38,000 individual items that were distributed to community members in need. Recipient organizations included Andre House, Community Bridges, Inc., Arizona Hugs for the Houseless, Feed Phoenix, and Cleo Lewis Ministries.



Utility Assistance Funding

The Human Services Department provided critical utility assistance throughout the summer months to help residents cover costs for electricity, water, and gas service. Over the period January–August 2022, the City had provided more than \$7,200,000 in energy assistance funding to 6,623 households through the Emergency Rental Assistance and Low Income Home Energy Assistance Programs. Priority populations include seniors, disabled and/or medically involved persons, families with young children, and renters experiencing an imminent eviction crisis.

Media Engagement

The Communications Office coordinated the City’s response to dozens of media requests related to heat response programs and services. Media engagement provided an opportunity for staff to build local, national, and international awareness of the public health impacts of extreme heat, efforts to reduce those impacts led by the City of Phoenix and other partners, and ways for community members to contribute to heat outreach efforts. Sample media coverage of heat response efforts included:

- NBC12 News: Phoenix opens new shelter after record-high number of heat deaths (May)
- Popular Science: How US cities are preparing for more life-threatening heatwaves (June)
- NBC12 News: Phoenix’s heat relief teams take hands on approach to addressing heat and homelessness (July)
- PBS NewsHour: Phoenix tries to offset rising temperatures that pose health risks to the most vulnerable (July)
- Guardian: A day with America’s only dedicated heat team in the US’s hottest city (August)
- Newsy: Phoenix appoints first city funded heat office; goal: saving lives (September)
- USA Today: Climate change: Heat officers take on risks presented by extreme heat (September)
- Meet the Press Today: Here’s how Phoenix’s heat office is protecting the city from dangerously high temperatures (September)
- Grist: Can cities eliminate heat-related deaths in a warming world? Phoenix is trying (January 2023)
- NOVA: Featured in Weathering the Storm documentary (April 2023)



4. Goals

The Office of Heat Response and Mitigation has proposed three goals for the City's heat response efforts in summer 2023, following those proposed for 2022:

GOAL 1: Reduce the number of heat-associated deaths in the City of Phoenix compared to 2022.

Heat-associated deaths in Phoenix are those that occur to City residents with a place of injury in any location, or other cases with a place of injury in the City limits regardless of residency. Case data are collected and reported by MCDPH and are typically available in early spring the following year.

GOAL 2: Reduce the number of calls for service related to heat to the Phoenix Fire Department compared to 2022.

Service calls related to heat include those with a specific nature code for "heat" as well as other nature codes that have been shown to occur more frequently when hot weather occurs. Case data are collected and reported by the Phoenix Fire Department and are available within several weeks of the incidents.

GOAL 3: Collect evaluation data from 100% of programs and services included in the 2023 Heat Response Plan.

Evaluation data may include outcome and/or process measures, as well as qualitative feedback from program administrators, community partners, and/or those receiving City services. These data will be collected and aggregated by the Office of Heat Response and Mitigation to inform future planning and budget needs and should be collected by the end of calendar year 2023.

5. Networks and Partnerships

Successful implementation of heat response programs and services is enhanced by a wide network of partners. Examples of critical partnerships include those with the National Weather Service Phoenix Forecast Office, the Arizona Heat Resilience Work Group and Sustainable Cities Network, and the Maricopa Association of Governments and other institutions that coordinate and evaluate the regional Heat Relief Network.

National Weather Service (NWS) Phoenix Forecast Office

The local NWS forecast office is the primary source for historical and forecasted meteorological data that the City uses for heat response planning and analysis. The Office also issues Excessive Heat Watches and Excessive Heat Warnings using guidance from the experimental NWS HeatRisk product. The specific criteria that trigger Excessive Heat Watches or Warnings vary throughout the calendar year; lower temperatures trigger Watches or Warnings in the early and late parts of the warm season compared to thresholds for mid-summer. In 2022, Phoenix joined four other cities across the United States as a participant in a Heat and Equity Pilot Program, convened by the parent agency of NWS, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). NOAA and NWS staff co-facilitated a two-day heat planning tabletop exercise with Phoenix regional stakeholders in February 2023.

Arizona Heat Resilience Work Group & ASU Sustainable Cities Network

The City of Phoenix is a steering committee member for the Arizona Heat Resilience Work Group, which is coordinated by ASU's Sustainable Cities Network. The Work Group provides a forum for a wide range of stakeholders working on different heat response programs and services to share updates, look for opportunities for program alignment, collaboratively address challenges, and hear best practices from national and international experts. The work group meets monthly in the cool season and biweekly in the warm season.

Maricopa Association of Governments and Heat Relief Network Partners

The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) leads the coordination of cooling centers and hydration stations that are critical components of the regional heat resilience portfolio. MAG serves as a centralized clearinghouse for on-boarding facilities into the network and listing facilities on a publicly accessible interactive web map. The Heat Relief Network is also supported by the Arizona Department of Health Services, Maricopa County Department of Public Health, Arizona State University, and the University of Arizona, who are conducting cooling center evaluations as part of the federally funded Building Resilience Against Climate Effects program.

6. Heat Response Programs and Services

The City of Phoenix will lead or play a significant role in the implementation of 31 heat response programs and services in 2023. These programs and services reflect a combination of existing programs that will continue to operate as in previous years, existing programs that have undergone revisions, and new programs implemented for summer 2023. Responsibility and support for these programs and services, including budget and staffing needs, is distributed across more than 15 different City departments and functions.

The Heat Response programs and services reflect attention to six priority focus areas:

1. Situational awareness at City Hall and real-time response
2. Public engagement, communications, and outreach
3. Publicly accessible cool space and drinking water
4. Supporting cool and safe home environments
5. Supporting cool and safe mobility and recreation
6. Supporting cool and safe workplaces and schools

A table showing the complete inventory of the programs and services in these focus areas is printed on the following page. Subsequently, more details are provided about each program, organized by focus area.

City of Phoenix Heat Response Programs and Services – Summer 2023			
Initiative	Target population	Lead department(s)	Status
FOCUS AREA 1. Situational awareness at City Hall and real-time response			
1.1 First responder services	ALL	FIRE, PD	CONTINUED
1.2 Reciprocal relationship with 3-1-1 and 2-1-1	ALL	OHRM, 311	CONTINUED
1.3 Real-time monitoring of weather and health data with Arizona Heat Resilience Work Group	ALL	OHRM	CONTINUED
1.4 Enhancing heat response resources for first responders	ALL	OHRM, PD	CONTINUED
1.5 Pilot program with Google leveraging search data for public health	ALL	OHRM	CONTINUED
1.6 Weekly status reports	CITY DEPTS, PARTNER ORGS	OHRM	CONTINUED
FOCUS AREA 2. Public engagement, communications, and outreach			
2.1 Multi-platform Heat Safety Messaging	ALL	COMMS, OHRM	REVISED
2.2 We're Cool Volunteer Program	UNSHELTERED, HIKERS	VOL, OHRM, FIRE	REVISED
2.3 Cool Callers Volunteer Program	LIVING ALONE, LIMITED COOLING	VOL, OHRM	REVISED
2.4 Youth Heat Safety Workbook	YOUTH	OHRM, LIBRARY, OAC	NEW
2.5 Heat Relief and Opioid Education	SUBSTANCE USERS	PH, OHRM, OHS	NEW
2.6 Heat Relief Supplies to Community Partners	UNSHELTERED, HIKERS	OHRM, VOL PHX, OHS	CONTINUED
FOCUS AREA 3. Publicly accessible cool space and drinking water			
3.1 Supporting the regional Heat Relief Network	ALL	OHRM, LIBRARY, PARKS, HSD	REVISED
3.2 Reusable water bottle pilot program	ALL	OHRM, PUBLIC WORKS	REVISED
3.3 Heat Relief Network Water Distribution	ALL	OHRM	REVISED
3.4 Shade and shelter enhancements at and near the Human Services Campus	UNSHELTERED	OHS	REVISED
3.5 Available, under development, and future shelters	UNSHELTERED	OHS	NEW
3.6 Implementation of mobile water unit	ALL	WATER, PUBLIC WORKS, OHRM	NEW
FOCUS AREA 4. Supporting cool and safe home environments			
4.1 Cooling ordinance	RENTERS	NSD	CONTINUED
4.2 Landlord tenant program	CITYWIDE	HSD	CONTINUED
4.3 Housing repair programs and weatherization	LOW-MODERATE INCOME	NSD	CONTINUED
4.4 Emergency utility assistance	LOW INCOME	HSD	CONTINUED
4.5 Suspension of water shutoffs	LOW INCOME	WATER	CONTINUED
4.6 Navigating utility disconnection rules	LOW INCOME	OHRM	CONTINUED

FOCUS AREA 5. Supporting cool and safe mobility and recreation			
5.1 Take a Hike, Do it Right	HIKERS	PARKS	CONTINUED
5.2 Adding shade structures at transit stops	TRANSIT USERS	TRANSIT	CONTINUED
5.3 Valley Metro Heat Safety Messaging	TRANSIT USERS	TRANSIT	REVISED
5.4 City pools	ALL	PARKS	REVISED
FOCUS AREA 6. Supporting cool and safe workplaces and schools			
6.1 City employee heat safety efforts	CITY EMPLOYEES	HR SAFETY	REVISED
6.2 Promoting ADHS School Heat Safety Toolkit	SCHOOLS	OHRM, COMMS	CONTINUED
6.3 Reducing and reporting workplace heat safety concerns through ADOSH	EMPLOYERS, EMPLOYEES	OHRM, COMMS	CONTINUED

Department key: OHRM – Office of Heat Response and Mitigation; PD – Police; COMMS – Communications; VOL – Volunteer Programs; OAC – Arts and Culture; HSD – Human Services; NSD – Neighborhood Services; PH – Public Health, EM – Emergency Management. Status key: NEW indicates new programs for 2023; REVISED indicates programs with significant changes from 2022; CONTINUED indicates programs that will operate largely unchanged from 2022 and/or operate on an ongoing basis year-round.

FOCUS AREA 1. Situational awareness at City Hall and real-time response

1.1 First responder services

Phoenix Fire and Police respond to many service calls for heat illness each summer and trained personnel provide appropriate emergency medical services as needed. The Fire Department’s Community Assistance Program staff intervene in relevant cases.

1.2 Reciprocal relationship with 3-1-1 and 2-1-1

The Office of Heat Response and Mitigation is collaborating with the City’s 3-1-1 program and the Arizona 2-1-1 service to help ensure that call center employees have sufficient information to respond to heat-related calls in a knowledgeable and timely manner. This partnership is also providing data to City staff regarding the number and nature of inquiries to these services, which can help inform program and messaging as the summer progresses. Staff will add a new widget to phoenix.gov/heat to help the public access free heat relief transportation through 2-1-1 and will promote the program through city media channels. Staff are also exploring opportunities to streamline heat-related requests made through the City’s 3-1-1 website.

1.3 Weather and health data tracking with Arizona Heat Resilience Work Group

City staff will be in regular dialogue with partners at the National Weather Service Phoenix Forecast Office, Arizona Department of Health Services, and Maricopa County Department of Public Health to stay up to date regarding current and forecast weather conditions and observed heat-health impacts from near-real time surveillance systems. City staff and these partners participate in biweekly calls through the Arizona Heat Resilience Work Group and are on mutual e-mail distribution lists.

1.4 Enhancing heat response resources for first responders

The Office of Heat Response and Mitigation is collaborating with the Phoenix Police Department to increase awareness of and access to heat response information for officers on patrol. Specifically, these units are working to distribute more information about community cooling resources to patrol units in relevant precincts and are exploring opportunities to integrate information about cooling center and hydration station locations into in-vehicle computer systems.

1.5 Pilot program with Google leveraging search data for public health

City staff remain engaged with Google and researchers from Boston University, the University of Arizona, and Arizona State University to pilot test the application of specialized Google search insights data to improve heat response programs. Google will be providing staff a customized data set for preliminary testing in May 2023; feedback from the pilot will inform the development of public-facing tools.

1.6 Weekly status reports

The Office of Heat Response and Mitigation will compile and circulate a weekly report to all department and function leads with highlights of heat response program and service implementation, recommendations for program modifications (where warranted) and summaries of available weather and health data. The format and content of this report has been updated for 2023 based on feedback from city staff and external partners.

FOCUS AREA 2. Public engagement, communications, and outreach

2.1 Multi-platform Heat Safety Messaging and Media Engagement

Heat safety and resource information is shared through print and digital communication channels, including social media. Staff also support the distribution of heat safety information from media partners by participating as subject matter experts in requested interviews. The City hosts multiple websites with heat safety information and links to related resources, including phoenix.gov/heat and phoenix.gov/summer. The Communications Office and Office of Heat Response and Mitigation continually collaborate with other departments to evaluate and improve messaging.



New heat safety messaging partners for summer 2023 include VisitPHX (interactive recreation suggestions), Valley Metro (audio messages at transit platforms, resource cards for security staff, digital and physical messaging), and Sky Harbor Airport (heat safety public service announcement by Mayor Gallego). The City is a key partner for Arizona Heat Awareness Week (May 1–5). The Let’s Talk Heat educational booklet created by the Office of Arts and Culture for summer 2022 continues to remain available online at www.LetsTalkHeat.org.

2.2 We’re Cool Volunteer Program

City of Phoenix staff and volunteers will conduct direct heat relief outreach in areas of the city with higher numbers of unsheltered individuals and at highly used City trailheads. Trained volunteers are equipped to distribute maps and directions to public cooling centers and hydration stations, water (including refillable water bottles), and other heat relief supplies. This year’s program will be enhanced with the support of a new HeatReadyPHX outreach van, outfitted by the Public Works Department.

Volunteers will be joined by Homeless Solutions staff on shifts in targeted areas with unsheltered individuals to ensure that access to a wider suite of community resources is immediately available. The Office of Emergency Management will assist in the development of daily Event Operation Plans to ensure operational coordination among city staff, public safety, and outreach volunteers. This program anticipates the commitment of 40 volunteers to support more than 80 outreach shifts in summer 2023. Volunteer groups working with the We’re Cool program this year will include the Phoenix Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), ASU Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation, APS, Maricopa County Medical Reserve Corps. The Office of Heat Response and Mitigation has revised the outreach schedule, locations, and protocol for this year based on feedback from internal and external partners.

2.3 Cool Callers Volunteer Program

Volunteers trained by City staff will conduct telephone-based wellness checks on a regular basis for residents who opt into the Cool Callers outreach program. Volunteers will ask residents questions about their health status and if their home is adequately cooled, and will be prepared to refer residents to the city’s emergency utility program, weatherization program, cooling centers and hydration stations, services available from utility companies, and emergency medical services as necessary. Volunteers are provided basic cell phones with voice and text capabilities from the City for contacting participants. The goal for this pilot program is to reach 300 community members for summer 2023 with a pool of at least 20 volunteers.

2.4 Youth Heat Safety Activity Book

The Office of Heat Response and Mitigation is working with Office of Arts and Culture and Phoenix Public Library staff to design and distribute a heat safety activity book. City staff partnered with Arizona State University to develop age-appropriate curriculum and a local artist was commissioned for the graphic design. The activity book, geared toward students in first through third grade, is an educational guide to promote awareness about staying safe during the summer heat. 1,000 copies are anticipated to be printed and distributed to the public.

2.5 Public Health Heat Relief and Opioid Education

The Office of Heat Response and Mitigation and the Public Health Office are collaborating to find opportunities to integrate opioid education and response and harm reduction initiatives into heat response programs and services. Efforts planned for summer 2023 include opioid safety and response training for outreach volunteers and partnerships with local harm reductions agencies to improve collective awareness of resources and best practices.

2.6 Heat Relief Supplies to Community Partners

The Office of Heat Response and Mitigation will partner with the Finance Department and Office of Volunteer Programs to distribute heat relief supplies to regional non-profits this summer, following a successful launch of this initiative in 2022. This initiative is supported with American Rescue Plan Act funding and is projected to allocated more than 30,000 individual items to a wide range of partnering organizations that provide direct heat relief and respite services to the community.

FOCUS AREA 3. Publicly accessible cool space and drinking water

3.1 Supporting the regional Heat Relief Network

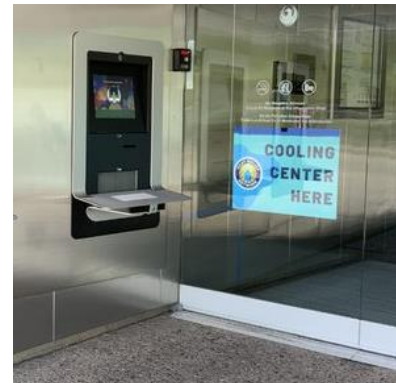
More than 50 City facilities operated by 3 different departments are expected to participate as cooling centers and/or hydration stations in 2023. All Heat Relief Network facilities will be categorized as one of three types for this summer based on collaborative discussion between City staff, MAG, and regional partners. Heat Relief Network site definitions for 2023 are as follows:

- Cooling Centers: Indoor, air-conditioned locations that offer hydration. *Example: Libraries or places of business that offer spaces to sit and distribute water.*
- Hydration Stations: Locations where individuals can go to receive bottled water and other collected donated items. These can be indoors or outdoors.

- Respite Centers: Indoor, air-conditioned locations that offer hydration and allow for uninterrupted rest, sitting, or lying down (depending on each facility) during hours of operation. *Example: Places of worship or facilities with the ability to allow visitors reasonable rest options.*

City facilities will operate as Cooling Centers and/or Hydration Stations only, and City staff will be prepared to refer those in need to Respite Centers as warranted. The specific role each City facility plays in the Heat Relief Network is determined through engagement with relevant departments, input from community partners, and analysis of heat-health impact data.

Phoenix's involvement represents about 1/3 of the total number of facilities participating in the regional Heat Relief Network. All participating City facilities are included on a publicly accessible interactive web map hosted by the Maricopa Association of Government and are listed on printed maps. The City will continue to distribute sandwich boards, window decals, yard signs, and vertical flags for Heat Relief Network facilities operated by the City and local partners, addressing a long-standing need for improved signage to help those in need identify publicly-accessible cooled space and drinking water.



3.2 Reusable water bottle pilot program

City staff will continue to pilot test the distribution of reusable water bottles through the We're Cool Program and other heat relief efforts to support the City's Zero Waste goals, building from a successful pilot in 2022. This year's bottles will feature customized printing with Phoenix-specific heat safety advice and resources. Approximately 10,000 reusable aluminum bottles will be distributed through this program in 2023; offsetting a portion of the waste from the ~500,000 single use plastic bottles distributed for regional heat relief efforts each summer.

3.3 Heat Relief Network water distribution

The Office of Heat Response and Mitigation will coordinate the distribution of single-use plastic water bottles to City facilities and community partners participating in the Heat Relief Network in summer 2023. Staff anticipate distributing more than 100,000 bottles of drinking water this year.

3.4 Shade and shelter enhancements at and near the Human Services Campus

Multiple investments made in the past 24 months will provide additional shade and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness at and in the proximity of the Human Services Campus. These investments include three shade and cooling tents equipped with evaporative coolers on and around the Human Services Campus during the summer. Drinking water accessibility has also improved via the chilled water station available next to the Respiro Sprung Structure on Jackson Street and an additional station will be available in May at the tent on 9th Avenue south of Jackson Street. Water is also available from any of the 17 campus partner facilities during operational hours.

3.5 Available, under development, and future shelters

There are 1,575 shelter beds available to, or prioritizing, unsheltered adults around the Human Services Campus for summer 2023. The Office of Homeless Solutions is working with multiple partners to create additional shelter beds to meet the growing needs of safe, indoor places for people to sleep. Upcoming capital investments related to homeless shelters will result in an additional 462 shelter beds in 2023 and 340 new shelter/transitional beds are anticipated to be added in 2024. The City continues to pursue opportunities to operate additional facilities for daytime Heat Relief in or near downtown Phoenix in partnership with Maricopa County. In addition, the Office of Homeless Solutions will work with a nonprofit service provider to offer daytime heat respite and wrap around services at the Sunnyslope Family Services Center

3.6 Launch of City of Phoenix Mobile Water Unit

The City Water Department and Public Works Department have collaborated to design and procure a mobile drinking water unit with refrigeration that can be transported to community events and heat relief efforts. The tank should be operational by summer 2023 and will support heat relief efforts at outreach locations. Each refill of the mobile water unit provides the equivalent of 4,400 bottles of drinking water.

FOCUS AREA 4. Supporting cool and safe home environments

4.1 Cooling ordinance

The Neighborhood Services Department enforces the City's cooling ordinance, which sets minimum temperature requirements for cooling systems in all single and multi-family rental housing units. Every rental housing unit must be capable of safely cooling all habitable rooms to 86°F if cooled by evaporative cooling and 82°F if cooled by air conditioning.

4.2 Landlord Tenant program

The Human Services Department operates a Landlord Tenant program that provides educational services and information to landlords and tenants on their rights under the Arizona Residential Landlord and Tenant Act, including those related to cooling.

4.3 Housing repair programs and weatherization

The Neighborhood Services Department operates housing repair programs for the City, including the Home Weatherization Program. Home repair and weatherization investments can dramatically improve residents' ability to have adequately cooled indoor environments. In recent years, the City has secured additional federal resources to augment weatherization efforts.

4.4 Emergency utility assistance

The Human Services Department helps provide utility assistance for Phoenix residents through Family Service Centers. The utility assistance program has been significantly expanded in recent years with the availability of federal Covid relief funding.

4.5 Suspension of water shutoffs

The City will continue to operate an innovative low-flow water service program to accommodate customers having difficulty paying their water bills for a period of up to three months. This program allows residents to continue to receive water for basic needs including hydration while resolving challenges with bill payment. Customers will be directed to phoenix.gov/resources for assistance with their bill.

4.6 Navigating utility disconnection rules

The Arizona Corporation Commission adopted new policies in 2021 concerning utility disconnection among regulated providers in Arizona. In the City of Phoenix, electricity service is provided by both Arizona Public Service (APS) and Salt River Project (SRP), each of whom have different disconnection rules. Staff will continue to work across departments and with the 3-1-1 call center to ensure clear communication with residents about what the rules are and how to work with utilities to avoid disconnection where possible.

FOCUS AREA 5. Supporting cool and safe mobility and recreation

5.1 Take a Hike, Do it Right

The Parks and Recreation Department's "Take a Hike, Do it Right" campaign provides consistent messaging regarding heat and trail safety measures with large signage at city trailheads and parallel messaging on city websites and social media feeds. Parks rangers are trained in heat illness symptom recognition and make frequent direct

contact with trail users during the summer months to ensure adequate preparedness. On days with temperatures exceeding 110°F, rangers are deployed to selected popular trailheads to provide additional heat safety messaging to residents. Where possible, water is provided in 5-gallon coolers to help hikers refill personal water bottles. The Parks Board voted in October 2021 to close the summit trails at Piestewa Peak and Camelback Mountain between 11am and 5pm on days for which the National Weather Service has issued an Excessive Heat Watch; Parks staff enforces these trail closures. Parks Stewards, Camelback Navigators and We're Cool volunteers support staff in providing heat safety messaging and resources throughout the summer months at select trailheads. Parking lot entrances at select trailheads have extended hours during the summer months to promote hiking during cooler parts of the day. Dogs are prohibited from all City of Phoenix trails when temperatures reach 100°F.

5.2 Adding shade structures at transit stops

The Public Transit Department will continue to install shade structures at City bus stops with funding from the T2050 initiative. Since 2018, 512 new shade structures have been installed. The Public Transit Department and Office of Arts and Culture have engaged local industrial designers and artists to develop new types of shade structures to deploy at city bus stops and other places for pedestrian respite.

5.3 Valley Metro Heat Safety Messaging

Valley Metro and the Office of Heat Response and Mitigation are partnering to increase heat safety messaging for public transit users. New and improved initiatives for summer 2023 include heat relief resource cards for contracted security staff, social media messaging, kiosk posters, pop-up messaging in the Valley Metro app, and audio messaging at platforms. With support from the City of Phoenix Transit and Light Rail Departments, Valley Metro continues to improve the ability for transit system users to monitor bus and train movements in real time, which enables them to spend less time outdoors waiting for services.

5.4 City pools

The Parks and Recreation Department operates a network of public pools throughout the city that provide heat relief and safe summer recreational opportunities for residents. Recruitment bonuses were offered for summer 2023 to increase the number of lifeguards on staff, in response to shortages in previous years that constrained pool access. The Departments' "Kool Kids" program reduces or eliminates cost barriers to enter select city pools for Phoenix youth.

FOCUS AREA 6. Supporting cool and safe workplaces and schools

6.1 City employee heat safety efforts

Human Resources Safety collected information from all city departments regarding their hot weather protocol for outdoor workers. Heat safety materials and resources are provided according to department-specific practices and crew supervisors and management adjust work schedules and work intensity as warranted by weather conditions. Additionally, staff participated in completing HR heat safety training in preparation for the summer 2023 season. Information on cooling centers, hydration stations, signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion, and heat stroke were covered.

6.2 Promoting ADHS School Heat Safety Toolkit

City staff will help promote the Arizona Department of Health Services School Heat Safety toolkit to schools in Phoenix. The toolkit is part of the state health department's Heat Illness Prevention School Project, and aims to educate students, school staff, coaches, and parents, regarding heat illness symptoms and appropriate preventative measures. The toolkit includes several print and digital engagement materials as well as planning documents for school personnel for improving design of the built environment and implementing safe activities during the warm season.

6.3 Reducing and reporting workplace heat safety concerns through ADOSH

The Office of Heat Response and Mitigation and Communications Office will share resources with city businesses and employees from the Industrial Commission of Arizona and Arizona Department of Occupational Safety and Health. Two key resources include training that ADOSH staff can provide for heat stress prevention and forms for reporting workplace safety concerns. The Office of Heat Response and Mitigation will also invite feedback regarding workplace heat safety via voicemail and e-mail to help the City contribute to the ongoing federal rulemaking process related to occupational heat safety.

7. Future Needs and Opportunities

City departments and functions, as well as external partners, have identified several opportunities to improve heat response services and programs in Phoenix that are not fully reflected in the 2023 Heat Response Plan. Some concepts for future improvements require further logistical planning, conversations with community partners, new financial resources, and/or additional creativity and innovation. Staff will continue exploring these and other concepts for implementation, and will be working to acquire the necessary resources to make them possible. The City welcomes additional community input on priority directions for future heat response planning.

Expanded public drinking water access: More public drinking fountains, water bottle filling stations, and other accessible sources of potable water could help reduce risks of heat related illness, encourage more active and public transportation during the warm season, and reduce the need for single-use plastic water bottles for heat relief.

Backup power capacity at cooling centers: Community resilience against shocks associated with power outages is particularly important during the summer months in Phoenix, as electricity and air conditioning are critical lifelines for many residents. As established community resources for helping keep people cool during the summer months, cooling centers may be a logical target for infrastructure investment for backup power systems. The City requested funding to expand backup power capacity at cooling centers through a FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities grant in January 2023 and is awaiting a decision.

Real time weather information at Phoenix trailheads: Digital displays with real-time weather information and heat safety messaging may help improve awareness of the risk of heat illness while using City hiking trails and the necessary precautions for engaging in vigorous physical activity on hot days.

More overnight and weekend cooling access: Many cooling centers and hydration stations in the Heat Relief Network are not open at night and have reduced or no capacity on the weekends. Adding new facilities to the network that can operate during these times will help meet community need.

Managing financial risks associated with heat: The City continues dialogue with partners to explore the potential benefits of entering into insurance-like contracts that could provide emergency financial assistance during periods of extreme heat, help the City and partners more confidently invest in heat response and mitigation solutions, and/or mitigate financial risks the City and partners are exposed to related to extreme heat.

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For more information about City of Phoenix Heat Response and Mitigation initiatives:

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Emergency Rental Assistance Program Weekly Update

This report provides information on the current status of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

Summary

The attached memo (**Attachment A**) provides current updates of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by Deputy City Manager Gina Montes and the Human Services Department.

Attachment A



City of Phoenix

To: Jeff Barton
City Manager

Date: April 20, 2023

Through: Gina Montes
Deputy City Manager

From: Marchelle F. Franklin
Human Services Director

Subject: WEEKLY EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REPORT

This memo outlines current updates of the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program. The chart below reflects allocated amounts and expenditures for all ERA fund sources. Cumulative direct services expenditures of \$130,930,547 to date include \$46,040,352 in ERA 1.0 funds, \$32,941,747 in ERA 1.0 Reallocated funds, \$50,674,572 in ERA 2.0 funds, and \$1,273,876 in ERA 2.0 Reallocated funds.

ERA Fund Source	Total Allocation	Admin Costs Expended (or Allowable ¹)	Direct Services Expended	Available Direct Services
ERA 1.0	\$51,145,125	\$5,104,773	\$46,040,352	\$0
ERA 1.0 Reallocated	\$35,000,000	\$2,058,253	\$32,941,747	\$0
ERA 2.0	\$55,349,895	\$4,139,407	\$50,674,572	\$535,916
ERA 2.0 Reallocated	\$7,000,000	\$1,050,000 ¹	\$1,273,876	\$4,676,124
Total	\$148,495,020	\$12,352,433	\$130,930,547	\$5,212,040

NOTE: ERA 1.0 funding closeout functions continue to be worked out and may result in some adjustments to final expenditure balances.

The expenditures below represent ERA 2.0 and 2.0 Reallocated funds disbursed to eligible Phoenix households. The Human Services Department expended \$570,461.06 over the previous week to 80 households.

ERA Program Data

Time Period	Households Served	Residents Served	Ineligible Applications	Total Expenditures
Jan. 2 – March 25	1,050	2,844	0	\$7,599,487.49
March 26 – April 1*	61	168	0	\$387,348.71
April 2 – April 8	80	213	0	\$603,916.54
April 9 – April 15	80	191	0	\$570,461.06
Total	1,271	3,416	0	\$9,161,213.80

*This week included Cesar Chavez holiday on March 31, 2023.



Weekly Community Spread Benchmark Report

This report provides City Council with an update regarding the status of the current community spread benchmark indicators tracked by the City of Phoenix related to COVID-19 as requested at the Dec. 2, 2020 Formal Meeting. This information represents the latest data released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on April 13, 2023.

Summary

The Maricopa County Department of Public Health has transitioned from Community Transmission Risk indicators to the new CDC Community Level reporting, which reports at the County level and are rated as Low, Medium or High. The weekly report now follows the CDC Community Level reporting.

The CDC Community Level is determined by the higher of the inpatient beds and new admissions indicators, based on the current level of new cases per 100,000 in the past seven days. Please note that, in the event New Cases per 100,000 exceeds 200, the community level can be no lower than Medium, regardless of the inpatient bed use or hospital admissions per 100,000.

The attached memo (**Attachment A**) provides an indicator dashboard of the CDC Community Level for Maricopa County. The current CDC Community Level for Maricopa County is **Low**.

The Weekly Community Spread Benchmark Report will continue until the federal Public Health Emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic ends on May 11, 2023.

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by Assistant City Manager Lori Bays.



City of Phoenix

To: Jeffrey Barton
City Manager

Date: April 20, 2023

From: Lori Bays
Assistant City Manager

Subject: WEEKLY COMMUNITY SPREAD BENCHMARK REPORT

This memo communicates the community spread benchmarks within the City of Phoenix on a weekly basis. The weekly report will continue until the federal Public Health Emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic ends on May 11, 2023.

The Maricopa County Department of Public Health has transitioned from Community Transmission Risk indicators to the new CDC Community Level reporting, which reports at the County level.

The CDC Community Level is determined by the higher of the inpatient beds and new admissions indicators, based on the current level of new cases per 100,000 in the past 7 days. Please note that, in the event New Cases per 100,000 exceeds 200, the community level can be no lower than Medium, regardless of the inpatient bed use or hospital admissions per 100,000. For more information about the COVID-19 Community Levels go to the [CDC COVID-19 Community Levels](#) site.

**Current CDC COVID-19 Community Level:
Maricopa County**

Low

Reporting Week		Percentage of In-Patient Bed Usage	New Hospital Admissions per 100,000	New COVID Cases per 100,000
Most Current Week Reporting	April 13, 2023	2.2%	4.8	46.57
Previous Week Reporting	April 6, 2023	2.1%	4.8	32.35

COVID-19 Community Levels – Use the Highest Level that Applies to Your Community				
New COVID-19 Cases Per 100,000 people in the past 7 days	Indicators	Low	Medium	High
Fewer than 200	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	<10.0	10.0-19.9	≥20.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	<10.0%	10.0-14.9%	≥15.0%
200 or more	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	NA	<10.0	≥10.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	NA	<10.0%	≥10.0%



2023 State Legislative Report

This report provides information regarding the status of current state legislative issues.

Summary

April 21, 2023, is the 103rd day of the Second Regular Session of the 56th Arizona State Legislature. **Attachment A** provides current status of legislation as of April 20, 2023. To date, 1,625 bills have been introduced and staff continues to review these measures to identify potential impacts.

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by City Manager Jeffrey Barton and the Office of Government Relations.

Attachment A
City Council Information
April 21, 2023



The Office of Government Relations is guided by the principles endorsed by the Mayor and Council. Our highest priorities are maintaining and preserving **shared revenues**, opposing **unfunded mandates**, protecting **local authority**, and involvement in **water resource** matters.

This Legislative Report provides information about bills that could impact the City. April 21, 2023, is the 103rd day of the Second Regular Session of the 56th Legislature. The information provided in this report regarding status of legislation is current as of Apr. 20, 2023. To date, 1,625 bills have been introduced and staff continues to review these measures to identify potential impacts.

Bills that staff has identified as negatively impacting the City

HB2003 - Corporate income tax; rates

Sponsor

Rep. David Livingston (R)

Summary

Decreases the corporate income tax rate to 4.0 percent of net income in tax year 2023, 3.5 percent of net income in tax year 2024, 3.0 percent of net income in tax year 2025, and 2.5 percent of net income in tax years beginning with 2026, from 4.9 percent of net income. Retroactive to tax years beginning with 2023. AS PASSED HOUSE

Last Action

03/21/2023 S - DP - Senate Appropriations

HB2059 - Riot; unlawful assembly; classification; liability

Sponsor

Rep. Lupe Diaz (R)

Summary

Establishes the crime of aggravated riot, a class 3 (upper mid-level) felony, if a person, in the course of committing a riot, participates with 25 or more other persons, causes serious physical injury to another person who is not participating in the riot, causes property damage in excess of \$5,000, displays, uses, threatens to use, or attempts to use a deadly weapon, or, by force or by the threat of force, endangers the safe movement of a motor vehicle traveling on a public street. Establishes the crime of mob intimidation, a class 1 (highest) misdemeanor, if a person, assembled with two or more other persons and acting with common intent, uses force or threatens to use imminent force to compel or attempt to compel another person to do or refrain from doing any act or to assume, abandon or maintain a particular viewpoint against the person's will. The list of circumstances under which assault is classified as aggravated assault, a class 6 (lowest) felony, is expanded to include if the person commits the assault on a peace officer in the furtherance of a riot or unlawful assembly. A person convicted of aggravated assault on a peace officer in these circumstances must be sentenced to serve no less than the minimum sentence and is not eligible for probation or suspension of execution of sentence until the entire sentence is served. Burglary committed during a riot where the perpetration of the burglary is facilitated by "conditions arising from the riot" (defined) is classified as burglary in the first degree. The criminal classification of abuse of venerated objects by desecrating any public monument, memorial, or property of a public park is increased to a class 6 (lowest) felony, from a class 2 (mid-level) misdemeanor. A person who is convicted of any offense that is committed in furtherance of a riot or an unlawful assembly must be sentenced to the next higher class of offense than that for which the person is convicted. A municipality has a duty to allow a municipality law enforcement agency to respond appropriately to protect persons and property during a riot or unlawful assembly based on the availability of adequate equipment to its city and town law enforcement officers and relevant state and federal laws. If a municipal governing body or a person who is authorized by the municipal governing body breaches that duty, the municipality is liable in a civil action for any damages, including damages arising from personal injury, wrongful death or property damages proximately caused by the breach of duty.

Last Action

02/15/2023 H - DISC/HELD - House Judiciary

HB2061 - Food; municipal tax; exemption.

Sponsor

Rep. Leo Biasiucci (R)

Summary

Municipalities and other taxing jurisdictions are prohibited from levying a transaction privilege, sales, or use tax or fee on the sale of food items intended for human consumption or home consumption (as defined elsewhere in statute and by rule). Applies to tax periods on or after the first day of the month following the general effective date.

Last Action

03/21/2023 H - Hearing Scheduled - 03/22/2023 - Third Reading, Floor

HB2067 - Residential leases; municipal tax exemption**Sponsor**

Rep. Neal Carter (R)

Summary

Beginning January 1, 2024, municipalities and other taxing jurisdictions are prohibited from levying a transaction privilege, sales, use or other similar tax or fee on the business of renting or leasing real property for residential purposes. Does not apply to health care facilities, long-term care facilities, hotels, motels, or other transient lodging businesses. By January 1, 2024, the owner of real property that is rented or leased for residential purposes and that is located in a municipality or other taxing jurisdiction that levies such a tax is required to reduce the amount of rent due by an amount equal to the difference caused by the elimination of the tax as provided in this legislation. Contains a legislative intent section. Applies to tax periods beginning January 1, 2024.

Last Action

02/14/2023 - House Majority Caucus – Y

HB2144 - Open meetings; capacity; posting; violation**Sponsor**

Rep. Timothy M. Dunn (R)

Summary

All public bodies are required to provide for an amount of seating sufficient to accommodate the reasonably anticipated attendance of all persons desiring to attend the deliberations and proceedings, when feasible. The agenda for a public meeting is required to include notice of the time that the public will have physical access to the meeting place. A head of a public body that violates this requirement is liable for a civil penalty as provided in statute for open meeting law violations.

Last Action

04/03/2023 H - Hearing Scheduled - 04/04/2023 - Caucus, Floor

HB2195 - Criminal justice data collection; system**Sponsor**

Rep. Quang H. Nguyen (R)

Summary

The Arizona Criminal Justice Commission is required to implement the state, county and municipal open data system. The Commission is required to publish the data system Commission's website in an electronic format that is accessible to the public. Beginning on January 1, 2024, and unless prohibited by any other law, criminal justice agencies in Arizona are required to submit specified data into the system. The Commission is required to establish policies to protect confidential information. Appropriates \$4.7 million in FY2023-24, \$4.8 million in FY2024-25, and \$4.8 million in FY2025-26 from the general fund to the Commission to implement the data system.

Last Action

02/02/2023 - Hearing Scheduled - 02/15/2023, 9:00 AM - House JUD, HHR 4

HB2206 - Software licensure**Sponsor**

Rep. Justin Wilmeth (R)

Summary

A contract entered into by a "public agency" (defined) for the licensing of software applications designed to run on generally available desktop or server hardware cannot limit the public agency's ability to install or run the software on the hardware of the public agency's choosing. Applies to any contract or addendum entered into from and after the effective date of this legislation.

Last Action

03/13/2023 S - Transmit to Senate

HB2213 - TPT; exemption; utilities; residential customers**Sponsor**

Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary

The list of deductions from the tax base for the utilities classification of transaction privilege taxes is expanded to include gross proceeds of sales or gross income derived from sales to residential natural or artificial gas and electricity retail customers. Applies to tax periods beginning on or after the first day of the month following the general effective date.

Last Action

04/11/2023 H - House Majority Caucus - Y – Concurred

HB2215 - Hazardous waste manifest resubmittals; fees**Sponsor**

Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary

Repeals statute allowing the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to return an improperly completed manifest for a shipment of hazardous waste to the person who prepared the manifest and require the person to complete and resubmit the manifest and eliminates the fee of \$20 for resubmittal of the manifest.

Last Action

04/17/2023 G – Signed

HB2242 - Unclaimed property; notice; distribution (Unclaimed property; locator registration)**Sponsor**

Rep. David Livingston (R)

Summary

Of monies received from the sale of unclaimed or abandoned property, the Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) is no longer required to deposit the first \$2 million each fiscal year in the Seriously Mentally Ill Housing Trust Fund, and the second \$2.5 million in the Housing Trust Fund. ADOR is no longer required to deposit monies from unclaimed shares and dividends of any corporation in the Permanent State School

Fund, and is no longer required to deposit monies from unclaimed victim restitution payments in the Victim Compensation and Assistance Fund. All these monies are instead deposited in the general fund. AS PASSED HOUSE

Last Action

03/20/2023 S - DP - Senate Finance

HB2284 - Homelessness; housing; facilities

Sponsor

Rep. David Livingston (R)

Summary

The Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) is required to accept and allocate monies appropriated by the Legislature for services for individuals experiencing homelessness. Monies must be used for parking areas that have access to potable water, electric outlets, and bathrooms; camping facilities and individual shelters that meet specified requirements; and shelters that house at least four individuals and that provide programs to improve the employment and income of individuals leaving the shelter. ADOH is required to prioritize spending for all of these purposes before spending monies on permanent housing for individuals experiencing homelessness. ADOH is authorized to use monies appropriated to assist individuals experiencing homelessness with substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, and other services. A person is prohibited from using state or local government owned lands for unauthorized sleeping, camping, or long-term shelter, and from allowing such land to be used for these purposes. Political subdivisions are prohibited from adopting or enforcing policies that discourage or prohibit the enforcement of any order or ordinance that prohibits public camping or sleeping or obstructing a public right-of-way. The Attorney General is authorized to bring a civil action against a political subdivision in violation. Severability clause. Effective January 1, 2024.

Last Action

03/09/2023 H - DPA - House Committee of the Whole

HB2304 - Voting locations; precinct-based

Sponsor

Rep. Cory McGarr (R)

Summary

In all elections administered by a county, all voting is required to be conducted at precinct-based polling places. A county may not use any voting location that provides for countywide access to ballots for registered voters from any location in the county.

Last Action

02/14/2023 - House Majority Caucus - Y

HB2307 - Elections; hand counting; machines; prohibition

Sponsor

Rep. Cory McGarr (R)

Summary

For all county and municipal elections, all votes are required to be tabulated by hand. Counties and municipalities are prohibited from using a tabulating machine to count votes.

Last Action

02/21/2023 H - House Majority Caucus - Y

HB2446 - Smart and safe fund; distribution

Sponsor

Rep. Teresa Martinez (R)

Summary

Modifies the distributions from the Smart and Safe Fund by adding joint powers authorities to the list of entities that receive 31.4 percent of Fund monies in proportion to the number of enrolled members in the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System. Retroactive to January 1, 2021. Due to voter protection, this legislation requires the affirmative vote of at least 3/4 of the members of each house of the Legislature for passage. AS PASSED HOUSE

Last Action

04/11/2023 G - Signed

HB2536 - relating to housing; infrastructure ~~Administrative review; approvals;~~ developments.

Sponsor

Rep. Ben Toma (R)

Summary

Establishes residential zoning district regulations and limitations of residential housing design standards. Modifies current municipal zoning and licensing time frame requirements. The bill preempts cities and towns of 25,000 or more in housing supply and housing affordability matters. HB2536 requires administrative approval of all applications for any rezoning to residential use, including any application to rezone, such as: Single-family to multi-family, Commercial to multi-family, Multi-family to single-family, and Industrial to multi-family.

Last Action

03/28/2023 S - Senate Majority Caucus – Y

HB2633 - Maricopa county transportation excise tax

Sponsor

Rep. David Livingston (R)

Summary

If approved by the voters at a countywide election, a county with a population of 3 million or more persons (Maricopa) is required to levy a tax of up to ten percent of the transaction privilege tax rate as of January 1, 1990. The tax levied will be in effect for 20 years. Specifies the distribution of net revenues from the tax levy, with 45 percent of revenues distributed to the Regional Area Road Fund for freeways and other routes in the state highway system, 35 percent of revenues distributed to the Regional Area Road Fund for major arterial streets, and 20 percent of revenues to the Public Transportation

Fund for capital costs, maintenance and operation of public transportation mode classifications and capital costs and utility relocation costs associated with the light rail system. Beginning January 1, 2026, a regional public transportation authority is established in a county with a population of 3 million or more persons that approves a county transportation excise tax. Much more. Severability clause.

Last Action

02/16/2023 H - Hearing Scheduled - 02/20/2023, 9:30 AM - House APPROP, HHR 1

HB2649 NOW: street encampments; safety; health requirements

Sponsor

Rep. Teresa Martinez (R)

Summary

An emergency measure that requires municipalities and counties that establish a homeless encampment or allow for the establishment of a homeless encampment to provide specified sanitation and security services at the encampment.

Last Action

03/30/2023 S - DPA/SE - Senate Judiciary

HB2669 - Prohibition; biosolids; land application (Solid waste; sludge; water quality)

Sponsor

Rep. Timothy M. Dunn (R)

Summary

Prohibits applying biosolids within 3 miles of an area with over 128 people per square mile and within one mile of a residential area or crops for human consumption. Require any application of a substance containing biosolids, sewage or septage to comply with Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) rules regulating biosolid disposal. Additionally requires biosolids combined with solid waste to be regulated as solid waste

Last Action

04/11/2023 S - Senate Majority Caucus - Y

HB2756 - Law enforcement; defunding; prohibition

Sponsor

Rep. David Marshall, Sr. (R)

Summary

Municipalities are prohibited from reducing the annual operating budget for the municipal police department by any amount below the previous year's budget. If a municipality reduces the annual operating budget of the municipal police department, the municipality is required to notify the State Treasurer of the reduction, and the State Treasurer is required to withhold state shared revenues from the municipality in an amount equal to the reduction until notification that the reduction in the municipal police department's budget has been restored. Does not apply if the municipality does not have the monies required to continue the annual operating budget of the municipal police department at the same amount as the previous year.

Last Action

HB2808 - Public records; time frame

Sponsor

Rep. Michael Carbone (R)

Summary

A custodian of public records is required to furnish copies, printouts, or photographs within five business days after receiving a request for the records. Allows an entity to extend the time for a response for specified reasons. A public body in violation of public records request laws is subject to a civil penalty of \$500 for each day the request is unfulfilled, for up to a total of \$5,000.

Last Action

03/29/2023 S - HELD - Senate Government

HCR2033 - Primary elections; eligible candidates

Sponsor

Rep. Austin Smith (R)

Summary

The 2024 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to require the direct primary election for partisan offices to be conducted in a manner so that each political party that has qualified for representation on the ballot must be permitted to nominate for each office a number of candidates equal to the number of positions to be filled for that office in the ensuing general election, and all otherwise eligible candidates who are so nominated must be placed on the ballot in the next ensuing general election. The direct primary election law enacted by the Legislature supersedes any contrary or inconsistent provision of any charter, law, ordinance, rules, resolution, or policy of any city. AS PASSED HOUSE

Last Action

03/28/2023 G - Transmit to Secretary of State

HCR2043 - Compensation; state preemption; limitation

Sponsor

Rep. Matt Gress (R)

Summary

The 2024 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to declare that the regulation of employee benefits is of statewide concern and not subject to further regulation by a municipality or other political subdivision. Does not affect the authority of a county or municipality to set wages or benefits for county or municipal employees or limit a county's or municipality's authority to enter into contracts for personal services.

Last Action

03/27/2023 H - DPA - House Committee of the Whole

SB1058 - Law enforcement; polygraph examinations; prohibition**Sponsor**

Sen. John Kavanagh (R)

Summary

Employers are prohibited from administering a polygraph examination to an applicant for the position of law enforcement officer or to a law enforcement agency volunteer.

The requirement for data and reports from a polygraph examination of a law enforcement officer to be destroyed three years after the date of appointment or employment is moved to session law and self-repeals January 1, 2027.

Last Action

03/03/2023 H - Hearing Scheduled - 03/06/2023 - Committee of the Whole

SB1098 - Truck routes; signage**Sponsor**

Sen. Frank Carroll (R)

Summary

If the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) or a local authority prohibits the operation of trucks or other commercial vehicles or imposes limitations as to the weight of vehicles on designated highways, the signs that ADOT or the local authority is required to place on the highway must be placed near every ingress and egress along designated highways, must inform the public of the restrictions, and must direct the public to the fastest route to leave a restricted route. The restrictions are unenforceable on restricted routes from and after the effective date of this legislation if ADOT or the local authority fails to erect or maintain the signs according to these requirements. AS PASSED SENATE

Last Action

04/11/2023 H - DPA - House Additional Committee of the Whole - House Additional Committee of the Whole

SB1102 – NOW: transportation excise tax; Maricopa county**Sponsor**

Sen. Frank Carroll (R)

Summary

Requires Maricopa County, beginning on January 1, 2026, if approved by qualified electors voting in a county-wide election, to levy and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to collect a transportation excise tax to be in effect for 20 years. If approved by the voters, establishes a transportation excise tax plan. Restricts a county or municipality from prohibiting an organization from providing a pocket shelter if certain conditions are met.

Last Action

04/03/2023 H - DPA/SE - House Appropriations

SB1108 - Income tax; credit; labor costs**Sponsor**

Sen. Wendy Rogers (R)

Summary

For tax years beginning with 2024, establishes an individual and corporate income tax credit for a portion of a taxpayer's increased hourly labor costs that results from paying a local minimum wage that is more than the state minimum wage. The amount of the credit is ten percent of the difference between the amount of hourly labor costs the employer actually paid to employees and the product of the total number of hours worked by all employees during the taxable year multiplied by the state minimum wage. Requirements to qualify for the credit are specified. If the allowable credit exceeds taxes due, the unused amount may be carried forward for up to five consecutive tax years. Each month the State Treasurer is required to withhold from a municipality an amount equal to 1/12 of the total amount of credits claimed for the prior taxable year by taxpayer's located in that municipality from the municipality's distribution of state shared revenues. Some exceptions. AS PASSED SENATE

Last Action

03/29/2023 H - FAILED - House Ways & Means

SB1117 Now: Housing; infrastructure

Sponsor

Sen. Steve Kaiser (R)

Summary

Preempts cities and towns in all housing matters. Mandates administrative approval of certain multifamily projects ("by right"). Preempts specific zoning regulations in all zones that permit residential uses. The bill requires administrative approval of all residential uses that are consistent with a general plan "in accordance with" 9-462.01(G)* and all multifamily projects. Preempts a city's design review authority.

Last Action

03/14/2023 S - PASSED - Senate Motion to Reconsider Third

SB1122 - Transportation tax; election; Maricopa county

Sponsor

Sen. David C. Farnsworth (R)

Summary

If approved by the voters at a countywide election, a county with a population of 3 million or more persons (Maricopa) is required to levy a tax of up to ten percent of the transaction privilege tax rate as of January 1, 1990. The tax levied will be in effect for 15 years. Specifies the distribution of net revenues from the tax levy, with 80 percent of revenues distributed to the Regional Area Road Fund for freeways and other routes in the state highway system, and 20 percent of revenues distributed to the Regional Area Road Fund for major arterial streets. Beginning January 1, 2026, a regional public transportation authority is established in a county with a population of 3 million or more persons that approves a county transportation excise tax.

Last Action

02/13/2023 S - FAILED - Senate Transportation and Technology

SB1131 – NOW: Residential leases; municipal tax exemption

Sponsor

Sen. Warren Petersen (R)

Summary

Prohibits municipalities and counties from levying municipal tax on the business of renting or leasing real property for residential purposes effective July 1, 2024.

Last Action

4/10/2023 H - RET ON CAL - House Committee of the Whole - House Committee of the Whole

SB1161 – NOW: affordable housing; development standards; report**Sponsor**

Sen. Steve Kaiser (R)

Summary

Requires municipalities to allow by right the construction of low-income multifamily residential rental property and establishes municipal reporting requirements relating to housing needs.

Last Action

04/04/2023 H - House Majority Caucus - Y

SB1162 - Home-based businesses; restrictions; prohibition**Sponsor**

Sen. Steve Kaiser (R)

Summary

A home-based business must be allowed as a use by right if the home-based business does not supersede any deed restriction, covenant or agreement restricting the use of land, a master deed or any other document applicable to a common interest ownership community. Counties and municipalities cannot prohibit a "no-impact home-based business" (defined) or require a person to apply for, register, or obtain a permit, license, variance or other type of prior municipal approval to operate a no-impact home-based business. Counties and municipalities are authorized to establish reasonable regulations on a home-based business if the regulations are narrowly tailored for specified purposes, including protecting public health and safety and ensuring that the business activity is compatible with residential use of the property. AS PASSED

SENATE

Last Action

04/04/2023 G – Vetoed

SB1163 – NOW: municipal; zoning; housing assessment; report**Sponsor**

Sen. Steve Kaiser (R)

Summary

Creates an at-risk permit relating to grading and earthmoving of property, provides zoning regulations relating to single-family residential uses, and establishes municipal reporting requirements relating to housing needs.

Last Action

04/04/2023 H - House Majority Caucus - Y

SB1184 - Municipal tax exemption; residential leases**Sponsor**

Sen. Steve Kaiser (R)

Summary

Beginning January 1, 2024, municipalities and other taxing jurisdictions would have been prohibited from levying a transaction privilege, use, or other similar tax or fee on the business of renting or leasing residential property. Some exceptions. By January 1, 2024, the landlord of real property that is rented or leased for residential purposes and that is located in a municipality or other taxing jurisdiction that levies a transaction privilege tax on the business of renting or leasing residential property would have been required to reduce the amount of rent due by an amount equal to the difference caused by the elimination of the transaction privilege tax on the business of renting or leasing residential property. The Arizona Department of Revenue would have been required to electronically notify each residential rental transaction privilege tax licensee of these provisions. From January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, the State Treasurer would have been required to distribute proportionately for each month \$14,945,600 from the portion of the revenues derived from transaction privilege taxes that is not designated as the distribution base to the municipalities that levied a transaction privilege tax on renting or leasing real property for residential purposes during FY2021-22, based on the average amount that the municipality collected from that tax during FY2021-22. Also, municipalities would have been required to use monies paid from revenues collected from a remote seller in the retail transaction privilege tax classification and paid to the municipality as state shared revenue for public safety before any other municipal purpose. Would have applied to tax periods beginning January 1, 2024 and after. AS VETOED BY GOVERNOR. In her veto message, the Governor stated that lowering housing costs is a priority, but that this bill lacks any enforceable mechanism to ensure relief will be provided to renters and includes an appropriation outside of a comprehensive budget agreement.

Last Action

02/23/2023 G - Vetoed

SB1243 - STOs; individual income tax credits**Sponsor**

Sen. J.D. Mesnard (R)

Summary

Beginning with tax year 2024, increases the maximum amount of the individual income tax credit for voluntary cash contributions by the taxpayer during the taxable year to a school tuition organization (STO) to \$1,456, from \$500, for a single individual or a head of household, and to \$2,902, from \$1,000, for a married couple filing jointly. Repeals the secondary individual income tax credit for voluntary cash contributions to STOs that exceed the amount of the first credit. Effective January 1, 2024. Contains a saving clause for the repealed credit.

Last Action

04/11/2023 H - House Majority Caucus - Y

SB1245 - VLT; cities and towns; counties**Sponsor**

Sen. David C. Farnsworth (R)

Summary

Counties and municipalities are required to use vehicle license tax monies for purposes related to transportation.

Last Action

02/13/2023 S - FAILED - Senate Transportation and Technology

SB1246- Electronic certificates of title**Sponsor**

Sen. David C. Farnsworth (R)

Summary

If approved by the voters at a countywide election, a county with a population of 3 million or more persons (Maricopa) is required to levy a tax of up to ten percent of the transaction privilege tax rate as of January 1, 1990. The tax levied will be in effect for 20 years. Specifies the distribution of net revenues from the tax levy, with 52 percent of revenues distributed to the Regional Area Road Fund for freeways and other routes in the state highway system, 22 percent of revenues distributed to the Regional Area Road Fund for major arterial streets, and 26 percent of revenues to the Public Transportation Fund for capital costs, maintenance and operation of public transportation mode classifications and capital costs and utility relocation costs associated with the light rail system. Beginning January 1, 2026, a regional public transportation authority is established in a county with a population of 3 million or more persons that approves a county transportation excise tax. Much more. Severability clause.

Last Action

03/28/2023 H - House Majority Caucus – Y

SB1258 - Public officers; announcements; report**Sponsor**

Sen. J.D. Mesnard (R)

Summary

For any publication, resource or public service announcement that is issued by a public officer, that contains the public officer's name or likeness, and that is distributed free of charge or through the use of taxpayer resources, the public officer is required to publish a quarterly report describing the amount of money that was spent on the publication, resource, or public service announcement.

Last Action

02/14/2023 - Senate Majority Caucus - Y

SB1275 - Elected officials; office; reporting**Sponsor**

Sen. J.D. Mesnard (R)

Summary

A state elected official other than the Governor is required to publicly post a quarterly report on the official's website listing the number of days the official was physically present in the office each month.

Last Action

02/16/2023 S - HELD - Senate Government

SB1276 - Assessed valuation; class one property

Sponsor

Sen. J.D. Mesnard (R)

Summary

Forbids municipalities and counties from prohibiting or imposing fines that restrict the manufacturing, selling or ownership of an appliance that uses the services of a utility provider.

Last Action

03/08/2023 H - DP - House Ways & Means

SB 1278 – NOW state preemption; appliances; restrictions; prohibitions

Sponsor

Sen. Janae Shamp (R)

Summary

Reduces the assessed valuation of class one property to 16 percent of the full cash value or limited valuation for 2024 and 15 percent of the full cash value or limited valuation beginning January 1, 2025, instead of 16.5 percent for 2024, 16 percent for 2025, 15.5 percent for 2026, and 15 percent beginning January 1, 2027. Establishes a new table of depreciated values for personal property initially classified before tax year 2022 as certain types of class one, two, or six property. Applies to tax years beginning with 2024.

Last Action

04/12/2023 H - RET ON CAL - House Committee of the Whole - House Committee of the Whole

SB1301 - Law enforcement investigations; applicability

Sponsor

Sen. John Kavanagh (R)

Summary

If an employer received notice of an allegation of employee misconduct by a person authorized by the employer to initiate an investigation of the misconduct before September 24, 2022, the employer is required to complete the investigation within one year after the effective date of this legislation or the investigation is dismissed. Some exceptions, including for investigations that are suspended during a criminal investigation or prosecution in connection with an allegation of law enforcement officer misconduct. Self-repeals January 1, 2025. AS PASSED SENATE

Last Action

SB1313 - General plan; transportation; independent study

Sponsor

Sen. Jake Hoffman (R)

Summary

Municipal general plans are prohibited from including transportation or land use policies or projects that reduce overall system capacity of motor vehicle traffic. If a general plan includes a reduction in the level of service of any arterial street, the municipality is required to conduct an independent study on the impact on emergency vehicle response times. Municipal general plans for municipalities with a population of 50,000 persons or more are no longer required to include a bicycling element consisting of proposed bicycle facilities. AS PASSED SENATE

Last Action

04/05/2023 H - DP - House Committee of the Whole - House Committee of the Whole

SB1369 - Certified peace officers; hiring reimbursement

Sponsor

Sen. David Gowan (R)

Summary

A law enforcement agency in Arizona or a county, municipality, or political subdivision that employs a peace officer and that pays the costs of the peace officer's certification and training is authorized to seek reimbursement for the costs of the law enforcement officer's training and certification from a "hiring law enforcement agency" (defined). The hiring law enforcement agency is required to reimburse 100 percent of the costs related to the peace officer's certification and training, including travel, housing and salary during the training, if the certified peace officer leaves the original law enforcement agency within 12 months after employment, and to reimburse 75 percent of all costs if the officer leaves after 12 months and no more than 24 months after employment, and to reimburse 50 percent of all costs if the officer leaves after 24 months and no more than 36 months after employment. The hiring law enforcement agency cannot require a certified peace officer to assume responsibility for repaying the peace officer's certification costs. AS PASSED SENATE

Last Action

04/18/2023 G – Signed

SB1378 – NOW: law enforcement; right to attorney

Sponsor

Sen. David Gowan (R)

Summary

Allows a law enforcement officer's representative (representative) that is present during an administrative investigation interview to be an attorney.

Last Action

02/15/2023 S - DISC/HELD - Senate Military Affairs, Public Safety and Border Security

SB1428 - Political subdivisions; gun shows; preemption**Sponsor**

Sen. Justine Wadsack (R)

Summary

Political subdivisions cannot prohibit a gun show from occurring in the political subdivision or enact or enforce any ordinance, rule or policy that primarily affects gun shows and effectively prohibits a gun show from occurring in the political subdivision.

Last Action

04/06/2023 G - Vetoed

SB1508 - Environmental permitting; burdened communities; requirements**Sponsor**

Sen. Juan Mendez (D)

Summary

By 120 days after the effective date of this legislation, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) is required to adopt a list of "burdened communities" (defined as a census tract that is ranked in the bottom 33 percent of census tracts in Arizona for median annual household income). By 60 days after a burdened community is designated, the governing body of the municipality in which the community is located is required to designate a representative of the burdened community. Beginning 180 days after the effective date of this legislation, ADEQ is prohibited from granting a "permit" (defined) for a new "facility" (defined as an electric generating facility, sewage treatment plant, solid waste facility, landfill, or other similar facilities) or for the expansion of an existing facility that is located in whole or in part in a burdened community unless the permit applicant first prepares an environmental impact report and holds a public hearing on the report. ADEQ cannot issue a decision on the permit application until at least 60 days after the public hearing.

Last Action

02-09-2023 H - Hearing Scheduled - 02/09/2023 - Second Reading, Floor 02/09/2023
- Second Reading, Floor

SB1577 - Income tax rate; reduction; surplus**Sponsor**

Sen. J.D. Mesnard (R)

Summary

For each tax year beginning with 2024, the Department of Revenue is required to reduce the individual income tax rate for the current tax year so that the amount of the rate reduction is equal to that tax year's "Arizona taxpayer return," defined as 50 percent of the "structural surplus" (defined) for the immediately following fiscal year.

Last Action

03/14/2023 H - Hearing Scheduled - 03/14/2023 - Minority Caucus, Floor

SB1611 - Public entities; contracts; prohibition**Sponsor**

Sen. Anthony Kern (R)

Summary

A public entity is prohibited from requiring a company to implement an "environmental, social or governance standards policy" (defined) as a condition of entering into or renewing a contract with a company to acquire services, supplies, information technology, goods or construction services. AS PASSED SENATE

Last Action

04/11/2023 H - DP - House Committee of the Whole - House Committee of the Whole

SB1658 - Critical infrastructure; prohibited agreements**Sponsor**

Sen. Wendy Rogers (R)

Summary

A business or governmental entity in Arizona is prohibited from entering into an agreement involving "critical infrastructure" (defined elsewhere in statute) in Arizona with a company if the company would be able to access or control critical infrastructure in Arizona, except for access that is specifically allowed for product warranty and support purposes, and if the company is owned by or controlled by citizens of China, Iran, North Korea or Russia, or by a company or other entity that is owned or controlled by citizens of or is directly controlled by the government of China, Iran, North Korea or Russia, or that is headquartered in China, Iran, North Korea or Russia. The Governor is authorized to designate a country as a threat to critical infrastructure in Arizona.

Last Action

04/06/2023 H - PASSED - House Motion to Reconsider Third - House Motion to Reconsider Third

SB1694 - Public monies; ideology training; prohibition**Sponsor**

Sen. Jake Hoffman (R)

Summary

"Public entities" (defined) are prohibited from requiring an employee to engage in a "diversity, equity, and inclusion program" (defined), spending public monies on a diversity, equity, and inclusion program, and advancing or adopting any policy or procedure designed to influence the composition of its workforce on the basis of race, sex, or color. An employee of a public entity who is required to participate in a diversity, equity, and inclusion program is authorized to bring an action against the public entity.

Last Action

04/04/2023 H - House Majority Caucus – Y

SB1697 - Highways; bicycle paths; walkways; prohibition**Sponsor**

Sen. Jake Hoffman (R)

Summary

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is prohibited from accepting federal monies to pay for the construction, maintenance or expansion of a highway or state route if the acceptance of the federal monies is conditioned on the design and construction of a bicycle path or pedestrian walkway as a component of the highway or state route. ADOT cannot plan, design or construct bicycle paths or pedestrian walkways that are parallel to and separate from a highway or state route. Applies to a highway or state route that exists before, on or after the effective date of this legislation.

Last Action

03/01/2023 S - FAILED - Senate Third Reading

SCR1011 - Homelessness; facilities; housing

Sponsor

Sen. Steve Kaiser (R)

Summary

The 2024 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend state statute to allow monies in the Housing Trust Fund to be used for services for individuals experiencing homelessness. The Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) is required to accept and allocate monies appropriated by the Legislature for services for individuals experiencing homelessness. Monies must be used for parking areas that have access to potable water, electric outlets, and bathrooms; camping facilities and individual shelters that meet specified requirements; and shelters that house at least four individuals and that provide programs to improve the employment and income of individuals leaving the shelter. ADOH is required to prioritize spending for all of these purposes before spending monies on permanent housing for individuals experiencing homelessness. ADOH is authorized to use monies appropriated to assist individuals experiencing homelessness with substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, and other services. A person is prohibited from using state or local government owned lands for unauthorized sleeping, camping, or long-term shelter, and from allowing such land to be used for these purposes. Political subdivisions are prohibited from adopting or enforcing policies that discourage or prohibit the enforcement of any order or ordinance that prohibits public camping or sleeping or obstructing a public right-of-way. The Attorney General is authorized to bring a civil action against a political subdivision in violation. Severability clause.

Last Action

02/23/2023 S - HELD - Senate Appropriations

SCR1023 - Charter cities; repeal

Sponsor

Sen. Justine Wadsack (R)

Summary

The 2024 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to repeal charter cities in Arizona.

Last Action

03/29/2023 H - DPA/SE - House Government - House Government

SCR1035 - Surplus; income tax rate; reduction

Sponsor

Sen. J.D. Mesnard (R)

Summary

The 2024 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend state statute to require the Department of Revenue, for each tax year beginning with 2026, to reduce the individual income tax rate for the current tax year so that the amount of the rate reduction is equal to that tax year's "Arizona taxpayer return," defined as 50 percent of the "structural surplus" (defined) for the immediately following fiscal year.

Last Action

03/08/2023 H - DP - House Ways & Means

Bills that staff has identified as beneficial to the City

HB2047 - Vacation rentals; short-term rentals; restrictions

Sponsor

Rep. Selina Bliss (R)

Summary

A municipality with a population of less than 17,000 persons is allowed to limit the number of vacation rentals and short-term rentals based on a percentage of total residentially zoned buildings or structures in that municipality, and is allowed to regulate vacation rentals or short-term rentals in the same manner as transient lodging activities.

Last Action

02/09/2023 H - Hearing Scheduled - 02/15/2023, 9:00 AM - House GOV, HHR 3

HB2191 - State law; local violation; repeal.

Sponsor

Rep. Jennifer L. Longdon (D)

Summary

Repeals statute requiring the Attorney General to investigate any official action taken by the governing body of a county or municipality that a member of the Legislature alleges violates state law or the state Constitution, and withholding state shared monies from the county or municipality if the Attorney General concludes that there is a violation and if the county or municipality fails to resolve the violation within 30 days.

Last Action

01/17/2023 H - Referred to Committee – Government and Judiciary

HB2226 - Appropriation; fentanyl prosecution; testing; fund

Sponsor

Rep. Matt Gress (R)

Summary

Appropriates \$5 million from the general fund in FY2023-24 to the newly established Fentanyl Prosecution and Testing Fund, to be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis to county attorneys, county sheriffs, and courts to reimburse costs related to fentanyl prosecutions, and to law enforcement agencies to reimburse costs related to fentanyl testing.

Last Action

03/28/2023 S - DP - Senate Appropriations - Senate Appropriations

HB2329 - First-generation home buyers assistance; appropriation

Sponsor

Rep. Marcelino Quiñonez (D)

Summary

Establishes the First Generation Home Buyers Down Payment Assistance Grant Fund, to be administered by the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH). ADOH is required to distribute monies from the Fund to entities that administer down payment assistance for the purposes of providing down payment assistance to "eligible first-generation home buyers" (defined as a first-time home buyer whose parent does not or did not own a

home and whose income is at or below 100 percent of the area median income at the time of purchase). Establishes requirements for the down payment assistance, which must be provided in the form of a five-year loan. Appropriates \$12 million from the general fund in FY2023-24 to the Fund.

Last Action

02/20/2023 H - DPA - House Appropriations

HB2373 - Permits; automated permitting platform

Sponsor

Rep. Leo Biasiucci (R)

Summary

Counties and municipalities are authorized to use a "qualified online automated permitting platform" to verify code compliance for the purpose of issuing permits for the use of certain solar energy devices.

Last Action

04/11/2023 G - Signed

HB2484 - Failure to return vehicle; repeal.

Sponsor

Rep. Kevin Payne (R)

Summary

Repeals the crime of unlawful failure to return a motor vehicle subject to a security interest, a class 6 (lowest) felony.

Last Action

04/13/2023 H - Transmit to House

HB2485 - Aggravated assault; ambush; police; classification

Sponsor

Rep. Kevin Payne (R)

Summary

A person who is convicted of aggravated assault on a peace officer and who was lying in wait for or ambushed the peace officer must be sentenced to imprisonment for no less than the presumptive sentence for the offense and is not eligible for suspension of sentence, commutation, or release on any basis until the sentence imposed is served. Specified acts that constitute aggravated assault are classified as a class 2 (second highest) felony if the person was lying in wait for or ambushed the peace officer.

Last Action

04/13/2023 H - Transmit to House

HB2569 - Appropriation; Happy Valley Road

Sponsor

Rep. David Livingston (R)

Summary

Appropriates \$12.5 million from the general fund in FY2023-24 to the Arizona Department of Transportation to distribute to the City of Phoenix for improvements on Happy Valley Road between 35th Avenue and 67th Avenue.

Last Action

04/04/2023 S - DP - Senate Appropriations

HB2587 - Governor's declaration; fiscal impact analysis

Sponsor

Rep. Kevin Payne (R)

Summary

In any year in which the Governor has initially declared a state of war emergency or state of emergency for a public health emergency, the State Treasurer is prohibited from withholding any amount from the Arizona Convention Center Development Fund from an eligible city for that year. In conducting the analysis or estimate of the economic impact of any project eligible for monies from the Fund in subsequent years following the emergency declaration, the Auditor General is required to assume that the eligible city satisfied the minimum required attendance in the year of the emergency declaration and the year following that declaration, and that the incremental revenues to the general fund in any year of the initial emergency declaration and the year following that declaration at least equaled the amount of distributions by the state. Retroactive to January 1, 2020.

Last Action

03/08/2023 S - Transmit to Senate

HB2809 - Public infrastructure improvements; reimbursement

Sponsor

Rep. Michael Carbone (R)

Summary

Deletes the \$100 million aggregate maximum amount on payments to all counties and municipalities to reimburse the cost of public infrastructure improvements for the benefit of a manufacturing facility.

Last Action

03/28/2023 S - DP - Senate Appropriations

SB1006 - Municipal notices and ordinances; posting

Sponsor

Sen. John Kavanagh (R)

Summary

Notices of election, invitations for bids, notices of letting contracts, laws and ordinances, and other public notice issued by a municipal governing body are allowed to be posted on the municipality's website in lieu of being published in a newspaper. A municipality that posts notices on the website is required to provide a link to a listing of all current notices and ordinances on the website's home page.

Last Action

SB1079 - Water infrastructure finance authority; cities

Sponsor

Sen. Thomas "T.J." Shope (R)

Summary

Municipalities are no longer required to obtain voter approval to enter into a financial assistance loan repayment agreement with the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority to finance wastewater treatment and drinking water treatment facilities.

Last Action

01/19/2023 S - Referred to Committee - Government

SB1084 - Appropriation; health innovation trust fund

Sponsor

Sen. Thomas "T.J." Shope (R)

Summary

Appropriates \$200 million from the general fund in FY2023-24 to the Arizona Health Innovation Trust Fund.

Last Action

03/29/2023 H - DPA - House Appropriations

SB1148 - Law enforcement; video recordings; fee

Sponsor

Sen. John Kavanagh (R)

Summary

Municipalities are authorized to establish a fee that is charged to a person who submits a public records request to a local law enforcement agency for a copy of a video recording.

Last Action

03/28/2023 H - House Majority Caucus – Y

SB1155 - Catalytic converters; crime; classification

Sponsor

Sen. Anthony Kern (R)

Summary

The criminal classification of the unlawful purchase or sale of a used catalytic converter is increased to a class 6 (lowest) felony, from a class 1 (highest) misdemeanor.

Last Action

03/23/2023 H - Hearing Scheduled - 03/29/2023, 9:00 AM - House JUD, HHR 4

SB1188 (Striker) – Permissible consumer fireworks

Sponsor

Sen. J.D. Mesnard (R)

Summary

Reduces the time period during which permissible consumer fireworks may be used to between December 26 through January 3.

Last Action

04/11/2023 H - Hearing Scheduled - 04/12/2023 - Third Reading, Floor

SB1193 - Online home sharing; repeal**Sponsor**

Sen. Christine Marsh (D)

Summary

Repeals statutes prohibiting municipalities and counties from prohibiting vacation rentals or short-term rentals and limiting the restrictions that municipalities and counties may place on those rentals to a list of specified purposes. Repeals the online lodging marketplace transaction privilege tax classification, and the requirement for online lodging marketplaces to register with the Department of Revenue for payment of transaction privilege taxes on online lodging transactions. Repeals the requirement for online lodging operators to have a current transaction privilege tax license and related civil penalties for noncompliance. Repeals the Joint Legislative Study Committee on Transient Lodging.

Last Action

01/30/2023 S - Referred to Committee - Government

SB1462 - Appropriation; coordinated homeless services**Sponsor**

Sen. Thomas "T.J." Shope (R)

Summary

Appropriates \$25 million from the general fund in FY2023-24 to the Arizona Department of Economic Security for coordinated homeless services.

Last Action

03/21/2023 H - Transmit to House

SB1499 - Appropriation; Happy Valley Road.**Sponsor**

Sen. Frank Carroll (R)

Summary

Appropriates \$12.5 million from the general fund in FY2023-24 to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to distribute to the City of Phoenix for improvements on Happy Valley Road between 35th Avenue and 67th Avenue. The Legislature intends that ADOT use any federal monies available for the project and that the City of Phoenix contribute \$14.8 million to the project.

Last Action

2023-02-13 S - HELD - Senate Transportation and Technology - Senate Transportation and Technology

SB1504 - Appropriation; state aviation fund**Sponsor**

Sen. Frank Carroll (R)

Summary

Appropriates \$20 million from the general fund in FY2023-24 to the State Aviation Fund.

Last Action

02/13/2023 S - HELD - Senate Transportation and Technology - Senate Transportation and Technology

SB1541 - Housing trust fund; unclaimed property.

Sponsor

Sen. Lela Alston (D)

Summary

The amount of proceeds from the sale of abandoned property that are deposited in the Housing Trust Fund each fiscal year is changed to 55 percent of the proceeds, instead of \$2.5 million.

Last Action

03/20/2023 H - Transmit to House

SB1569 - Study committee; eviction prevention

Sponsor

Sen. Raquel Terán (D)

Summary

Establishes a 19-member Study Committee on Statewide Eviction Prevention and Housing Affordability to conduct a comprehensive study on reducing eviction filings, review related policies and statutes, conduct research on housing affordability issues, and propose legislation to address these issues. The Committee is required to submit a report of its activities and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by December 1, 2023, and self-repeals November 1, 2024.

Last Action

03/20/2023 S - RETAINED - Senate Committee of the Whole

SCR1006 - Death benefit; assault; first responders.

Sponsor

Sen. David Gowan (R)

Summary

The 2024 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend state statute to levy a surcharge of two percent on every fine, penalty and forfeiture imposed and collected by the courts for criminal offenses and on traffic-related civil penalties through December 31, 2032, and to deposit the monies from the surcharge in the newly established State Supplemental Benefit Fund. Beginning January 1, 2024, the state is required to pay \$250,000 to the surviving spouse of a "first responder" (defined) who is "killed in the line of duty" (defined), using monies from the Fund. Contains legislative findings. Severability clause.

Last Action

03/09/2023 G - Transmit to Secretary of State

Bills staff is monitoring

HB2015 - Retirement plans; plan election; rehire

Sponsor

Rep. David Livingston (R)

Summary

For the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System and Corrections Officer Retirement Plan, if an eligible employee who was already a member of the plan is subsequently rehired after a bona fide termination of employment of at least six months with no prearranged reemployment agreement or hired by a new employer, the employee is allowed to make a new election to participate in either the regular plan or the defined contribution plan before the 90th day after the date of hire. If the employee does not make a new election in that time, the employee's previous election continues. Previously, once an employee made an election, that election was irrevocable for the remainder of the employee's employment with any employer under the system, regardless of whether the employment was continuous. AS PASSED HOUSE

Last Action

04/13/2023 G – Signed

HB2019 - Licensing; permitting; criteria; clarity

Sponsor

Rep. Travis Grantham (R)

Summary

If a county or municipality requires a license or permit for any constitutionally protected activity or any activity that changes the use, appearance, or density of a structure or land, the county or municipality is required to state in clear and unambiguous language the criteria for granting the license or permit. Counties and municipalities are required to grant or deny an application for such a license or permit within 60 days. Some exceptions. AS PASSED HOUSE

Last Action

04/18/2023 G – Signed

HB2028 - PSPRS; contribution rates

Sponsor

Rep. David Livingston (R)

Summary

Beginning with FY2023-24, the contribution rate for members of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System is reduced to 7.65 percent of the member's compensation, from 11.654 percent. Beginning July 1, 2023, the amount of the member's contribution that exceeds 7.65 percent and that was accumulated between July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2023 may be used in calculating the employers contributions. Retroactive to July 1, 2023.

Last Action

4/11/2023 H - House Majority Caucus - Y - Concurred

HB2040 - Industrial development bonds; preapproval; repeal**Sponsor**

Rep. Selina Bliss (R)

Summary

Corporations are no longer required to obtain approval from the Arizona Department of Housing in order to issue bonds to finance a multifamily residential rental project, clinic, rest home, nursing home, skilled nursing facility, or life care facility.

Last Action

03/27/2023 S - Transmit to Senate

HB2056 - Dry washes; permit program exemption**Sponsor**

Rep. Lupe Diaz (R)

Summary

Declares that a dry wash, arroyo or other similar physical feature on private property that does not contain water is not a "water of Arizona," is exempt from the Dredge and Fill Permit Program, and is not a "water of the United States" under the federal Clean Water Act.

Last Action

04/03/2023 G – Vetoed

HB2058 - Flight from law enforcement; classification**Sponsor**

Rep. Lupe Diaz (R)

Summary

Increases the criminal classification of unlawful flight from a pursuing law enforcement vehicle to a class 2 (second highest) felony, from a class 5 (second lowest) felony.

Last Action

02-02-2023 H - Hearing Scheduled - 02/08/2023, 9:00 AM - House JUD, HHR 4

HB2094 – NOW: Mobile food vendor; operation; rules**Sponsor**

Rep. Kevin Payne (R)

Summary

Enables mobile food vendors to operate on private property in a residential area with restrictions and details regulatory and licensing requirements for cities, towns and counties addressing mobile food units. Caps licensing at \$150 per unit per zoning request. Allows vendors to chose between submitting for the City's fingerprint clearance process or DPS.

Last Action

04/11/2023 H - Transmit to House

HB2108 - Unemployment benefits; requirements; disqualifications**Sponsor**

Rep. David Livingston (R)

Summary

In determining the validity of claims for unemployment insurance benefits, the Arizona Department of Economic Security (ADES) is prohibited from paying benefits for an initial or ongoing claim until the initial claim is cross-checked, or an ongoing claim is cross-checked on a weekly basis, against a list of data sets, including new hire reporting systems and death records databases. If a cross-check results in information indicating that a claim is ineligible or fraudulent, that claim cannot be paid, and the claimant must be disqualified from receiving benefits and referred for prosecution. To qualify for benefits, an individual is required to conduct at least five work search actions each week and to provide a weekly report to ADES that details the work search actions. Employers are required to report to ADES when an individual who was previously employed with that employer refuses to return to work or accept an offer of suitable work, fails to appear for a scheduled interview, or fails to respond to an offer of employment. AS PASSED HOUSE

Last Action

04/11/2023 H - House Majority Caucus - Y - Concurred

HB2144 - broadband**Sponsor**

Rep. Tim Dunn (R)

Summary

Requires a provider's application for and acquisition of any portion of a state, city, town or county owned right-of-way that is unserved or underserved by broadband service to be prompt and without delay.

Last Action

04/03/2023 - Hearing Scheduled - 04/04/2023 - Caucus, Floor

HB2185 - TPT; exemption; firearm storage devices**Sponsor**

Rep. Jennifer L. Longdon (D)

Summary

The list of exemptions from transaction privilege taxes is expanded to include sales of "safe firearm storage devices" (defined). Applies to taxable periods beginning on or after the first day of the month following the general effective date.

Last Action

02/09/2023 H - Hearing Scheduled - 02/15/2023, 9:00 AM - House JUD, HHR 4

HB2200 – NOW: Appropriation; infrastructure grant program**Sponsor**

Rep. Justin Wilmeth (R)

Summary

Appropriates \$10,000,000 to the Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) to administer an Arizona Infrastructure Grant Program.

Last Action

02/20/2023 H - HELD - House Appropriations

HB2210 - Library trustees; annual report**Sponsor**

Rep. Justin Wilmeth (R)

Summary

The deadline for the trustees of a public library to make an annual report to the appropriate municipal governing body is moved to the second Monday of July each year, from the first Monday of July.

Last Action

04/04/2023 S - Senate Majority Caucus – Y

HB2223 - Liquor; licensing; processes; procedures**Sponsor**

Rep. Matt Gress (R)

Summary

Various changes to statutes relating to liquor licenses. The Department of Liquor Licenses and Control (DLLC) is authorized to issue on a temporary basis a microbrewery festival liquor license that authorizes the sampling of the microbrewery products on the festival premises and the sale of products for consumption on the festival premises. A microbrewery festival location must be approved by the county board of supervisors or municipal governing body, as applicable. Increases the maximum value of promotional items furnished by a liquor wholesaler to a retailer in a calendar year to \$700, from \$500. Beginning with tax periods that begin January 1, 2024 and after, allows specified liquor licensees to pay luxury privilege taxes on an annual basis instead of a monthly basis. A liquor licensee that has off-sale privileges and that delivers spirituous liquor is required to complete a written record of each delivery at the time of delivery. Information that must be included in the written record is listed. The licensee is required to obtain the name, date of birth, and signature of the individual who accepts the delivery of spirituous liquor. AS PASSED HOUSE

Last Action

04/06/2023 G - Signed

HB2252 – NOW TPT; exemption; motor vehicle dealers**Sponsor**

Rep. Justin Wilmeth (R)

Summary

Establishes a special 10-day nonresident registration permit (10-day Permit) as a type of required registration that a nonresident may obtain from a motor vehicle dealer for purchasing an unregistered vehicle in Arizona for removal to the purchaser's state of residence. Outlines requirements of motor vehicle dealers for the issuance of the 10-day Permit. Prescribes transaction privilege tax (TPT) requirements for the sale of a motor vehicle to a nonresident that secures a 10-day Permit.

Last Action

03/29/2023 S - DPA/SE - Senate Commerce

HB2288 - Roundabouts; right-of-way; large vehicles**Sponsor**

Rep. David L. Cook (R)

Summary

The operator of a vehicle or combination of vehicles with a total length of a least 40 feet or a total width of at least 10 feet may deviate from the lane in which the operator is driving to the extent necessary to approach and drive through a roundabout. Other vehicles are required to yield the right of way to these vehicles driving through a roundabout. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) or local jurisdiction is required to post at least one of either a yield sign before a roundabout entrance or a regulatory sign designed by ADOT that conveys that large trucks have the right-of-way of that vehicles should yield to large trucks in a roundabout. AS PASSED HOUSE

Last Action

04/13/2023 H - Transmit to House

HB2302 - Misdemeanor expungement; requirements; procedure**Sponsor**

Rep. Neal Carter (R)

Summary

A person who is convicted of a misdemeanor is allowed to petition the convicting court for an expungement of the record of conviction. Some exceptions. After a hearing on the petition, if the judge believes that justice will be served, the judge is required to order that all records of the person's conviction that are in the custody of the court be sealed with accompanying justification and must deliver a copy of the order to all law enforcement agencies and courts. The order must require that all law enforcement agencies and courts not release copies of the records to any person except on order of the court. Unless otherwise provided by law, a person who receives an expungement for a conviction is allowed to respond to any inquiry as though the conviction did not exist.

Last Action

03/30/2023 S - DISC/HELD - Senate Judiciary

HB2309 - Sovereign authority; law enforcement**Sponsor**

Rep. Rachel Jones (R)

Summary

This state and all political subdivisions are prohibited from using any personnel or financial resources to enforce, administer or cooperate with any act, law, treaty, order, rule or regulation of the U.S. government that is inconsistent with any law of Arizona regarding the authority of state and local law enforcement agencies.

Last Action

04/11/2023 H - House Majority Caucus - Y - Concurred

HB2379 - Hotel; motel; vouchers; homeless; prohibition**Sponsor**

Rep. Matt Gress (R)

Summary

The Arizona Department of Housing, counties, and municipalities are prohibited from requiring a hotel or motel to participate in any program that houses "homeless individuals or families" (defined) in an unoccupied hotel or motel guest room through the use of a housing voucher. AS PASSED HOUSE

Last Action

04/18/2023 G – Vetoed

HB2401 - TPT; diapers; feminine hygiene; exemption**Sponsor**

Rep. Alma Hernandez (D)

Summary

The list of exemptions from the retail classification of transaction privilege and use taxes is expanded to include disposable diapers, other similar disposable items commonly used for incontinence, and a list of feminine hygiene products. Applies to taxable periods beginning on or after the first day of the month following the general effective date.

Last Action

03/03/2023 H - Hearing Scheduled - 03/06/2023 - Third Reading, Floor

HB2411 - Grazing operations; energy projects; compensation (Water supply; elimination; reduction; damages)**Sponsor**

Rep. David L. Cook (R)

Summary

If a city provides water to customers outside of the city's service area before January 1, 2023 and reduces or terminates that service on or after January 1, 2023, the city is required to make the same reduction in or termination of the water supply to the Mayor and members of the City Council. If a city terminates water service in these circumstances, the city is liable, with respect to the persons whose water was terminated, for fire damage to personal property, health problems incurred by children as the result of the termination, and attorney fees.

Last Action

03/30/2023 S - FAILED - Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water

HB2418 – NOW: Police response time; study committee**Sponsor**

Rep. Matt Gress (R)

Summary

Establishes a 13-member Police Response Time Study Committee to solicit ideas on recommendations to maintain or improve emergency call response times and critical law enforcement staffing shortages in Arizona. The Committee is required to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by

December 21, 2023, and self-repeals July 1, 2024. Emergency clause. AS PASSED HOUSE

Last Action

04/12/2023 S - FAILED - Senate Third Reading - Senate Third Reading

HB2420 - Law enforcement; families; tuition scholarships

Sponsor

Rep. Matt Gress (R)

Summary

Establishes the Spouses and Dependents of Law Enforcement Officers Tuition Scholarship Fund, to be administered by the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) to award tuition scholarships to any person who is the spouse or a dependent of a "law enforcement officer" (defined) in Arizona and who enrolls in a university under the jurisdiction of ABOR, a community college, a career technical education district, or a private postsecondary educational institution in Arizona. Establishes requirements to apply for scholarships and prescribes scholarship amounts. The scholarship is limited to four academic years or eight semesters. Appropriates \$10 million from the general fund in FY2023-24 to the Fund.

Last Action

03/28/2023 S - DP - Senate Appropriations

HB2430 - EORP; appropriations; repayment

Sponsor

Rep. David Livingston (R)

Summary

For FY2023-24 and each fiscal year after, monies collected from contributions of members of the Elected Officials' Retirement Plan (EORP) must be distributed directly to the qualified governmental excess benefit arrangement in an amount as determined by the Board of Trustees. After that transfer, the Board is required to transfer any remaining monies collected to the general fund. Beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2033, a specified list of counties and municipalities are required to annually repay the state specified amounts for the amounts paid in FY2022-23 on the local governments' behalf to EORP for unfunded accrued liability. Counties and municipalities may pay the annual repayment amount from any source of revenue. Makes a supplemental appropriation of \$609 million from the general fund in FY2022-23 to EORP to pay the unfunded accrued liability for EORP. Numerous appropriations made from the general fund in FY2023-24 for required employer contributions to EORP are reduced. Emergency clause. AS PASSED HOUSE

Last Action

03/21/2023 S - FAILED - Senate Appropriations

HB2431 NOW: Workers' compensation; firefighters; rate deviation

Sponsor

Rep. David Livingston (R)

Summary

Contains session law provisions that limit certain workers' compensation insurers to collect additional premiums only if the public employer can receive reimbursement under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Last Action

04/04/2023 S - Senate Majority Caucus – Y

HB2441 NOW: standpipe service; continuation; emergency

Sponsor

Rep. Gail Griffin (R)

Summary

An emergency measure that requires a city or town that provides water service in a county with a population of more than 500,000 persons to provide water for a period of at least three years by use of a standpipe for water hauling to residences that are outside the city's or town's water service area if outlined conditions are met.

Last Action

04/11/2023 S - Senate Majority Caucus - Y

HB2447 - TPT; exemption; motor vehicle manufacturers

Sponsor

Rep. Teresa Martinez (R)

Summary

A vehicle manufacturer or new vehicle dealer that is owned, operated or controlled by the manufacturer or one of its affiliates or subsidiaries is authorized to issue a special ten day nonresident registration permit in order to deliver a vehicle to a nonresident purchaser. The maximum number of these permits that a manufacturer or new dealer may issue in FY2023-24 is 500, and the maximum number will increase by 10 percent each fiscal year after. The list of exemptions from transaction privilege taxes is modified to include sales of motor vehicles to nonresidents if the motor vehicle is sold to a nonresident purchaser who has obtained a special ten-day nonresident registration permit. Applies to taxable periods beginning on or after the first day of the month following the effective date of this legislation.

Last Action

02/17/2023 H - HELD - House Transportation & Infrastructure

HB2471 - Government investments; plans; fiduciaries; products

Sponsor

Rep. Steve Montenegro (R)

Summary

A "fiduciary" (defined) is required to discharge his/her duties with respect to a "plan" (defined as any plan, fund, or program established or maintained by the state or a political subdivision to provide retirement income or benefits to employees, defer income, or invest taxpayer monies for any purpose) solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of the plan, and is required to take into account only pecuniary factors when evaluating an investment. Only the governmental entity that

establishes or maintains a plan may vote the shares held by the plan, and the shares held by a plan must be voted only in the pecuniary interest of the plan. A fiduciary is prohibited from adopting a practice of following the recommendations of a proxy advisory firm unless the firm's guidelines are consistent with these requirements. The State Treasurer is required to post a current list of state investments by name and a current list of investment managers on the State Treasurer's publicly accessible website. All state investments are required to be made in the sole interest of the beneficiary taxpayer.

Last Action

03/29/2023 S - HELD - Senate Government

HB2483 - Backyard fowl; regulation; prohibition

Sponsor

Rep. Kevin Payne (R)

Summary

Counties and municipalities are prohibited from adopting a zoning ordinance that prohibits a resident of a single-family detached residence that is one-half acre or less in size from keeping "fowl" (defined as a cock or hen of the domestic chicken) in the backyard of the property. Counties and municipalities are allowed to establish specified regulations on fowl, including restricting the number of fowl and prohibiting a resident from keeping male fowl, including roosters.

Last Action

03/06/2023 S - Referred to Committee - Government - Senate Government

HB2547 - Zoning ordinances; property rights; costs

Sponsor

Rep. Ben Toma (R)

Summary

Before adopting any zoning ordinance or zoning ordinance text amendment of general applicability, the legislative body of a municipality is required to consider and adopt an individual property rights cost of housing impact statement regarding the impact of the zoning ordinance, which must include a list of specified information.

Last Action

04/18/2023 G – Signed

HB2630 - Tobacco; alternative nicotine; vapor products

Sponsor

Rep. Kevin Payne (R)

Summary

Retail tobacco vendors are prohibited from selling "alternative nicotine products," "tobacco products," or "vapor products" (all defined) to persons under 21 years of age. If a person reasonably appears to be under 30 years of age, a retail tobacco vendor is prohibited from not selling tobacco products, alternative nicotine products or vapor products to the person without first examining the person's government-issued photo identification to establish that the person is at least 21 years of age. Every retailer that

sells or offers to sell tobacco products, alternative nicotine products or vapor products to consumers in Arizona is required to register each retail location with the Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) on a form and in a manner prescribed by ADOR. The registration shall be accompanied by an annual fee in an amount to be determined by the ADOR Director. Beginning January 1, 2024, a retailer is prohibited from selling tobacco products, alternative nicotine products or vapor products in Arizona unless the retailer has registered with ADOR, has paid all applicable fees, and is in compliance with all rules adopted by ADOR. Establishes penalties for violations. Severability clause. Effective January 1, 2024.

Last Action

02/15/2023 H - FAILED - House Regulatory Affairs

HB2643 - State aviation fund; appropriation

Sponsor

Rep. David L. Cook (R)

Summary

Appropriates \$26 million from the general fund in FY2023-24 to the State Aviation Fund. From this amount, \$6 million is required to be distributed to the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport.

Last Action

3/21/2023 S - DP - Senate Appropriations

SB1003 - Traffic violations; identification

Sponsor

Sen. John Kavanagh (R)

Summary

A person other than the driver of a motor vehicle is required to provide their full name, date of birth, and residence address to a peace officer on request, if the officer has reasonable cause to believe the person has committed a traffic violation. Previously, a person other than the driver was required to provide "evidence of the person's identity" to a peace officer on request.

Last Action

02-01-2023H - Hearing Scheduled - 02/01/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

SB1004 - Court security officers; duties; jurisdiction

Sponsor

Sen. John Kavanagh (R)

Summary

Court security officers are authorized to respond to threats to and emergencies involving a court participant, including a juror, witness, or victim.

Last Action

01-11-2023 S - Hearing Scheduled - 01/11/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

SB1008 - Court fees; costs; deferral; waiver

Sponsor

Sen. John Kavanagh (R)

Summary

The court is required to grant an application for deferral of court fees and costs if an applicant establishes that the applicant has a gross monthly income that is 225 percent or less of the current federal poverty level, increased from 150 percent or less, or if an applicant establishes that the applicant is receiving benefits from the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (in addition to other programs previously listed). The court is authorized to waive court fees and costs entirely or in part.

Last Action

01-18-2023 H - Hearing Scheduled - 01/18/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

SB1011 - Municipalities; partisan elections

Sponsor

Sen. John Kavanagh (R)

Summary

Municipal elections may be held with the candidate's political party registration indicated on the ballot. Applies to municipal elections held on or after January 1, 2024.

Last Action

03/14/2023 H - House Majority Caucus – Y

SB1012 - Inspections; sober living homes

Sponsor

Sen. John Kavanagh (R)

Summary

Counties and municipalities are authorized to conduct inspections at sober living homes to ensure compliance with county or municipal fire codes and zoning ordinances.

Last Action

01-25-2023 S - DP - Senate Commerce

SB1022 - Pedestrians; selling goods; begging; medians

Sponsor

Sen. John Kavanagh (R)

Summary

Pedestrians are prohibited from selling goods, soliciting donations, or begging on a painted or raised traffic island or median. The penalty for a first violation is a warning, the second violation is a civil traffic violation, and the third or subsequent violation is a class 1 (highest) misdemeanor.

Last Action

02/08/2023 S - DPA/SE - Senate Military Affairs, Public Safety and Border Security

SB1023 - Residential picketing; offense

Sponsor

Sen. John Kavanagh (R)

Summary

A person commits residential picketing, a class 3 (lowest) misdemeanor, if the person intentionally engages in picketing or otherwise demonstrates near the residence of an

individual if the actions are such that a reasonable person would find the acts harassing, annoying, or alarming, or if the person intends the picketing or demonstrating to harass, annoy, or alarm another person.

Last Action

03/20/2023 H - Hearing Scheduled - 03/20/2023 - Consent COW, Floor

SB1024 - Public rights-of-way; unlawful acts

Sponsor

Sen. John Kavanagh (R)

Summary

It is a class 1 (highest) misdemeanor to use a public street, highway, alley, sidewalk, or other right-of-way for lying, sleeping, or otherwise remaining in a sitting position unless the person is experiencing a physical emergency, the violation occurs in the course of administering medical assistance, or the right-of-way is subject to a permit to conduct a festival, fair, parade, concert, fireworks display, or other similar event.

Last Action

03/30/2023 G – Vetoed

SB1025 - Political signs; tourism zones

Sponsor

Sen. John Kavanagh (R)

Summary

The area of each commercial tourism political sign free zone designated by a municipality is limited to 10 percent of the total area of the municipality, and each zone is required to have a "relock score" (calculation specified) of 0.20 or more. Municipalities are allowed to establish one or more areas within its zones in which political signs are allowed but are required to include those areas in calculating the area of the zone to determine compliance with these requirements.

Last Action

03/14/2023 H - House Majority Caucus – Y

SB1031 - Public employees; employment; termination

Sponsor

Sen. Anthony Kern (R)

Summary

State agencies and political subdivisions are prohibited from terminating an employee based on the employee's vaccination status or political affiliation. A violation is subject to a civil penalty of 10 percent of the state agency's or political subdivision's budget from the prior fiscal year.

Last Action

01-11-2023 S - Hearing Scheduled - 01/11/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

SB1033 - TPT; diapers; feminine hygiene; exemption.

Sponsor

Sen. Thomas "T.J." Shope (R)

Summary

The list of exemptions from the retail classification of transaction privilege and use taxes is expanded to include disposable diapers, other similar disposable items commonly used for incontinence, and a list of feminine hygiene products. Applies to tax periods beginning on or after the first day of the month following the general effective date.

Last Action

01-09-2023 S - Introduced

SB1055 - Full-service crime labs; funding

Sponsor

Sen. David Gowan (R)

Summary

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) is required to allocate and distribute the monies in the DPS Forensics Fund to each "full-service crime laboratory," defined as a crime lab operated by a criminal justice agency of the state or a political subdivision that is accredited, that provides at least six forensic disciplines, and that meets other specified requirements, based on the percentage of the state population served by each full-service crime laboratory. Previously, DPS was authorized to use 55 percent of the monies in the Fund and was required to distribute the remainder to specified municipal police departments.

Last Action

04/03/2023 H - DPA - House Appropriations

SB1063 - Food; municipal tax; exemption...

Sponsor

Sen. Sonny Borrelli (R)

Summary

Municipalities and other taxing jurisdictions are prohibited from levying a transaction privilege, sales, or use tax or fee on the sale of food items intended for human consumption or home consumption (as defined elsewhere in statute and by rule). Applies to tax periods on or after the first day of the month following the general effective date.

Last Action

03/28/2023 G – Vetoed

SB1064 - Sentencing enhancements; drug-free zones

Sponsor

Sen. John Kavanagh (R)

Summary

It is unlawful for a person to knowingly be present in a "drug-free neighborhood zone" (defined) to sell or transfer marijuana, peyote, prescription-only drugs, dangerous drugs or narcotic drugs. A person in violation is guilty of the same class of felony that the person would otherwise be guilty of had the violation not occurred within a drug-free neighborhood zone, except that the presumptive, minimum and maximum sentence must be increased by one year, and the court is required to order the person to pay a fine of at least \$2,000 or three times the value of the drugs involved, whichever is greater.

Last Action

02/28/2023 S - Senate Majority Caucus - Y

SB1096 - Firearms; contracts; prohibited practices**Sponsor**

Sen. Frank Carroll (R)

Summary

A "public entity" (defined) is prohibited from entering into a contract with a value of \$100,000 or more with a company to acquire or dispose of services, supplies, information technology, or construction unless the contract includes a written certification that the company does not currently, and agrees for the duration of the contract that it will not, discriminate against a "firearm entity" or "firearm trade association" (both defined).

Last Action

03/28/2023 G – Vetoed

SB1097 - Truck routes; designation**Sponsor**

Sen. Frank Carroll (R)

Summary

For ordinances or resolutions enacted on and after January 1, 2020, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) or a local authority may only restrict or prohibit a "vehicle of legal size" (defined) from operating on a highway that is a "major arterial street" (defined) and that connects two or more local jurisdictions if ADOT or the local authority conducts a test drive or applies a vehicle template on the highway that shows that a vehicle of a legal size may not safely operate on the highway. A highway that does not have a "truck restriction" (defined) before being annexed by a local authority cannot be incorporated into an existing truck restriction that is passed on or after January 1, 2020 unless the highway meets the criteria in this legislation. A local authority that passed an ordinance on or after January 1, 2020 that is inconsistent with these provisions is required to repeal or amend the ordinance to comply with this act within 90 days after the effective date or the ordinance is invalid. AS PASSED SENATE

Last Action

4/11/2023 G - Signed

SB1103 - Administrative review; approvals; developments**Sponsor**

Sen. Warren Petersen (R)

Summary

The legislative body of a county or municipality is allowed by ordinance to: authorize administrative personnel to review and approve site plans, development plans, land divisions, preliminary plats, final plats, and plat amendments without a public hearing; authorize administrative personnel to review and approve design review plans based on "objective" (defined) standards without a public hearing; adopt a self-certification program allowing registered architects and professional engineers to certify and be responsible for compliance with all applicable ordinances and construction standards for

certain projects; allow at-risk submittals for certain on-site preliminary grading or drainage work; and allow applicants with a history of compliance with building codes and regulations to be eligible for expedited permit review. AS PASSED HOUSE

Last Action

03/03/2023 G – Signed

SB1116 - Political signs; public roadways; prohibition

Sponsor

Sen. Steve Kaiser (R)

Summary

A person is prohibited from placing a political sign in or on the right-of-way of a public road.

Last Action

02-01-2023 H - Hearing Scheduled - 02/01/2023 - Second Reading, Floor

SB1166 - Public employers; postsecondary degree requirements

Sponsor

Sen. Steve Kaiser (R)

Summary

Public employers are prohibited from rejecting an applicant solely for not having a postsecondary degree. Public employers are allowed to include a postsecondary degree as a baseline requirement only as an alternative to a particular number of years of direct experience. Some exceptions. Contains legislative findings. Effective January 1, 2024.

Last Action

04/07/2023 G - Vetoed

SB1189 – NOW: Municipal tax code commission; continuation

Sponsor

Sen. J.D. Mesnard (R)

Summary

The statutory life of the Municipal Tax Code Commission is extended four years to July 1, 2027. Retroactive to July 1, 2023. AS PASSED SENATE

Last Action

04/11/2023 H - Hearing Scheduled - 04/12/2023 - Third Reading, Floor

SB1223 - Water infrastructure; commerce grant fund

Sponsor

Sen. Thomas "T.J." Shope (R)

Summary

Modifies eligibility for grants from the Water Infrastructure and Commerce Grant Fund to apply to projects that begin after January 1, 2023, instead of 2022, and to require the grants to be allocated and distributed by December 31, 2025, instead of 2024.

Appropriates \$8 million from the general fund in FY2023-24 to the Fund.

Last Action

04/11/2023

H - House Majority Caucus - Y

SB1234 - Prohibition; photo radar

Sponsor

Sen. Wendy Rogers (R)

Summary

State agencies and local authorities are prohibited from using a photo enforcement system to identify violators of traffic control devices and speed regulations. Statutes authorizing and regulating photo enforcement systems are repealed. Contains a legislative intent section.

Last Action

04/04/2023 H - DP - House Committee of the Whole

SB1244 - tax credit extension; affordable housing

Sponsor

Sen. John Kavanagh (R)

Summary

Increases the Affordable Housing Tax Credit (AHTC) allocation to \$10,000,000 and extends the repeal deadline to December 31, 2036.

Last Action

04/03/2023 H - DPA/SE - House Appropriations

SB1270 - Open meetings; capacity

Sponsor

Sen. John Kavanagh (R)

Summary

Schools, school boards, executive boards, and municipalities are required to provide for an amount of seating sufficient to accommodate the reasonably anticipated attendance of all persons desiring to attend the deliberations and proceedings, when feasible. Does not require a public body to relocate a meeting outside of the largest regular meeting room. Except for a meeting through technological devices, the agenda for a public meeting is required to include notice of the time that the public will have physical access to the meeting place. AS PASSED SENATE

Last Action

04/06/2023 G – Signed

SB1274 - Computer data centers; TPT; refund

Sponsor

Sen. J.D. Mesnard (R)

Summary

Any claim for a refund of transaction privilege taxes (TPT) or use taxes for the TPT deduction for qualifying equipment purchased between July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2024 by a qualified business for harvesting or processing qualifying forest products

removed from qualifying projects, or for the use tax deduction for machinery, equipment, materials and other tangible personal property used directly and predominantly to construct a qualified environmental technology manufacturing, producing or processing facility that is filed from and after December 31, 2021 must be submitted using the regular refund process and are not subject to session law from 2021 establishing requirements for claims for a refund based on the retroactive application of specified refunds. Retroactive to January 1, 2022. AS PASSED SENATE

Last Action

04/18/2023 G – Signed

SB1321 – NOW: backyard fowl; regulation; prohibition

Sponsor

Sen. Theresa Hatathlie (D)

Summary

Counties and municipalities are prohibited from adopting a zoning ordinance that prohibits a resident of a single-family detached residence that is one-half acre or less in size from keeping "fowl" (defined as a cock or hen of the domestic chicken) in the backyard of the property. Counties and municipalities are allowed to establish specified regulations on fowl, including restricting the number of fowl and prohibiting a resident from keeping male fowl, including roosters.

Last Action

4/11/2023 H - House Majority Caucus - Y

SB1340 - Toll roads; conversion; prohibition

Sponsor

Sen. Juan Mendez (D)

Summary

A county board of supervisors is prohibited from granting an application for a toll road that will be converted from a publicly funded or maintained street or highway. The Arizona Department of Transportation is prohibited from entering into an agreement that allows the conversion of an existing publicly funded or maintained street or highway to a toll road.

Last Action

04/11/2023 H - DPA - House Committee of the Whole - House Committee of the Whole

SB1473 - Tax corrections act of 2023

Sponsor

Sen. J.D. Mesnard (R)

Summary

Corrections to the tax code as recommended by the Department of Revenue and Legislative Council. Changes are for clarification or to blend conflicting statutes and are not intended to be substantive. 33 pages. An annual exercise.

Last Action

03/28/2023 G - Signed

SB1500 - Government investments; fiduciaries; pecuniary benefit**Sponsor**

Sen. Frank Carroll (R)

Summary

A "fiduciary" (defined) is required to discharge his/her duties with respect to a "plan" (defined as any plan, fund, or program established or maintained by the state or a political subdivision to provide retirement income or benefits to employees, defer income, or invest taxpayer monies for any purpose) solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of the plan, and is required to take into account only pecuniary factors when evaluating an investment. Only the governmental entity that establishes or maintains a plan may vote the shares held by the plan, and the shares held by a plan must be voted only in the pecuniary interest of the plan. A fiduciary is prohibited from adopting a practice of following the recommendations of a proxy advisory firm unless the firm's guidelines are consistent with these requirements. The State Treasurer is required to post a current list of state investments by name and a current list of investment managers on the State Treasurer's publicly accessible website. All state investments are required to be made in the sole interest of the beneficiary taxpayer. Contains legislative findings.

Last Action

04/05/2023 H - DP - House Committee of the Whole

SB1651 - Water; energy; financing program.**Sponsor**

Sen. Sonny Borrelli (R)

Summary

Counties and municipalities are authorized to provide for or allow the construction, installation or modification of critical capital expenditure improvements, energy efficiency improvements, renewable energy improvements or resiliency improvements on qualifying property by establishing a "C-PACE Program" (defined). Establishes a new chapter in Title 49 (Environment) establishing and regulating the Commercial Property Assessed Capital Expenditure Financing Program (C-PACE Program). To establish a C-PACE Program, a governing body is required to adopt a resolution or ordinance to do so, after a public hearing to consider establishing the Program. Local program authorities are authorized to enter into special assessment agreements with property owners to secure special assessment financing for C-PACE Program projects. Provides for the imposition and collection of special assessments. More.

Last Action

02/15/2023 S - HELD - Senate Government

SB1711 - Ambulances; emergency medical services**Sponsor**

Sen. David Gowan (R)

Summary

Ambulance services providing interfacility transportation in any certificate of necessity area are required to have at least one ambulance attendant that is an emergency medical technician (EMT) or a licensed physician or professional nurse, and one ambulance attendant that is an EMT or an emergency medical responder staffing an ambulance while transporting a patient. Effective January 1, 2024.

Last Action

04/04/2023 H - House Majority Caucus - Y

SCR1002 - Constitutional amendments; sixty percent approval

Sponsor

Sen. Anthony Kern (R)

Summary

The 2024 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to require approval by 60 percent of the votes cast on the measure for an initiative or referendum measure that amends the state Constitution to become law, instead of a majority of the votes cast.

Last Action

03/29/2023 H - DPA/SE - House Municipal Oversight & Elections



Community Feedback on the Proposed 2023-24 Budget

This report transmits the summary minutes from community budget hearings held April 6 through April 11, 2023, budget comments received by the Budget and Research Department for April 8 through April 14, 2023, social media statistics, and the latest FundPHX Report.

Summary

During the month of April, staff provides reports to City Council summarizing comments on the budget received by the Budget and Research Department via phone, email, and the FundPHX interactive budget tool. Staff also provides summary minutes from all 12 Community Budget Hearings, scheduled for April 3 through April 15, 2023. Community feedback on the budget is an important component of the annual budget process and is provided to the City Council ahead of final budget decisions scheduled for May 16, 2023.

Attachment A transmits summary minutes from the five Community Budget Hearings held April 6 through April 11, 2023. **Attachment B** transmits a summary of electronic and voicemail comments regarding the budget for April 8 through 14, 2023, and social media statistics. **Attachment C** transmits the 2023-24 City Manager's Proposed Trial Budget FundPHX report, which includes comments received in the tool from residents for the time period of March 30 through April 11, 2023.

Community Feedback Reports, including the FundPHX report, are also available on the Budget and Research webpage at phoenix.gov/budget.

Comments received are responded to by Budget and Research staff and/or the appropriate City department.

Summary of Community Feedback

Below is a summary of comments received on the budget as of the week ending April 14, 2023. The summary includes topics with two or more comments received. All comments are included in **Attachments A, B, and C**.

Comments for additional funding/support of the budget:

- (160) additional funding to create cricket fields and amenities.
- (29) additional funding for park improvements.
- (27) additional funding to provide free public transit.
- (27) additional funding for public bathrooms.
- (25) additional funding to provide free public WiFi.
- (24) additional funding for home weatherization efforts.
- (24) additional funding for individuals experiencing homelessness and vulnerable populations.
- (17) additional funding for public safety.
- (12) additional funding for bike lanes and infrastructure.
- (10) additional funding for Library services and hours.
- (10) additional funding for street improvements.
- (9) additional funding for 24/7 park ranger coverage.
- (9) additional funding for Rogers Ranch Park.
- (9) support for additional types of budget hearings.
- (8) additional funding to address neighborhood and community blight.
- (8) additional funding for Arts and Culture.
- (8) additional funding for the Gated Alley Program.
- (7) additional funding for employee compensation.
- (7) additional funding for Public Transit expansion.
- (7) additional funding for street cleanups.
- (5) additional funding for Community Court.
- (5) additional funding for affordable housing.
- (5) additional funding for parking enforcement.
- (5) additional funding for trees and shade.
- (5) additional funding for roadway safety.
- (5) additional funding for water conservation.
- (4) additional funding for healthy giving signage.
- (3) additional funding and/or support for public education and schools.
- (3) additional funding for public health.
- (2) additional funding for community engagement efforts.
- (2) additional funding for the park on Samantha Way.
- (2) additional funding for Sueño Park.
- (2) additional funding for a Parks and Recreation Volunteer Coordinator position.
- (2) additional funding for the Phoenix 311 App.
- (2) additional funding for a Police station in Laveen.
- (2) additional funding for the Cactus Park Police Precinct.

- (2) additional funding for bus stop improvements.

Comments for reduced funding/opposition of the budget:

- (2) reduce funding for Community Bridges, Inc.
- (2) reduce funding for the Gated Alley Program.
- (2) reduce/oppose funding for 24/7 park ranger coverage.
- (2) reduce funding for the Police Department.

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by City Manager Jeffrey Barton and the Budget and Research Department.

ATTACHMENT A

SUMMARY MINUTES COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 CHOLLA LIBRARY April 6, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Deputy City Manager John Chan opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. by welcoming those in attendance and thanking them for coming to comment on the City's fiscal year (FY) 2023-24 proposed budget. Mr. Chan introduced Councilwoman Ann O'Brien and Budget and Research Director Amber Williamson. Mr. Chan noted that the proposed budget will be presented to City Council on May 2 and will be voted on by the City Council on May 16. Mr. Chan explained how the public can provide comment during the meeting as well as use the City's FundPHX tool as another way to provide feedback. Mr. Chan noted that today's budget video presentation will also provide an overview of the General Obligation (GO) Bond that requires voter approval and will be on the November 7, 2023 ballot.

Councilwoman Ann O'Brien then introduced interpreter Carmen Cota.

Ms. Cota provided instructions for residents requiring Spanish interpretation during the meeting.

Councilwoman Ann O'Brien welcomed those in attendance and emphasized the importance of public comment and discussed items that she hopes to see in the budget including more funding for the gated alley program, a community court system to help with cleaning up parks and alleyways and providing services to the unsheltered population.

Ms. O'Brien requested the budget video presentation to be played. Following the video, Councilwoman O'Brien opened the hearing to public comments.

1. Santohsh Bhugatha requested funding for the development of four cricket fields across Phoenix.
2. Craig Tribken requested \$250,000 in one-time funding for A New Leaf's Phoenix Day Early Childhood Education Center.
3. Susan Herber requested weekly cleaning and sanitation at the I-17 underpass. Ms. Herber also requested installing the campaign for the healthy giving signage along the same area. She requested weekly maintenance and sanitation at bus stops, landscaping and cleanup of medians from 15th Avenue to the highway overpass. She requested renovations at Telephone Pioneers Park to allow for easier Police access and surveillance. She also requested cleanup of the homeless encampments near Greenway Road and 19th Avenue.
4. Gail Morgan spoke in support of public safety and requested additional funding for Police recruitment of sworn officers and dispatchers. Ms. Morgan also supports the community court system to provide services to the homeless population. She also requested improvement of streets and fixing potholes.

5. Stan Bates requested renovations of Cactus Park Police Precinct. Mr. Bates also spoke in support of the gated alley program and would like to see additional funding towards the gated alley program. Mr. Bates requested additional funding for Police Assistants to assist with patrolling and staffing the Emergency Resource Centers.
6. Suzanne Day spoke in support of bicycles as a mode of transportation and street improvements. Ms. Day requested bike lanes on 3rd Street from Lincoln Street to Washington Street, and from Washington Street to Roosevelt Street. She would like to see protected bike lanes from 3rd Street to Lincoln Street in Downtown Phoenix connecting to the Rio Salado Bridge. Ms. Day also requested at least \$1 million in funding for pavement and lighting of canals to create the Grand Canal Multi-Use Path from 27th Avenue to 47th Avenue. Ms. Day also requested additional funding for street sweepers and staff to oversee the newly constructed protected bike lanes.
7. Tom Argiro requested improvements in the permitting and inspection process. Mr. Argiro also spoke in support of the Phoenix Police Department. He requested the presence of School Resource Officers at every school. Mr. Argiro also requested additional funding for street improvements of potholes.
8. AJ Marsden spoke in support of public safety She would like to see firefighters and police officers to be used more appropriately and ensure proper funding for public safety and prosecution.
9. Diane Saylor filled out a comment card requesting additional bicycle racks or bike storage/parking for people who use their bicycles for regular transportation. Specifically, she would like to ensure that bicycles are not tampered with or stolen if people leave their bike outside when walking into an established business or running errands.

Councilwoman O'Brien thanked everyone for attending and closed the hearing at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Babani
Budget & Research Analyst

**SUMMARY MINUTES
COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARINGS
COMMUNITY-WIDE BILINGUAL
MARYVALE COMMUNITY CENTER
APRIL 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**

City Manager Jeff Barton opened the community budget hearing at 6:03 p.m. and introduced Spanish interpreter Elsie Duarte.

Ms. Duarte provided instructions for residents requiring Spanish interpretation during the meeting.

Mr. Barton thanked the public for participating in the budget hearing and introduced Councilwoman Betty Guardado.

Councilwoman Guardado gave an overview of programs in District 5, including a new splash pad in Oso Park, 228 miles of new pavement, 200 new trees, and more.

Councilwoman Laura Pastor gave an overview of programs in District 4, including the Bus Rapid Transit system, parks activation, Wi-Fi accessibility, cool pavement and more.

Mr. Barton explained the procedures for public comment and requested the budget video presentation be played.

Councilwoman Guardado opened the floor for public comment.

1. Rebecca Denis expressed support for the Poder in Action Pueblo's Budget, which encouraged divestment in police funding to meet five demands, including equitable access to free Wi-Fi, home weatherization program expansion, more public bathrooms available 24/7, free public transit, and repaired playground equipment in parks.
2. Eduardo Pym expressed support for the Pueblo's Budget five demands.
3. Isabel Garcia expressed support for the Pueblo's Budget five demands and emphasized the need for repaired playground equipment in Sueño Park.
4. Brenda Benitez expressed support for the Pueblo's Budget five demands and emphasized the need for free public transit.
5. Estela Varela expressed support for the Pueblo's Budget five demands and requested that underrepresented communities be treated with dignity.

6. Martha Avendaño expressed support for the Pueblo's Budget five demands and emphasized the need for repaired playground equipment and access to public bathrooms in Sueño Park.
7. Shalal Flores submitted a comment card requesting more mental health and substance use resources, affordable housing, and labor rights.
8. Alma Rayos expressed support for the Pueblo's Budget five demands and emphasized the need for home weatherization program expansion.
9. Juana Rita expressed support for the Pueblo's Budget five demands and thanked staff for the recent Maryvale tree plantings.
10. Maria Gutierrez expressed support for the Pueblo's Budget five demands and emphasized the need for equitable access to free Wi-Fi.
11. Blanca Abarca expressed support for the Pueblo's Budget five demands and commented on the lack of bilingual community budget hearings.
12. Maribel Ponce submitted a comment card expressing support for the Pueblo's Budget five demands.
13. Representative Analise Ortiz requested more affordable housing, public bathrooms available 24/7, and investments in housing supportive services.
14. Magdalena Martinez submitted a comment card expressing support for the Pueblo's Budget five demands.
15. Berta Pita expressed support for the Pueblo's Budget five demands, affordable housing, resources for young people 14-24 years old, housing supportive services navigation, and simultaneous interpretation.

Councilwoman Pastor requested a Human Services staff member speak to Ms. Pita.
16. Maria Sanchez expressed support for the Pueblo's Budget five demands.
17. Craig Tribken expressed support for early childhood education centers and homeless solutions.
18. Vania Guevara expressed support for the Pueblo's Budget five demands and commented on park ranger staffing concerns.
19. Maria Cecilia expressed support for free public transportation.

20. Miros Domenzain expressed support for the Pueblo's Budget five demands and navigable processes for accessing housing supportive services.
21. Beatriz García submitted a comment card requesting parks improvements including lighting, activities for children over 10 years old, more shaded benches, and access to clean water.
22. Suzanne Day expressed support for bicycle infrastructure, safe passage for vulnerable road users, bike lane maintenance, and increased attention to speeding laws and illegal parking in bike lanes.
23. Meli Acevedo expressed support for the Pueblo's Budget five demands and commented on park ranger staffing concerns.
24. Marla Avalos submitted a comment card requesting parks and public bathrooms stay open for longer hours.
25. Annie Eldon requested \$1 million in funding for protected bike lanes on 3rd Street and expressed concern over cars parked illegally in bike lanes.
26. Israel Valencia submitted a comment card requesting streets improvements and more homeless shelters.
27. Argelia Garcia submitted a comment card expressing support for the Pueblo's Budget five demands.
28. Glina Martinez submitted a comment card requesting streets maintenance.
29. Humberto Morales expressed support for the Pueblo's Budget five demands and requested more homeless shelters.
30. Tomcesa Coconi submitted a comment card requesting school, park, and street safety.
31. Marta Hurtado submitted a comment card requesting more clean public bathrooms available 24/7 in parks.
32. Guadalupe Ramirez submitted a comment card requesting more clean public bathrooms available 24/7 in parks.
33. Blanca Thanez submitted a comment card expressing support for the Pueblo's Budget five demands, affordable electricity, and safe neighborhoods.
34. Natiridad Moreno submitted a comment card expressing support for the Pueblo's Budget five demands and emphasized parks improvements and free public transportation.

35. Jorge Gonzalez expressed support for the Pueblo's Budget five demands and requested more homeless solutions.
36. Yolando Torres expressed support for community resources that help adults and children develop their skills, free access to Wi-Fi, and places for children to do activities outside of their home.
37. Teodora Mejia Gaspar expressed support for the Pueblo's Budget five demands, streets maintenance, and mental health resources.
38. Lesley Chavez submitted a comment card expressing support for the Pueblo's Budget five demands and emphasized home weatherization program expansion and free public transportation.
39. Gloria Guadalupe Vazquez submitted a comment card expressing support for the Pueblo's Budget five demands and emphasized the need for more bathrooms available 24/7.
40. Irma Morales Pacheco expressed concern over the housing crisis, advocated for a housing program that is more accessible for the working class, and expressed support for free and more efficient public transit.

Councilwoman Guardado thanked the public for their comments and noted comment cards would be documented by City staff.

Councilwoman Guardado adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Vermeer
Management Fellow

**SUMMARY MINUTES
COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARINGS
COUNCIL DISTRICT 7
DESERT WEST ACTIVITY CENTER
APRIL 11, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.**

Deputy City Manager Mario Paniagua opened the community budget hearing at 8:30 a.m. by welcoming those in attendance and thanking them for their participation. Mr. Paniagua introduced the Spanish interpreter who briefly introduced herself and provided instructions for anyone needing interpretation.

Mr. Paniagua emphasized the importance of the budget hearings as the proposed budget is developed and encouraged attendees to complete comment cards.

Mr. Paniagua introduced Vice Mayor Yassamin Ansari who thanked the public for attending and participating in the budget process. Vice Mayor Ansari shared highlights in the successes and upcoming projects in District 7.

1. Rebecca Perrera spoke in support of employee compensation, homeless services outreach, community engagement positions, a Parks volunteer coordinator position, and third shift park rangers. Ms. Perrera also requested development of Rogers Ranch Park in Laveen to be added in the five-year CIP.
2. Craig Tribken requested \$250,000 in funding for the Phoenix Day early childhood education center and shelter for the homeless.
3. Sammy Quema requested funding for safe alleys with lighting and fencing in the M.C. Cash neighborhood and addressing drug activity. They also requested assistance for City of Phoenix retirees with medical-related expenses.
4. Blanca Abarca requested more bilingual public hearings and hearings outside of business hours. Ms. Abarca discussed public health and safety concerns in the Latino community. She also requested programs targeting drug use and crime prevention, free WiFi, free public transit, a hospital, and a Fire Station in south Phoenix.
5. Isabel Garcia expressed support for free WiFi, public transit, expanded home weatherization efforts, public bathrooms available 24/7, and improvements to playground equipment at Sueño Park. Ms. Garcia also requested budget hearings scheduled after business hours.
6. Jennifer Rouse requested additional funding for public safety, Rogers Ranch Park, gated alleys in the M.C. Cash neighborhood, free public transit, hybrid budget hearings, and additional full-time City of Phoenix employees.

7. Annie Eldon requested \$1 million to protect and enhance bicycle lanes. Ms. Eldon also requested a program to ticket and fine motorists illegally parked in bike lanes and virtual or hybrid budget meetings.
8. Lisa Perez expressed support for employee compensation and improved infrastructure, such as restaurants, city services, and community centers. She also expressed support for hybrid and virtual budget hearings and additional police officers, including support for officers.

Vice Mayor Ansari thanked the public for their comments and noted her commitment to taxpayers.

Vice Mayor Ansari adjourned the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Chavez
Administrative Secretary

**SUMMARY MINUTES
COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARINGS
COMMUNITY-WIDE HEARING (VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON)
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
APRIL 11, 2023 at 5:30 PM**

Deputy City Manager Mario Paniagua opened the community budget hearing at 5:31 p.m. by welcoming those in attendance and thanking them for their participation. Mr. Paniagua introduced the Spanish interpreter who briefly introduced himself.

Mr. Paniagua emphasized the importance of the budget hearings as the proposed budget was developed and encouraged attendees to sign up to speak.

1. Annie Eldon expressed disappointment that no council members attended the meeting and asked for their participation at future virtual budget hearings. Ms. Eldon requested funding for protected bike lanes and a program to ticket and fine motorists illegally parked in bike lanes. She also expressed support for permanent virtual or hybrid budget and community meetings.

Mr. Paniagua emphasized Ms. Eldon's comments would be shared with all the Council members and that Councilwoman Stark was watching the budget hearing live.

2. Carmen Terrell spoke against park security, stating the funds could be better spent elsewhere. Ms. Terrell questioned funding levels for Police and the quality of their service. She expressed concern for people being mistreated related to homelessness and mobile home parks. Ms. Terrell suggested the addition of summer youth programs at City recreation centers, more money spent on streets, decreased wait time for buses, and the purchase and conversion of abandoned and vacant corporate properties to accommodate low-income and homeless residents.
3. Ed Hermes noted his appreciation for the virtual budget hearing. Mr. Hermes requested improvement in the frequency of light rail trains and buses. He also spoke in favor of integrated protected bike lanes, structural improvements to parks, specifically Steele Indian School Park, more funding for sidewalks, ticketing people blocking bike lanes and sidewalks, expanded after school and summer school programs, and increasing the accessibility of preschool.
4. Michael Ruiz requested expansion of the weatherization assistance program for low-income families.
5. Dan Penton expressed support for virtual meetings. Mr. Penton requested funding for transportation improvements to the Baseline Corridor, including biking, walking, public transportation, and safe crossings. He also spoke in

support of the pay initiative for City employees and after school programs. Mr. Penton suggested addressing City staffing shortages by implementing curriculum specific to City positions and adding internship opportunities. He also spoke in favor of ticketing people for parking in bike lanes and on multiuse trails and suggested adding an advisory in construction zones warning of the potential exposure to valley fever.

6. Max Clark requested additional funding for bicycle infrastructure. Mr. Clark also requested funding for paving and lighting of canals, additional traffic signals, and a small street sweeper and a crew to sweep protected bike lanes.

Mr. Paniagua thanked everyone for attending the virtual hearing and making comments and thanked Councilwoman Stark for attending virtually. He adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Obal
Senior Budget and Research Analyst

**SUMMARY MINUTES
COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING
CITYWIDE - YOUTH
CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
APRIL 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**

Assistant City Manager Lori Bays opened the community budget hearing at 6:01 p.m., welcoming those in attendance and thanking Central High School for the use of the facility.

Ms. Bays introduced the Spanish language interpreter who introduced herself and provided instructions for anyone needing interpretation. Ms. Bays commented on the importance of the budget hearings on the development of the fiscal year 2023-24 proposed budget.

Councilmember Laura Pastor welcomed everyone to the hearing. Vice Mayor Yassamin Ansari provided introductory remarks. Following the video, Ms. Bays opened the hearing to public comments:

1. John Walker expressed support for more funding for bike infrastructure such as physically separated, protected bike lanes. He expressed his thanks for recent city work on bike infrastructure and renovations on Third Street.
2. Jeremy Thacker expressed support for eliminating municipal golf to conserve water and use the land for alternative uses that would serve more residents such as additional parks or affordable housing. He also suggested the City Open Checkbook show more financial transactions and data tied to related city ordinances.

Ms. Bays thanked the public and staff for attending and reiterated the options for public comment.

Ms. Bays adjourned the hearing at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Genevieve Siri
Budget and Research Analyst

ATTACHMENT B

VOICEMAIL, ELECTRONIC, AND WRITTEN BUDGET COMMENTS RESPONDED TO April 8, 2023 – April 14, 2023, AND SOCIAL MEDIA STATISTICS

Emails

1. Abhinav Bansal sent an email in support of funding to create cricket pitches at Sereno Park, Buffalo Ridge Park, Turtle Rock Basin Park, and Sandpiper Park.
2. Azad Kumar sent an email in support of funding to create cricket pitches at Sereno Park, Buffalo Ridge Park, Turtle Rock Basin Park, and Sandpiper Park.
3. Pavan I. sent an email in support of funding to create cricket pitches at Sereno Park, Buffalo Ridge Park, Turtle Rock Basin Park, and Sandpiper Park.
4. Vinay sent an email in support of funding to create cricket pitches at Sereno Park, Buffalo Ridge Park, Turtle Rock Basin Park, and Sandpiper Park.
5. Ivtej Bakshi sent an email in support of funding to create cricket pitches at Sereno Park, Buffalo Ridge Park, Turtle Rock Basin Park, and Sandpiper Park.
6. Sudhaker sent an email in support of funding to create cricket pitches at Sereno Park, Buffalo Ridge Park, Turtle Rock Basin Park, and Sandpiper Park.
7. Sam Vargas sent an email in support of allocating funds for a Laveen Police Station or substation.
8. Christopher Foundas sent an email in support of allocating additional funds for affordable housing, support for individuals in crisis, and societal protection to prevent the root cause of crime, vandalism, and early mortality in vulnerable populations.
9. The Coalition of East Phoenix sent an email in support of funding to establish a 24/7 phone number to a Park Ranger Supervisor in flatland parks for park visitors needing assistance, create solutions for the different levels of homelessness, and returning homeless court to Phoenix. The Coalition of East Phoenix would also like to reduce Community Bridges, Inc. (CBI's) outreach funding and instead allocate those funds to Human Services and Neighborhood Services outreach teams.
10. James Kucharski sent an email in support of additional funding to develop Roger's Ranch Park, clean-up the Laveen Area Conveyance Channel (LACC), additional Park Rangers, and to address the homeless issue on 51st Avenue and Baseline Road.
11. Sheila Lancelotta sent an email in support of additional funding to develop Roger's Ranch Park, additional Park Rangers, Park Community Coordinators, and additional homeless solutions.

12. Rae Boileau sent an email in support of additional funding to develop Roger's Ranch Park.
13. Kassey Maldag sent an email in support of additional funding to develop Roger's Ranch Park.
14. Matthew Rysdyk sent an email in support of additional funding to develop Roger's Ranch Park.
15. Pablo sent an email in support of additional funding to develop Roger's Ranch Park, Desert Meadows Neighborhood Park, and Paseo Point Park (Samantha Avenue).
16. Rebecca Perrera sent an email in support of additional funding in the FY2024 City budget and 5-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to develop Roger's Ranch Park. Ms. Perrera would also like to see funding allocated to employee compensation, Homelessness Services Outreach and Community Engagement Positions, Parks Volunteer Coordinator Position and third shift Park Rangers.
17. Emily Byrne sent an email in support of additional funding to install additional "healthy giving" signs in the areas of 7th Street and Bell Road and Greenway Parkway. Ms. Byrne would also like additional funds allocated to help with the growing homelessness issue.
18. Vicki Anderson sent an email in support of additional funding to build the pedestrian bridge and bike path from Lincoln Street to the Rio Salado Bridge on Third Street and provide shade on this pedestrian bridge using green infrastructure that is sustainable.
19. Ruth Fellenz sent an email in support of additional funding allocated to the Gated Alley Program, posting additional "Kind Donation" signs, a pedestrian bridge connecting Metro Center to Lake Biltmore, develop a community park in Lake Biltmore, relocate Community Medical Services (CMS) to an industrial area, and install police surveillance cameras at Cactus Road, 28th Drive and I-17. Ms. Fellenz would also like to temporarily divert funds allocated for unfilled police salaries to provide private security in the I-17 corridor, specifically Cactus Road and 29th Avenue to I-17.
20. Tempe Bicycle Action Group has sent a letter in support of funding allocated for bike lane infrastructure and safety. The letter is attached.

Voicemails

There have been no new voicemails since March 9, 2023.

Social media stats from March 20, 2023, to April 14, 2023, are as follows:

38 City of Phoenix Facebook Posts

- 3,647 views
- 130 likes/reactions
- 37 shares
- 61 comments

61 City of Phoenix Tweets (across three City accounts, including the City's bilingual account) posts

- 16,123 views/impressions
- 86 likes
- 17 comments
- 42 retweets

10 City of Phoenix YouTube Videos (live budget hearings)

- 1,217 views
- 2 comments

One City of Phoenix TikTok post

- 16 likes
- 2 reposts
- 411 views

Respectfully submitted,

Kari Lambert
Administrative Assistant I



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Tempe Bicycle Action Group

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To: Budget.Research@phoenix.gov

Dear City Manager Jeff Barton,
Budget & Research Director Amber Williamson,
and the rest of the budget team,

Tempe Bicycle Action Group has members throughout the Valley of the Sun; from Anthem to Ahwatukee and from Avondale to Apache Junction, we ride our bicycles almost everywhere. We ask you to support bicycling in Phoenix by funding these capital improvement projects:

1) Allocate at least \$1 million in funding for bike lanes on 3rd Street from Lincoln to Washington, and from Washington to Roosevelt. These are two different projects that should be built together as their combined length is one mile. Phoenix received a huge federal grant to build the Rio Salado 3rd Street Bridge with a path from the Rio Salado to Lincoln Street. It would look poorly on Phoenix to have a brand new bridge and path that is disconnected from other parts of downtown like Jackson Street and the Convention Center. Please show the United States Department of Transportation that Phoenix is worthy of this award, and that it has the commitment to build nearby pathways that are also sustainable and equitable. Please do the necessary work to build bike lanes on 3rd Street from Lincoln to Roosevelt.

2) There are many miles of canals that need paving and lighting. Thank you for the recent design and beginning of construction on the Grand Canal in Council District 5; now we ask that you allocate at least \$1 million to design and build the Grand Canal multi-use path on the west side of Council District 4 from 27th Ave to 47th Ave.

3) Another canal path that needs attention is the Western Canal from 24th Street to 48th Street. When the Broadway Curve ADOT project is completed, there will be a new pedestrian bridge and path to Tempe and Arizona Mills mall on the Western Canal east of 48th Street. We will need traffic signals on the Western Canal at 48th Street, 40th Street and 32nd Street to safely connect south Phoenix residents to Tempe. Please allocate at least \$1 million to complete this project, and do the equitable and safe thing for District 8.

4) Allocate at least \$1 million in funding for a small street sweeper and crew for newly constructed and future protected bike lanes. As far as we know, the bike lanes on 15th Ave south of Van Buren to Jefferson have never been swept or maintained and are now quite ugly and unattractive. Is this the fate of the new protected bike lanes on 3rd Ave from Roosevelt to McDowell, and eventually, McDowell to Thomas?

Thank you for your service to the residents of Phoenix. Designating more budget toward protected bike lanes and signalized intersections will create a safer environment for the community and save lives. We hope you will take all of this into consideration.



Steven Gerner
President, Tempe Bicycle Action Group

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City of Phoenix

FundPHX Report 2023-24 City Manager's Trial Budget

Executive Summary

FundPHX is an online budget tool designed to educate and engage the public in the city's annual budget process. The tool gives residents an opportunity to balance the city's \$134 million General Fund surplus, provide feedback on current funding levels and share community priorities with city staff.

The FundPHX report is organized by City Council district and includes submissions and comments from March 30 - April 11. Each report includes the total number of submissions received, either the average submission per district or the percentage of "yes" or "no" submissions as applicable for each proposed item included in this year's trial budget, and all comments received. Comments received via FundPHX are also responded to by Budget and Research staff as appropriate. Submissions were received from Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. No submissions were received from Districts 2 and 8.

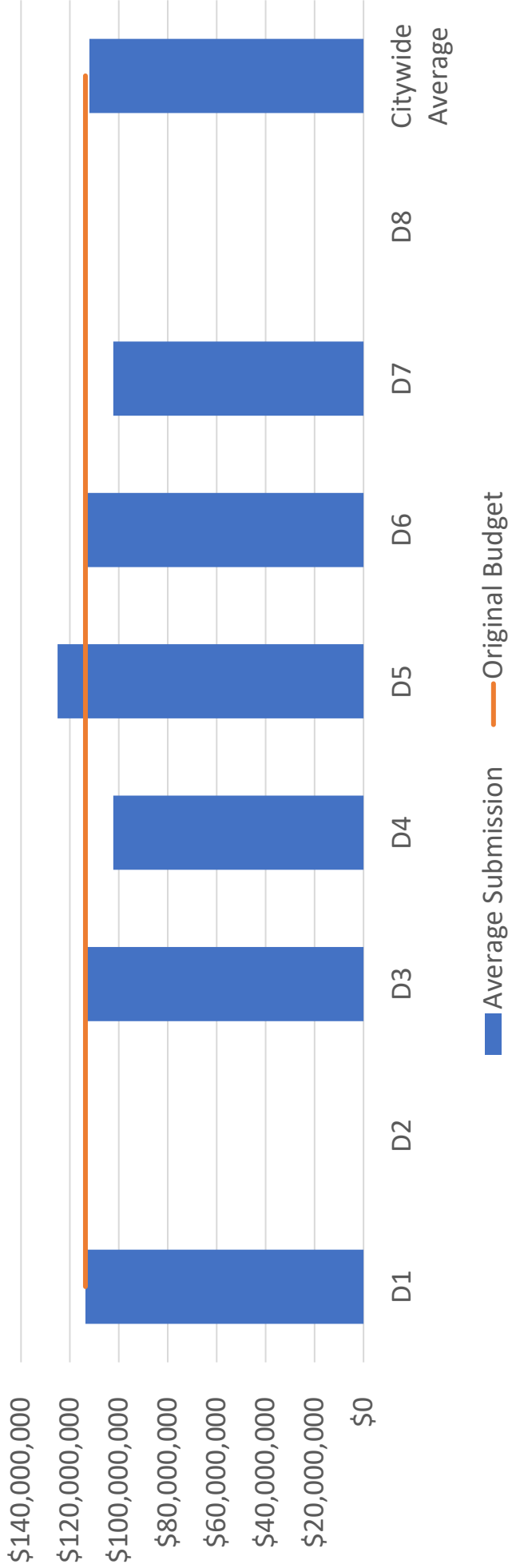
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Non-Departmental Set-Asides – Employee Compensation

The City is experiencing significant vacancies across all departments due to the competitive labor market. Approximately 85 percent of the \$134 million surplus is proposed for employee compensation to ensure the City can attract and retain the best talent.



Employee Compensation

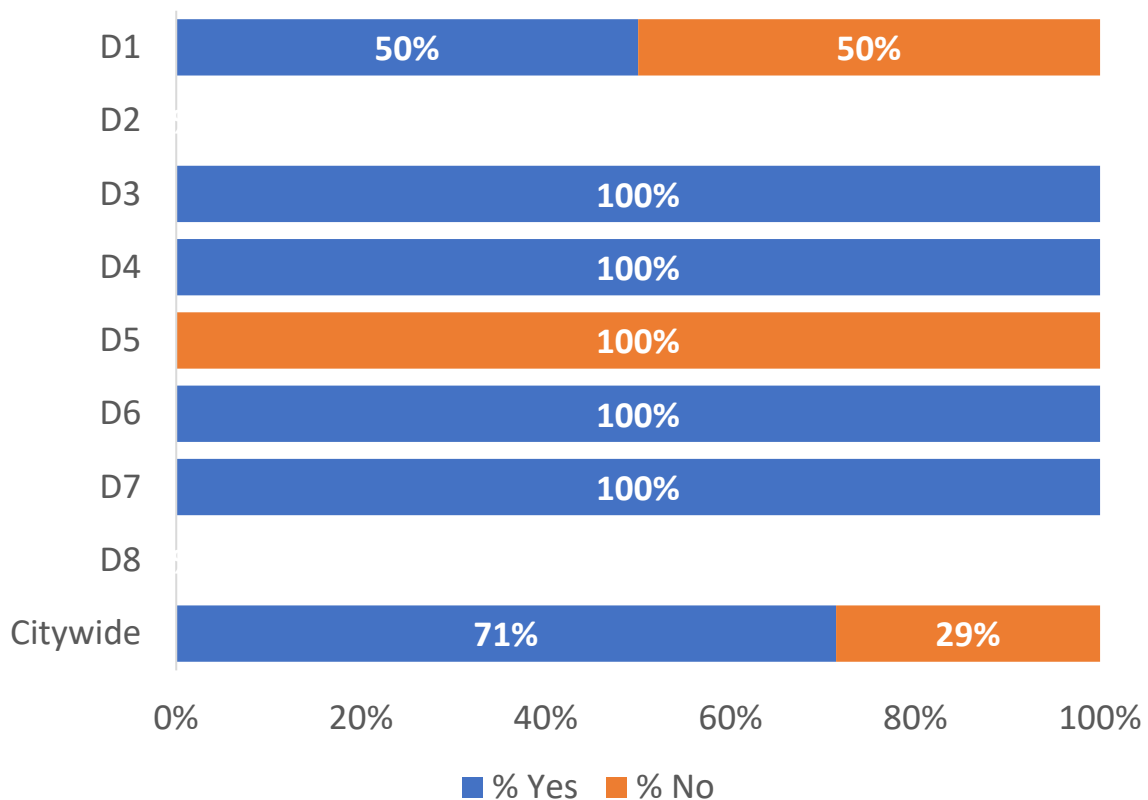
Comments:

1. Nicole Dizon (District 6) expressed support for increasing compensation for City of Phoenix employees to ensure the organization can pay competitive wages. Ms. Dizon also stressed the importance of giving higher raises for harder to fill positions that impact city residents, referencing delayed bulk trash collection and delays in resolution when reporting a problem to the myPHX311 application.

Continuity of Services for Vulnerable Populations

Human Services – Client Services: \$500,000

Add funding to compensate for the loss of Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funding from the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES). Administrative changes in the DES funding process have resulted in a loss of revenue to the City's program. This anticipated reduction will negatively impact the City's ability to adequately staff the LIHEAP program, resulting in reduced levels of service to residents qualifying for home energy assistance. The addition helps ensure continued service.

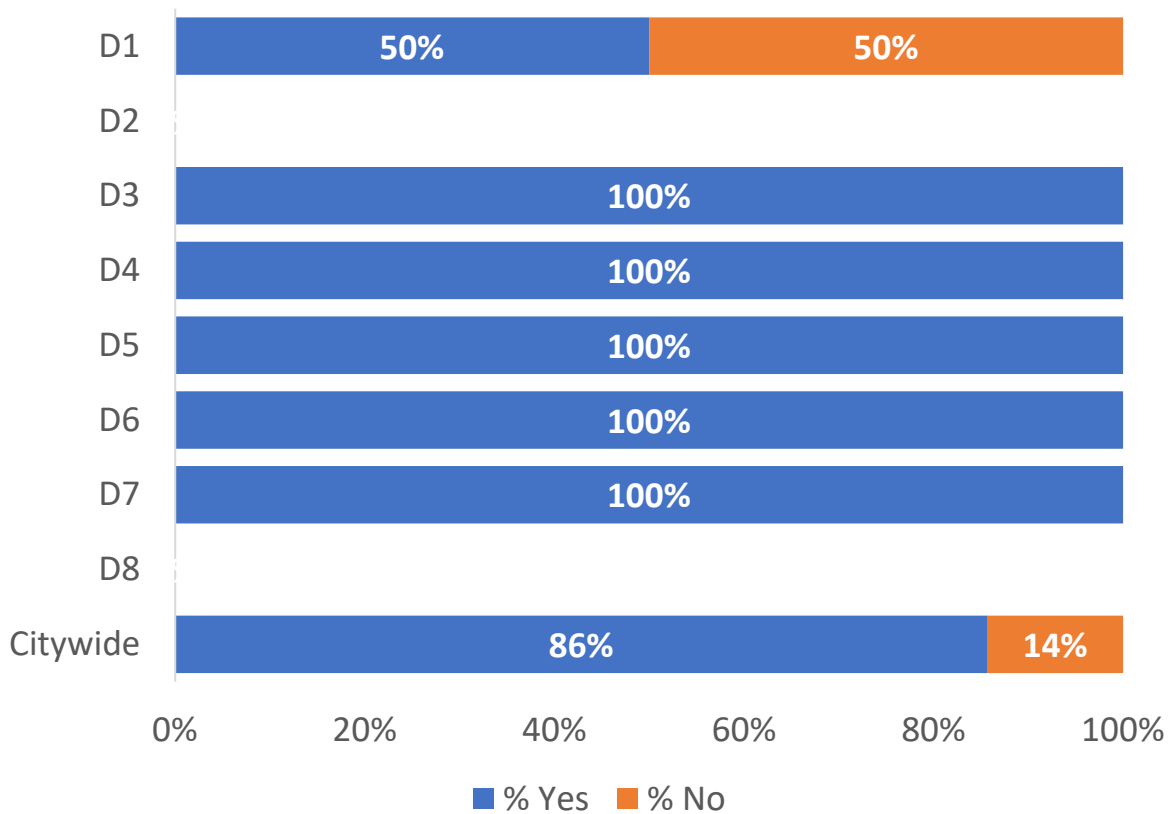


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Continuity of Services for Vulnerable Populations

Human Services – Victim Advocacy Services: \$450,000

Add funding to offset expiring Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funding. These funds will enhance the department's ability to provide domestic violence and sexual assault referrals, reducing caseloads, preventing case backlogs, and maintaining adequate response times.

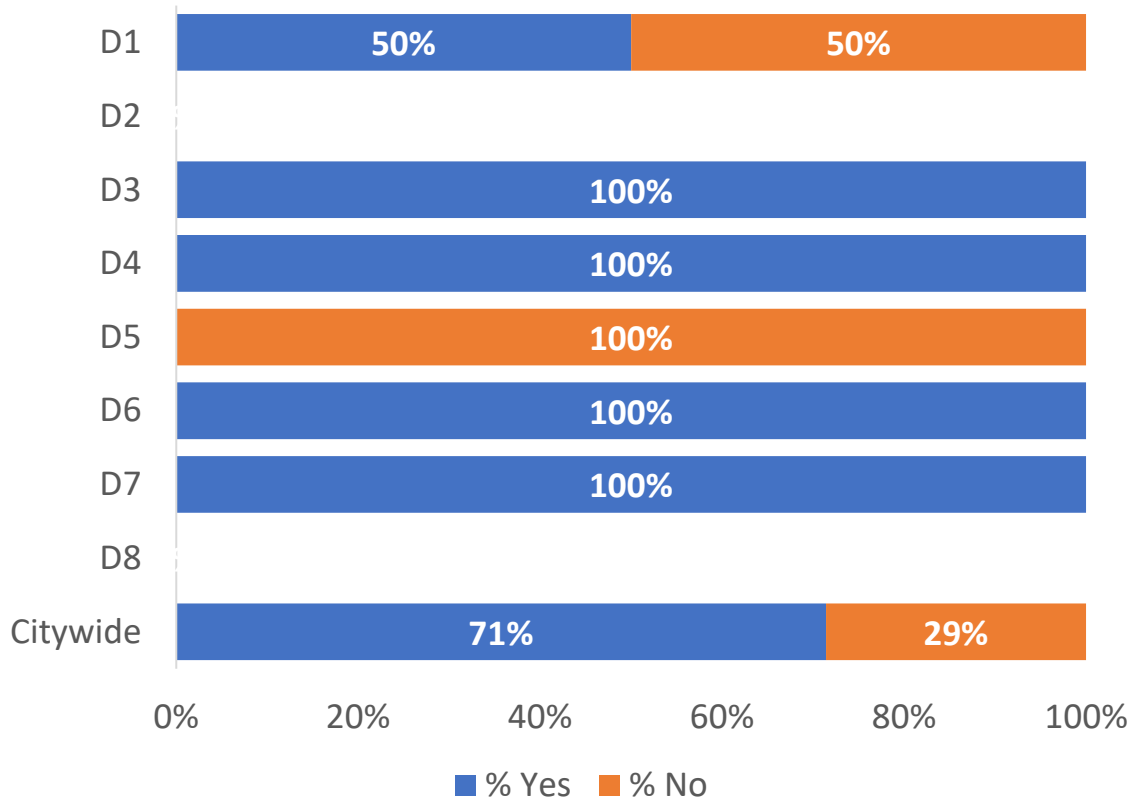


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Continuity of Services for Vulnerable Populations

Human Services – Homeless Outreach Services: \$600,000

Add funding to expand the department's Behavioral Health Engagement Teams (BET) contract. BET teams provide outreach to specific and targeted areas of the city that are experiencing high instances of substance abuse and behavioral health issues, which may contribute to people experiencing homelessness.

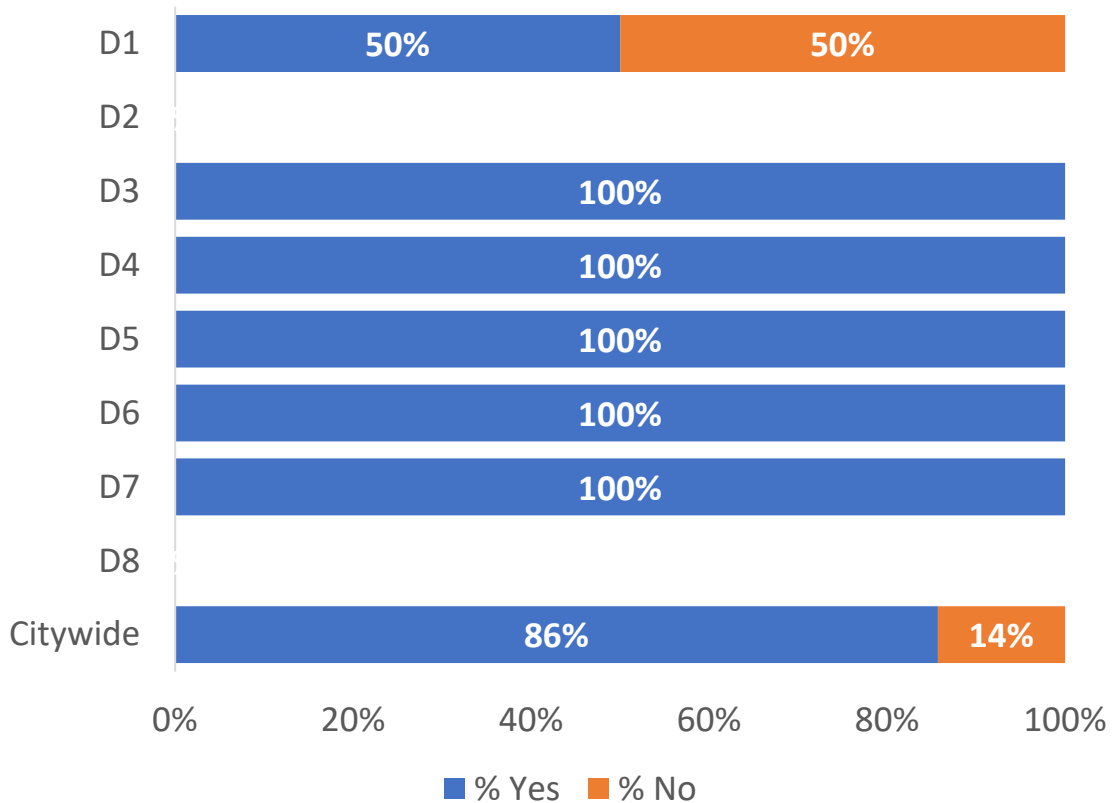


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Continuity of Services for Vulnerable Populations

Human Services – Homeless Community Engagement: \$600,000

Add funding to expand the department's PHX CARES Outreach Teams contract. The expansion will dedicate teams to hot spots throughout the city where there are high concentrations of encampments. The teams will provide outreach from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m., seven days per week, with the goal of reducing people experiencing homelessness.

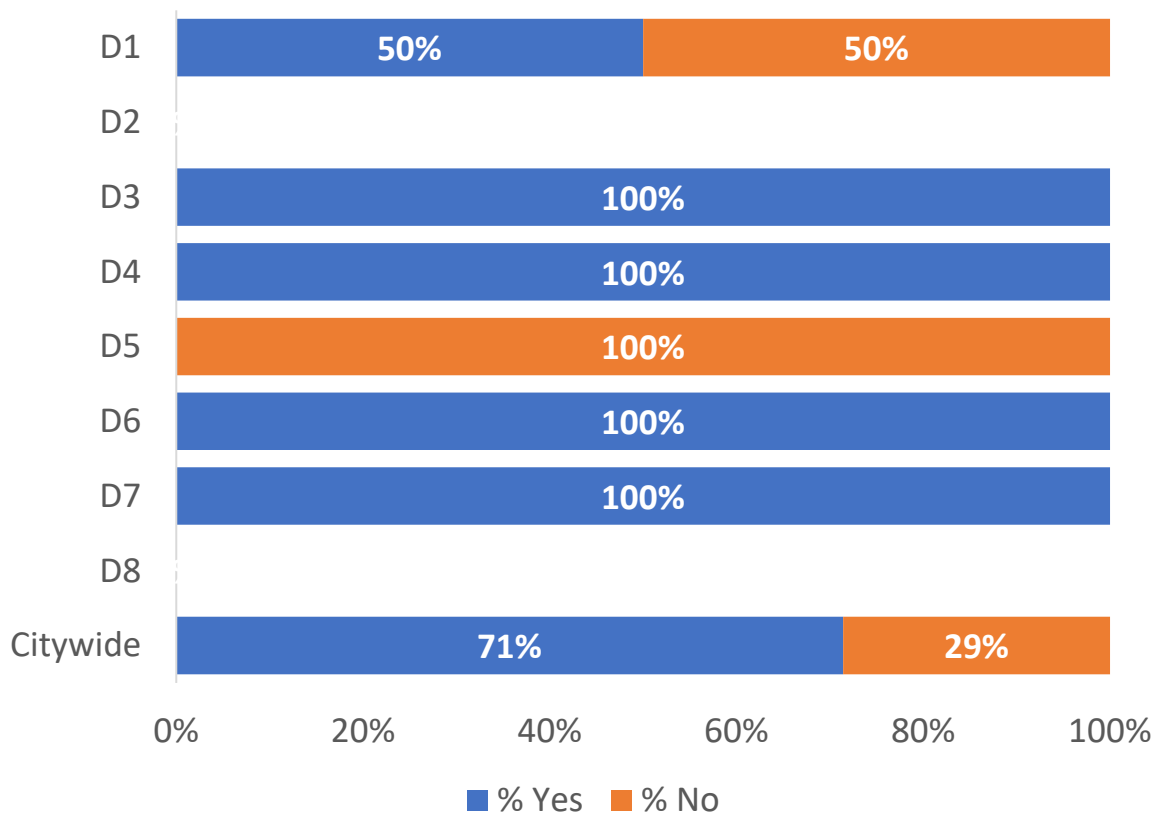


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Continuity of Services for Vulnerable Populations

Human Services – Homeless Emergency Services: \$5,200,000

Add funding needed to continue emergency services for shelter operations throughout the city serving individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness.



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Continuity of Services for Vulnerable Populations

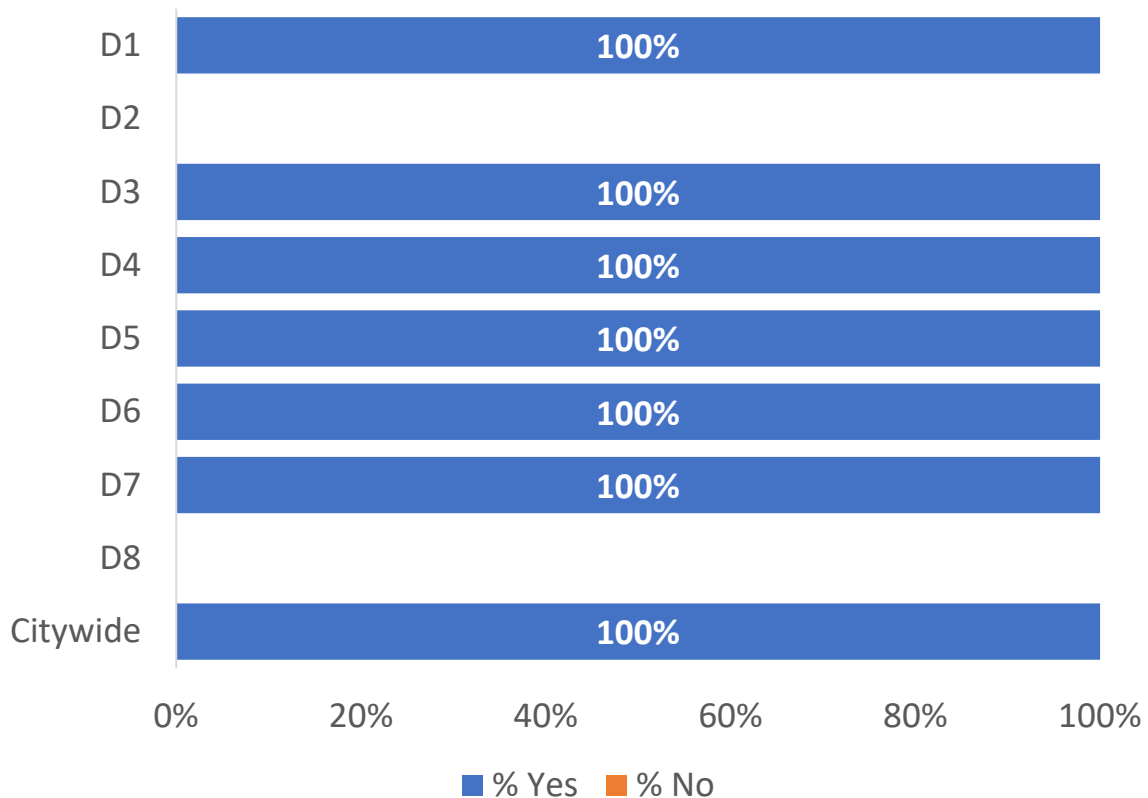
Comments:

1. Aland Kuang (District 1) expressed support for additional funding to expand the department's PHX CARES Outreach Teams contract. The expansion will dedicate teams to hot spots throughout the city where there are high concentrations of encampments. The teams will provide outreach from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m., seven days per week, with the goal of reducing people experiencing homelessness. Mr. Kuang would like the City to track its performance for Homeless Community Engagement to measure that it is delivering value. Mr. Kuang supports additional funding to offset expiring Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funding. He would like to know how these positions would be held accountable.
2. Nicole Dizon (District 6) expressed support for the Homeless Emergency Services initiative and requested accountability measures be implemented in the process. She mentioned that the number of unsheltered homeless continues to rise and the City cannot keep up with the number of shelter beds, so those experiencing homelessness are shuffling between parks, private property, public easements, and right of way.

Enhanced Public Safety Responsiveness and Criminal Justice Support

Fire – Emergency Medical Services and Hazardous Incident Response: \$2,000,000

Add funding for twenty-four sworn positions (four Fire Captains, four Fire Engineers, and sixteen Firefighters) to provide dedicated staffing for the new Fire Station 74, located at 19th Avenue and Chandler Boulevard. The Fire Department intends to hire personnel to staff this fire station beginning January 2024. The full-year ongoing cost will be \$3,796,000.

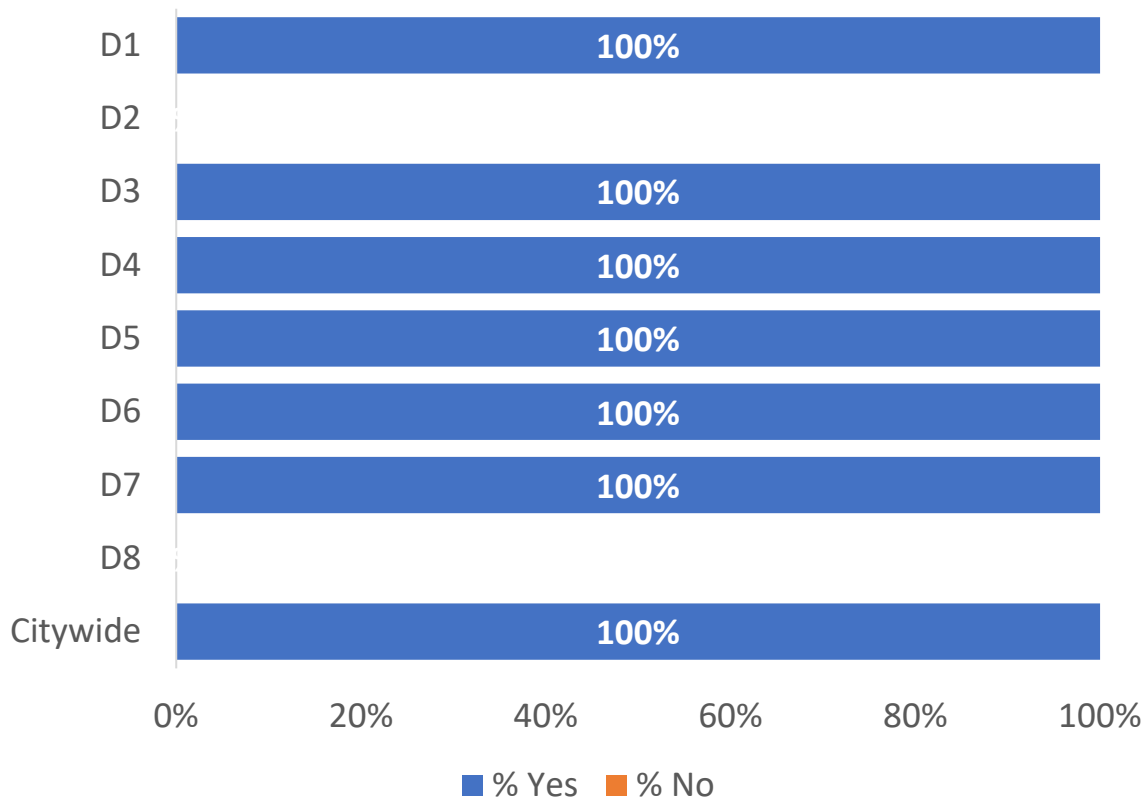


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Enhanced Public Safety Responsiveness and Criminal Justice Support

Fire – Emergency Medical Services and Hazardous Incident Response: \$1,400,000

Add funding for seven new sworn positions (Firefighters) and one new vehicle (ambulance) to provide dedicated staffing and apparatus for one new Rescue unit. These positions and equipment will significantly improve service delivery citywide. The full-year ongoing cost, excluding initial vehicle purchases, will be \$1,049,000.

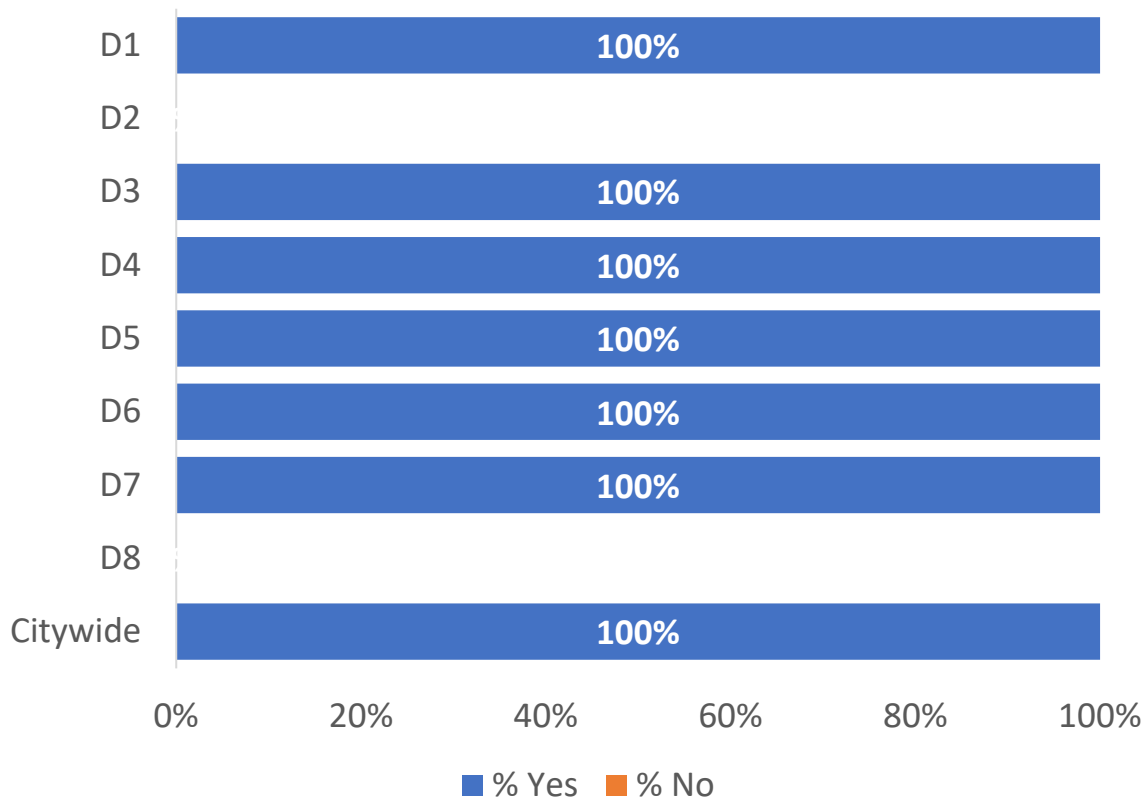


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Enhanced Public Safety Responsiveness and Criminal Justice Support

Fire – Administration: \$71,000

Add funding for a new Human Resources Aide position to support the processing of payroll and leave transactions for the Fire Department. This addition will reduce the number of transactions per employee to reduce human errors in the payroll process and ensure that employees are paid correctly. The full year ongoing cost, excluding initial equipment purchases, will be \$69,000.

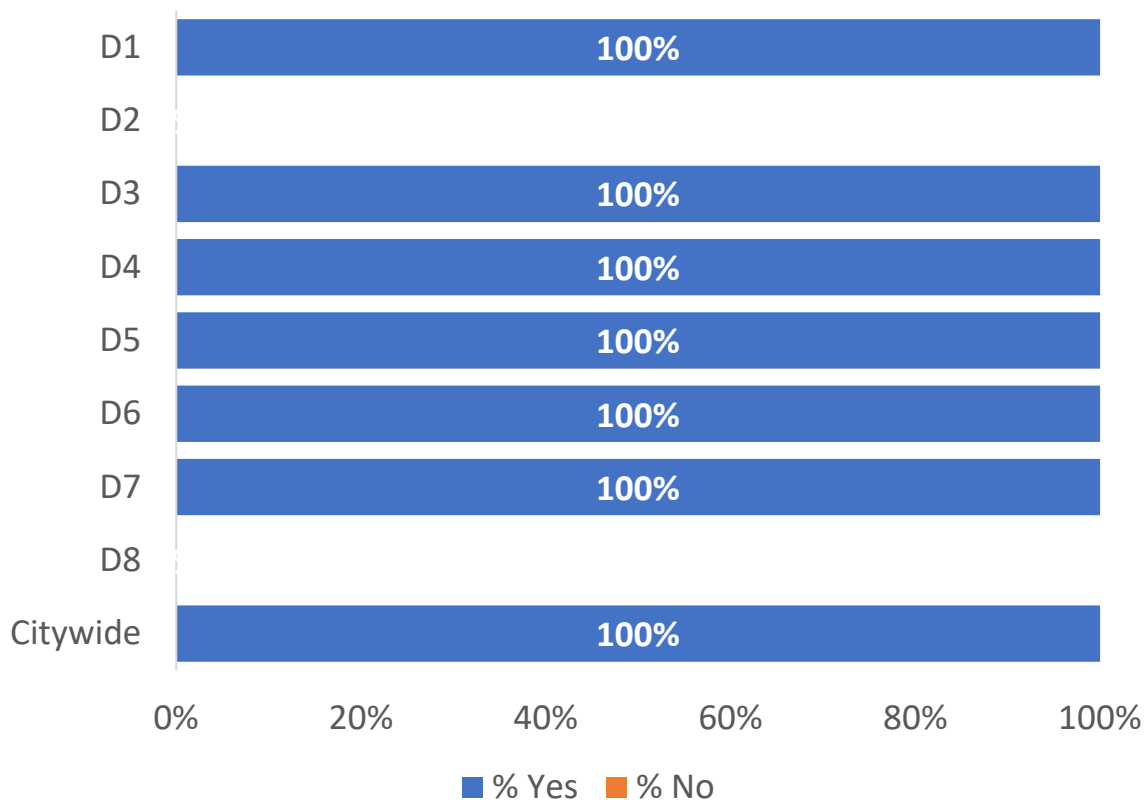


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Enhanced Public Safety Responsiveness and Criminal Justice Support

Law – Criminal Division – Victim Services Unit: \$344,000

Fund five Federal Victim of Crime Act Assistance (VOCA) Fund grant positions with General Funds. Grantees were informed funding will be reduced by 50-60% beginning fiscal year 2023-24. These positions provide services to victims and assistance to comply with mandated victims' rights. The full-year ongoing cost will be \$447,000.

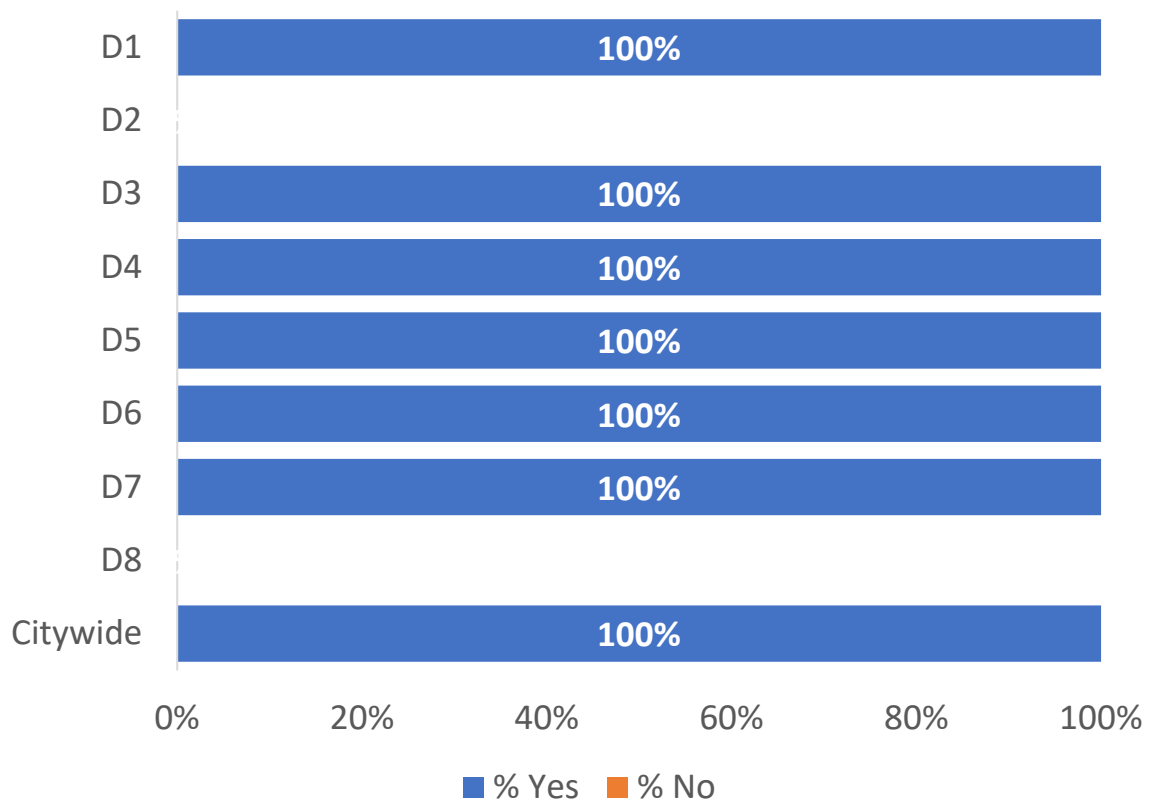


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Enhanced Public Safety Responsiveness and Criminal Justice Support

Law – Civil Division: \$0

Add four Management Assistant II and two Assistant City Attorney IV positions. Convert from temporary to ongoing status a Chief Assistant City Attorney, an Assistant Chief Counsel, a Management Assistant II, and a Special Projects Administrator. These positions are needed to facilitate and coordinate immediate and ongoing needs related to the Department of Justice investigation of the Phoenix Police Department. The cost of these positions will be offset with salary savings within the Police Department budget.

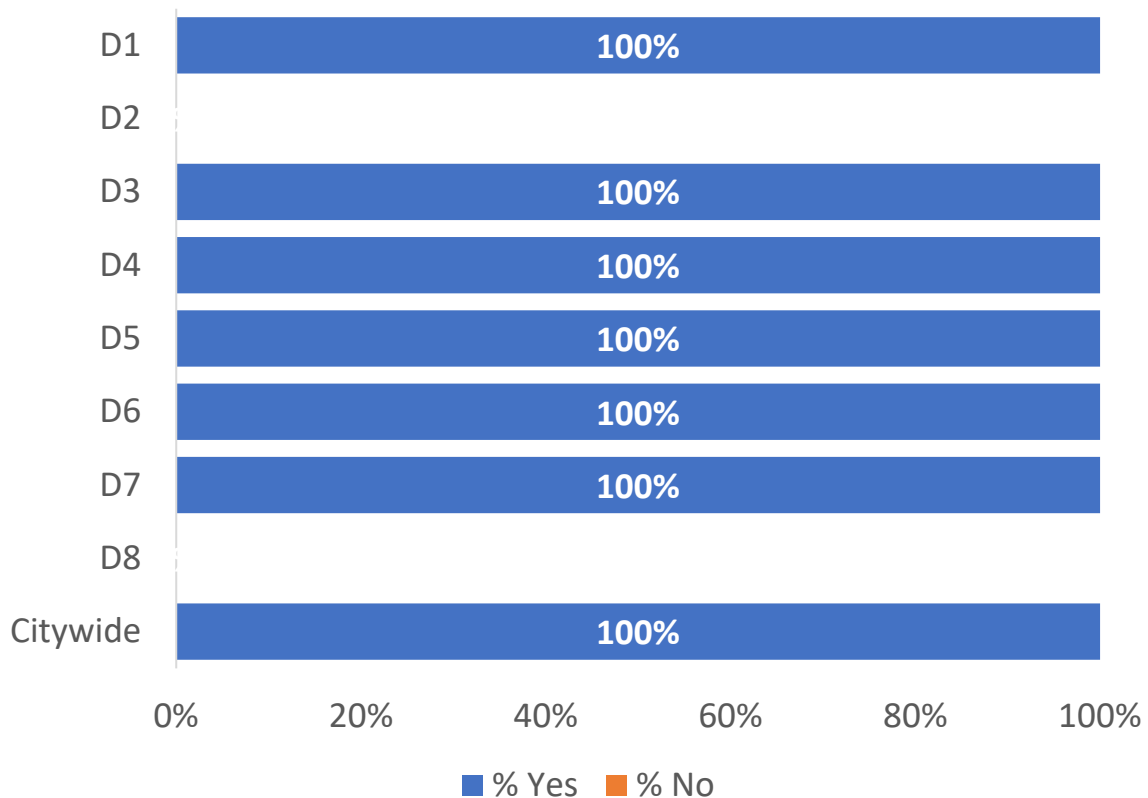


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Enhanced Public Safety Responsiveness and Criminal Justice Support

Police – Various (Item #1): \$0

Add funding for 20 Civilian Investigator positions and related equipment to support the department's ongoing civilianization efforts. These positions perform select investigative functions and enhance investigative capacity, provide staffing flexibility, and allow the department to use sworn staff where they are most needed. The full-year ongoing cost will be \$1,917,000; however, the cost for 2023-24 will be absorbed utilizing savings from vacant sworn positions.

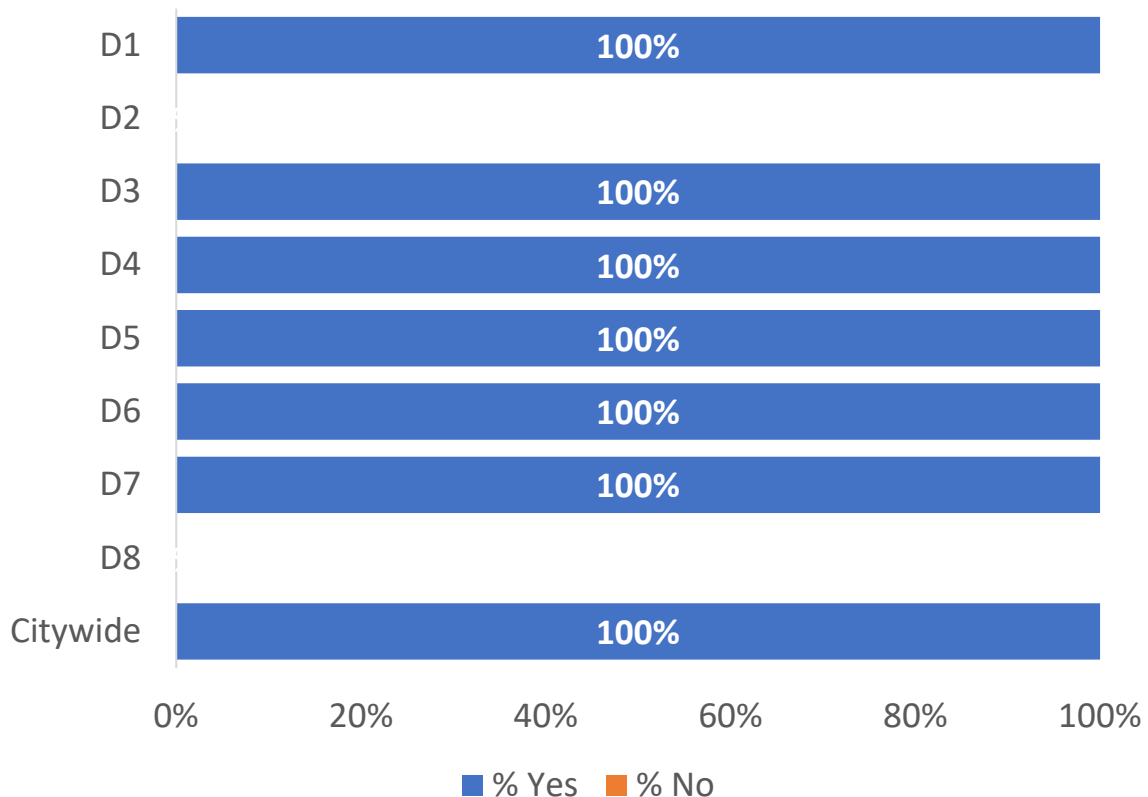


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Enhanced Public Safety Responsiveness and Criminal Justice Support

Police – Various (Item #2): \$0

Add funding for three Police Research Analyst positions and three Criminal Intelligence Analyst positions and related equipment to the Investigations and Patrol Divisions and the Compliance and Oversight Bureau as part of the department's ongoing civilianization efforts. These positions will provide key analytics and research work to support a variety of department efforts, including work with the Office of Accountability and Transparency and the Professional Standards Bureau addressing community concerns. The full-year ongoing cost will be \$575,000; however, the cost for 2023-24 will be absorbed utilizing savings from vacant sworn positions.

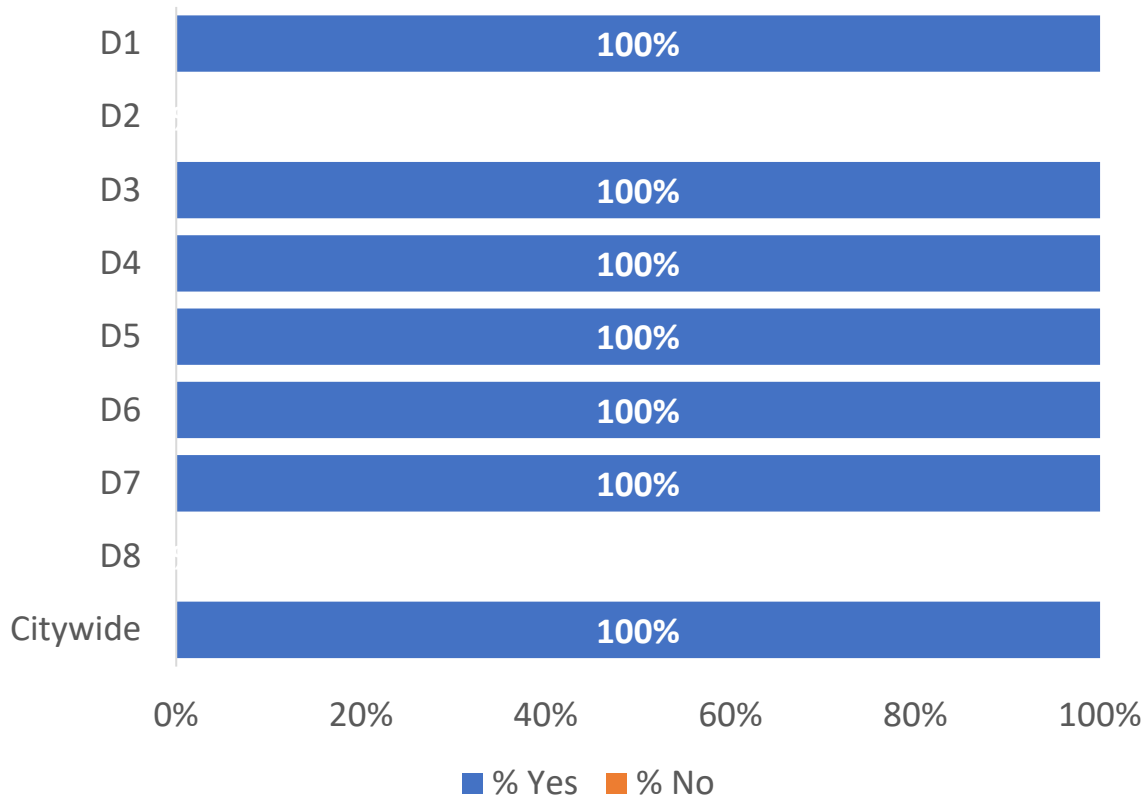


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Enhanced Public Safety Responsiveness and Criminal Justice Support

Police – Various (Item #3): \$0

Add funding for 10 Police Assistant positions, vehicles, and related equipment to the Patrol Division and Logistical Resources Bureau. The Police Department recently partnered with Arizona State University in a collaborative assessment of calls for service, resulting in the identification of four call types that could best be performed by Police Assistants. Among other tasks, these positions will ensure the integrity of chain of custody and preservation of property. The full-year ongoing cost will be \$680,000; however, the cost for 2023-24 will be absorbed utilizing savings from vacant sworn positions.

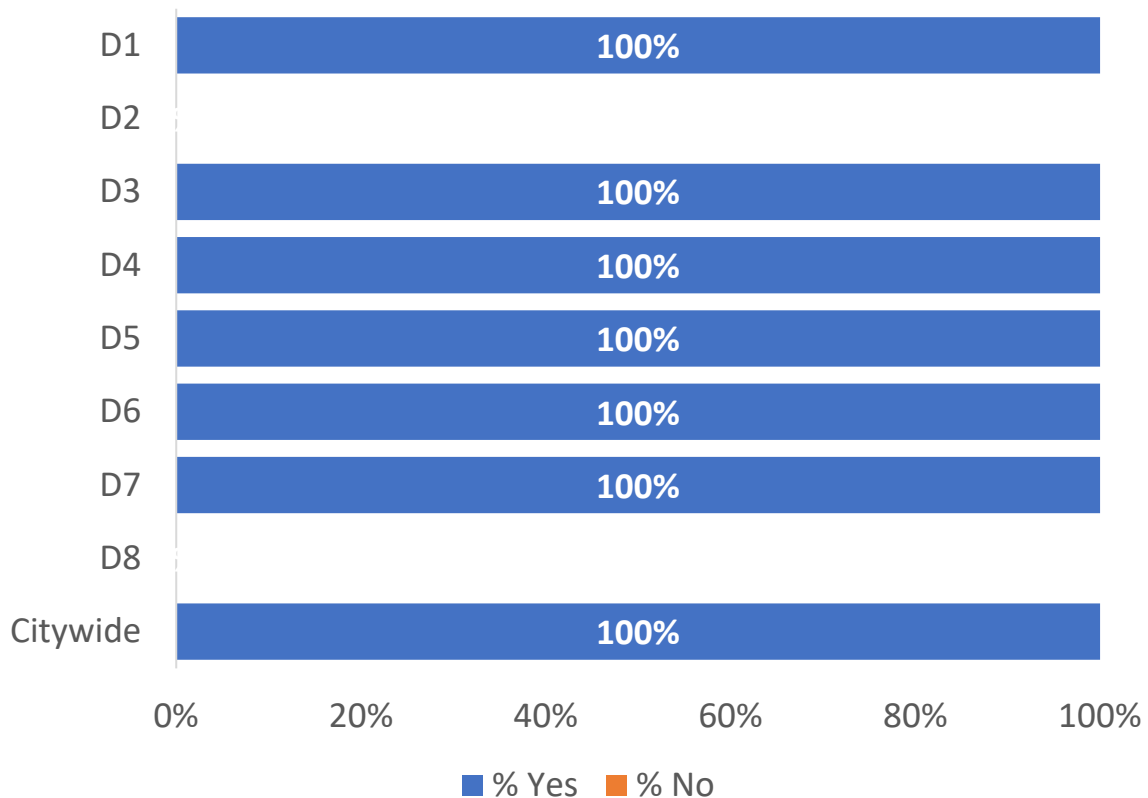


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Enhanced Public Safety Responsiveness and Criminal Justice Support

Police – Training Bureau: \$0

Training, ALEA & AZPOST: Add funding for four Civilian Curriculum and Training Coordinator positions working as Law Enforcement Training Specialists in the Training Bureau. These positions are needed to enhance training capacity, benefitting both new recruits and existing sworn staff. The full-year ongoing cost will be \$384,000; however, the cost for 2023-24 will be absorbed utilizing savings from vacant sworn positions.

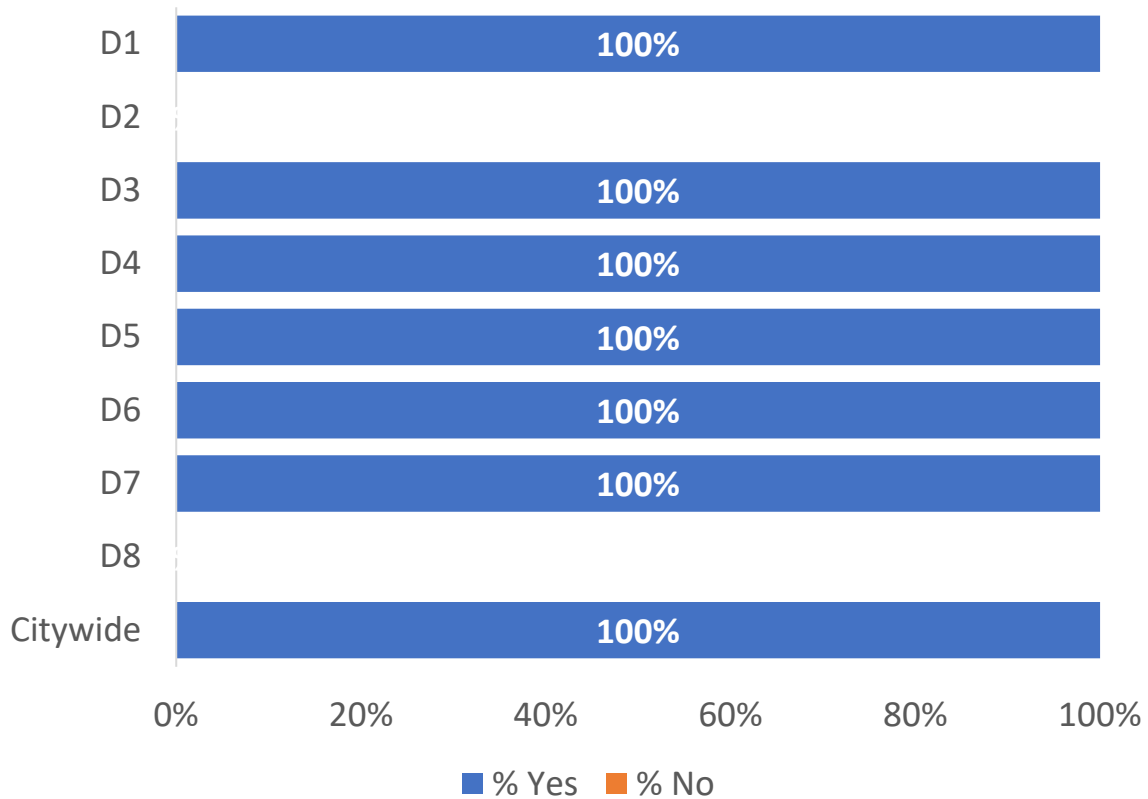


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Enhanced Public Safety Responsiveness and Criminal Justice Support

Police – Laboratory Bureau – Crime Scene Response/Crime Scene Suppression: \$0

Add funding for five Crime Scene Specialist II positions, vehicles, and related equipment in the Laboratory Services Bureau. These positions play a pivotal role in the investigative process and processing of crime scenes. Due to increased work volume, additional positions are needed to keep pace with national standards and best practices. The full-year ongoing cost will be \$381,000; however, the cost for 2023-24 will be absorbed utilizing savings from vacant sworn positions.



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Enhanced Public Safety Responsiveness and Criminal Justice Support

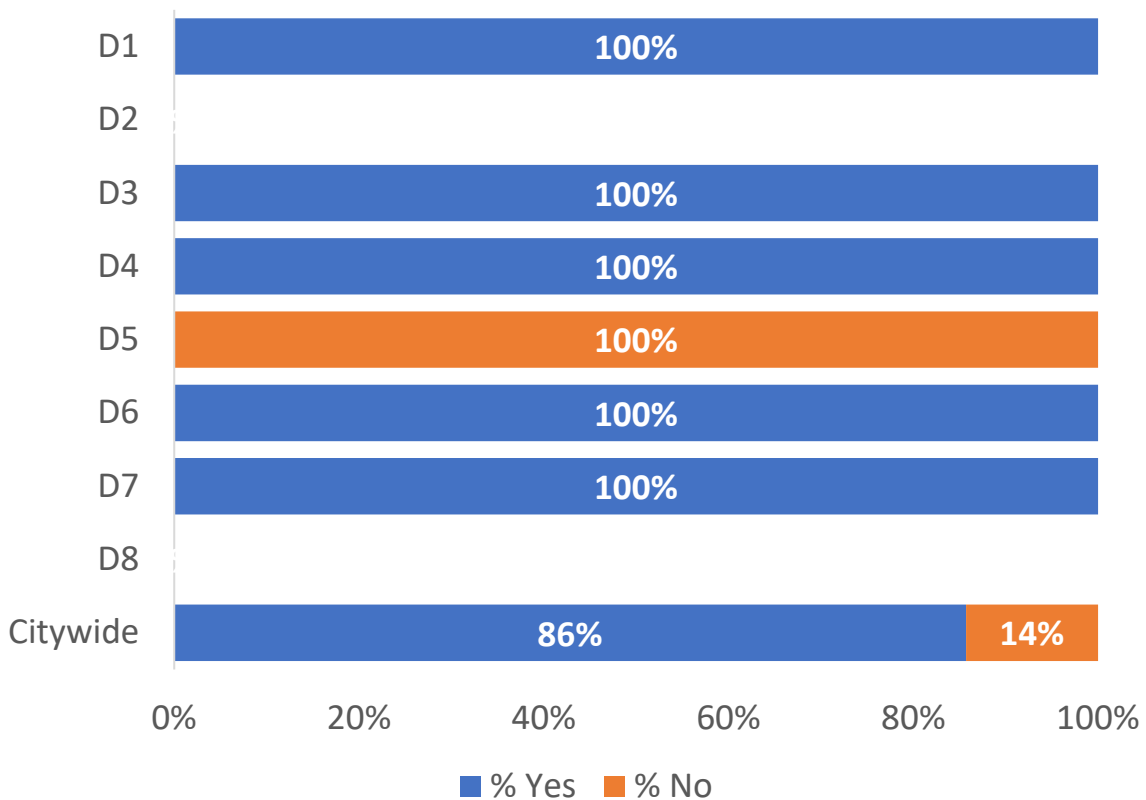
Comments:

No comments were submitted.

Healthy Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment

Library – Security: \$131,000

Convert two temporary Municipal Security Guard positions to ongoing status. These positions will provide ongoing security support to library patrons and ensure continuity of security coverage during all operating hours.

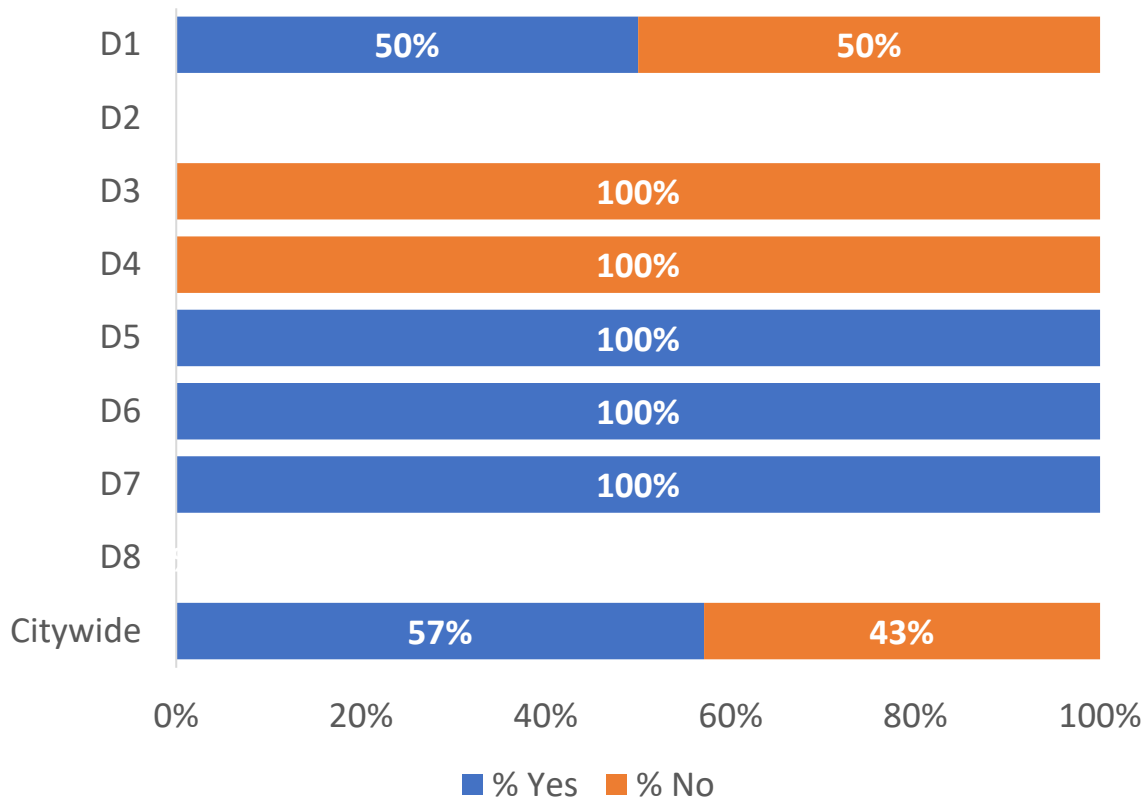


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Healthy Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment

Neighborhood Services – Targeted Neighborhood Revitalization Programs: \$352,000

Increase funding for the Gated Alley Program. In 2022-23, 45 gated alley segments are scheduled to be initiated, which will expend all current program funding. By increasing program funding, an additional 32 gated alley segments already approved will be able to be initiated. The ongoing funding will provide for approximately 77 gated alley segments per fiscal year.

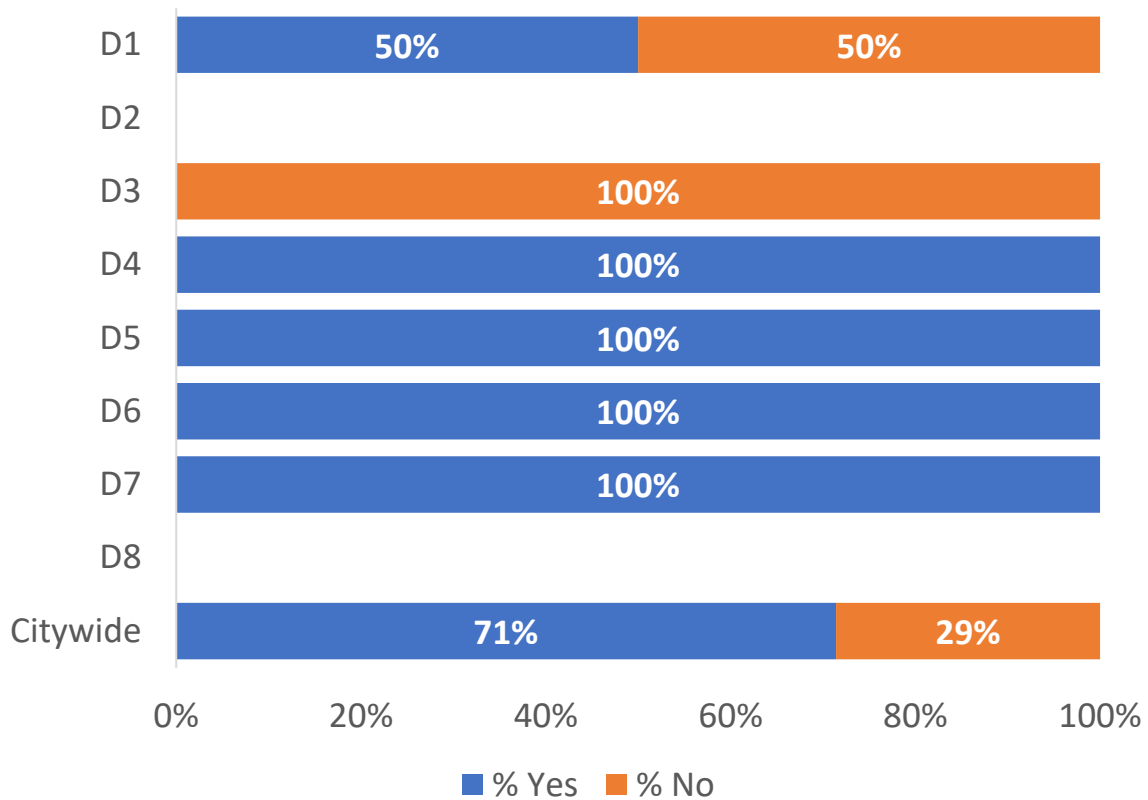


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Healthy Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment

Neighborhood Services – Code Compliance Program: \$219,000

Convert two grant-funded Neighborhood Inspector I positions to the General Fund. In 2009, ten positions were moved to Community Development Block Grant funding. Eight of these positions have already been restored to the General Fund. This transition will allow more grant-funded opportunities to low and moderate-income residents.

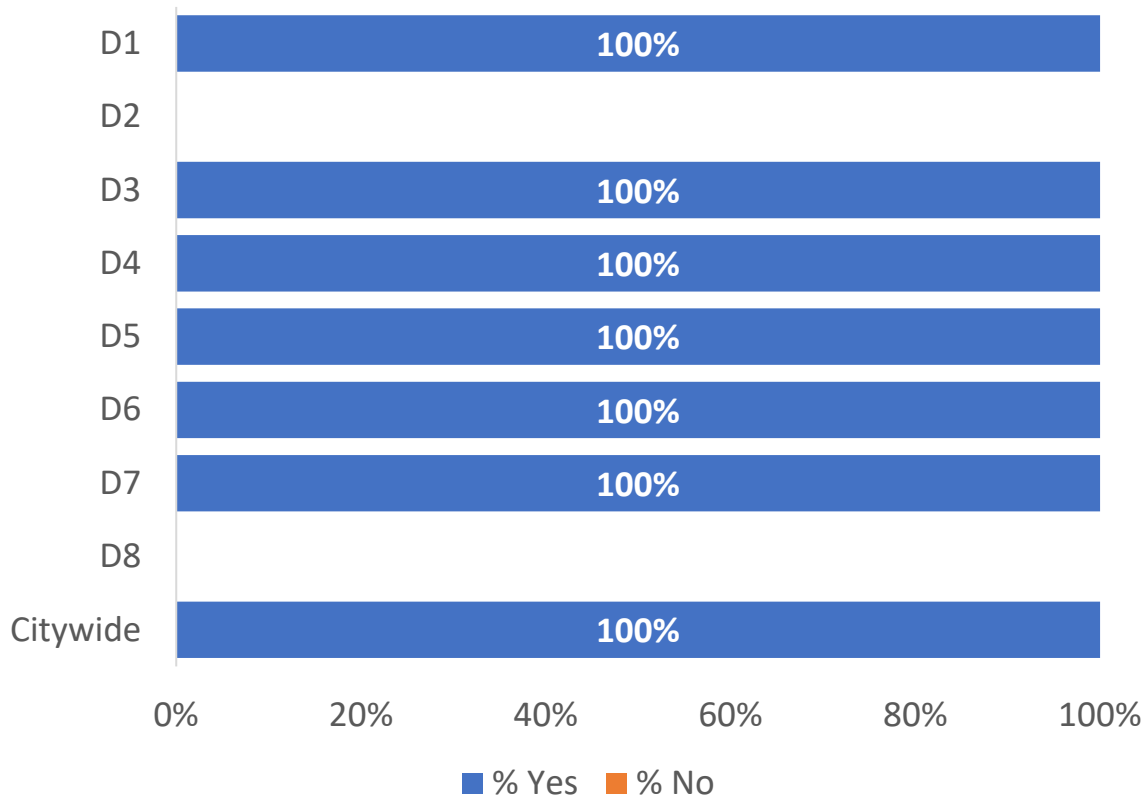


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Healthy Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment

Office of Arts and Culture – Public Art Program: \$0

Add a Project Manager position to help manage and coordinate the City’s nationally-recognized public art program. This position will coordinate the implementation and completion of Capital Improvement Program (CIP) percent-for-art public art projects, as well as providing technical and program support for other public art projects. The cost of this position will be offset by charging Capital Improvement Projects.

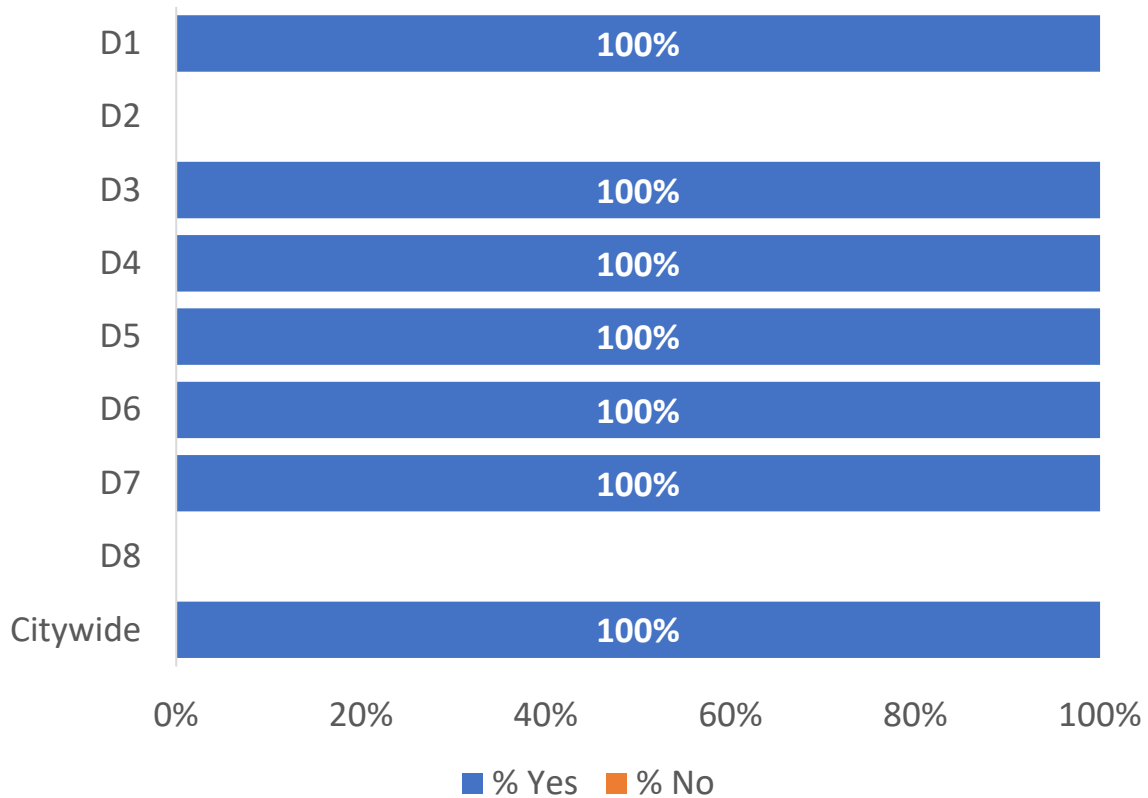


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Office of Arts and Culture – Community Investment and Engagement Program: \$125,000

Increase funding for the Community Arts Grants Program to enhance efforts towards greater equity of funds to arts organizations, including providing support to renters at City cultural venues to help offset performance and production costs.

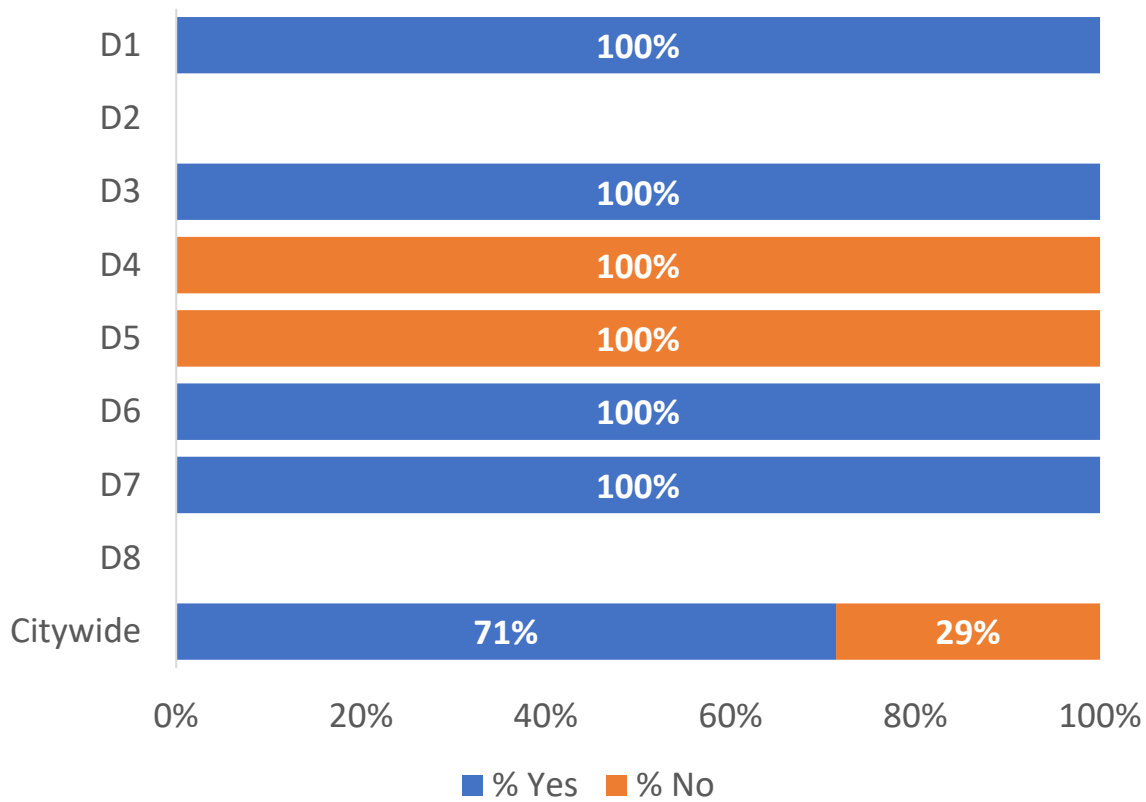


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Healthy Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment

Parks and Recreation – Park Rangers – Community and Neighborhood Parks: \$1,500,000

Add funding for one Park Manager, two Park Ranger III, and 12 Park Ranger II positions to create an overnight shift of two Urban Park Ranger Teams. By creating these two teams, Park Ranger coverage will be available 24 hours per day, seven days per week throughout the 186 parks within the City's 500 plus square miles. The full-year ongoing cost, excluding initial vehicle purchase costs, will be \$1,344,000.

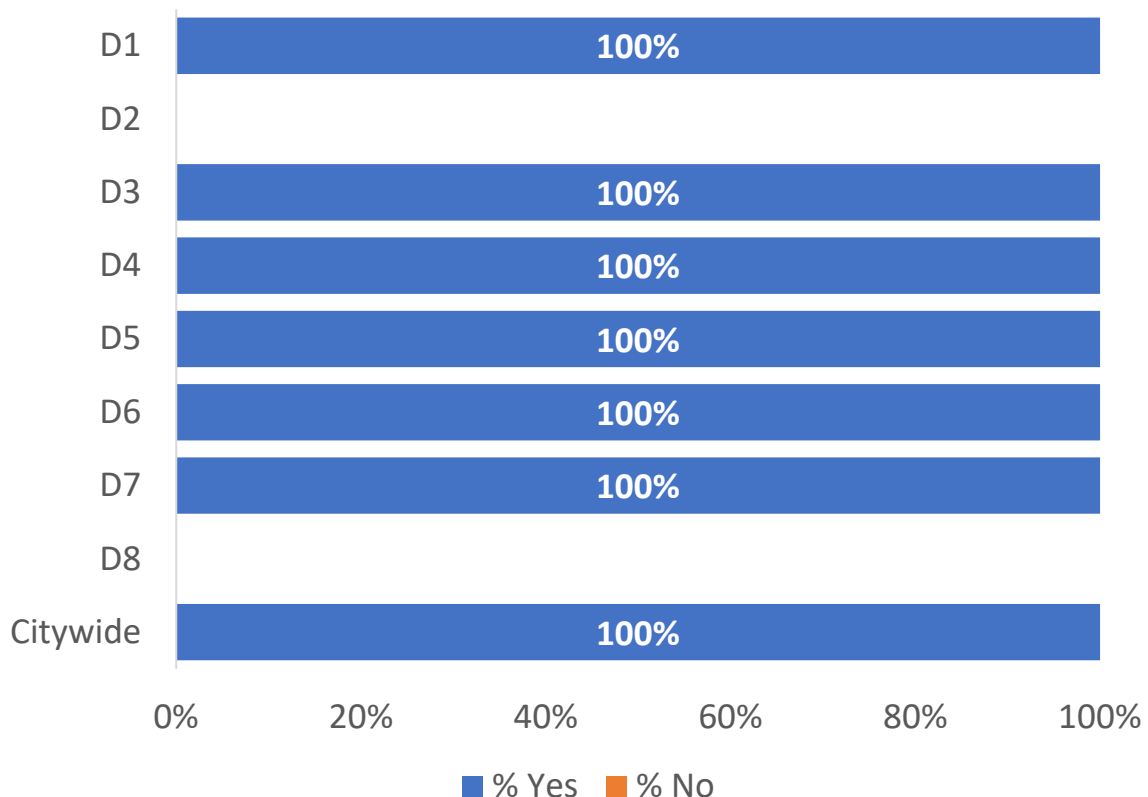


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Parks and Recreation – Specialized Maintenance – Skilled Trades: \$394,000

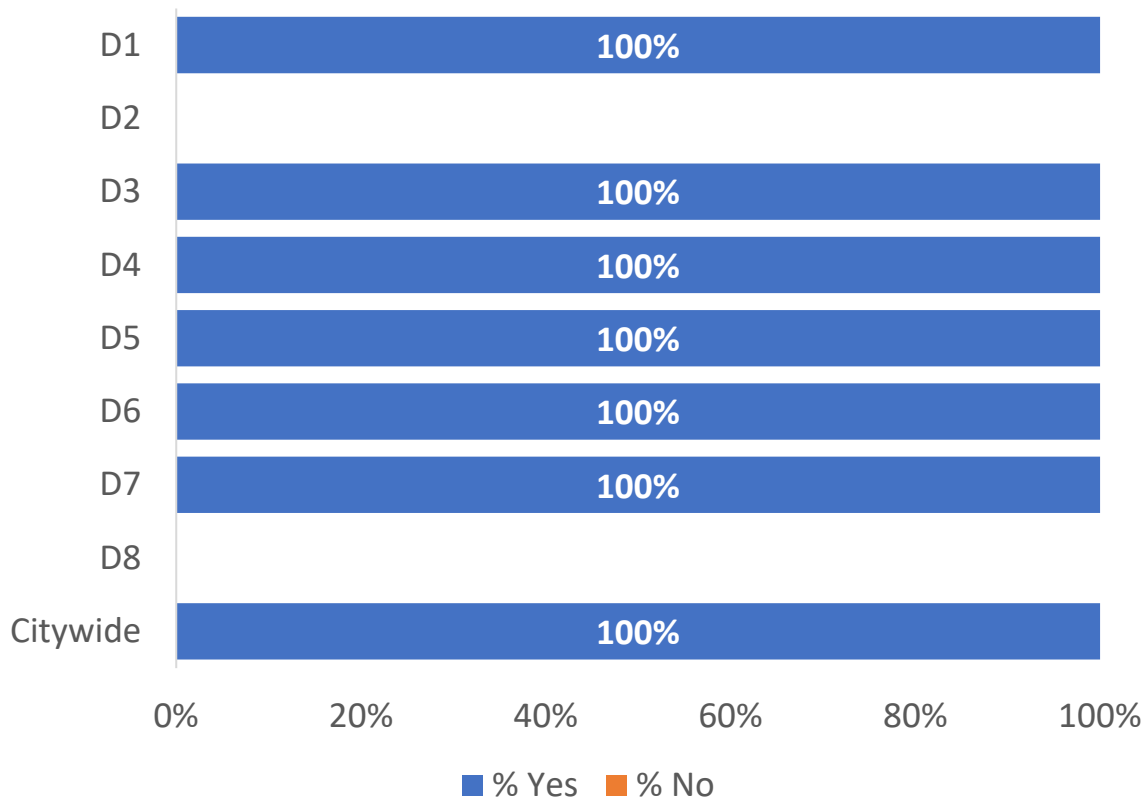
Add funding for an additional Forestry crew consisting of one Parks Foreman, two Urban Forestry Technician, and two Equipment Operator II positions. The Forestry section provides citywide tree planting, tree maintenance activity, technical support, and 24/7 emergency response. Additional staff are needed for irrigation system installation, maintenance and operation of controllers, tree planting, staking, and pruning. These activities will support the Tree and Shade Master Plan, an important component of the City's Climate Action Plan. The full-year ongoing cost, excluding initial vehicle purchases, will be \$353,999.



Healthy Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment

Parks and Recreation – General Recreation: \$101,000

Add funding for a Volunteer Coordinator position. This position would serve as a single point of contact to brand and promote a Parks volunteer program supporting urban flatland parks citywide. The department receives a large number of volunteer requests from the public. This position would receive those requests, plan, develop, and implement volunteers, and conduct fundraising and/or community service programs.



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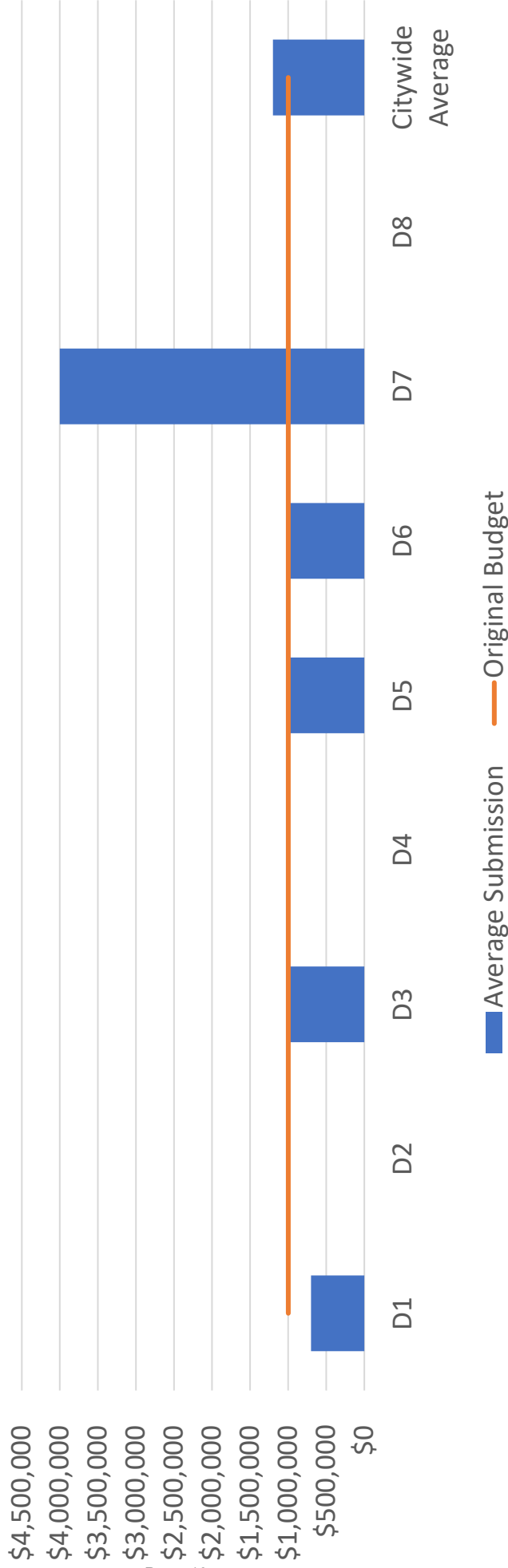
Comments:

1. Nicole Dizon (District 6) expressed support for additional funding to the Neighborhood Services Department for regular cleanups of public areas to ensure all neighborhoods remain blight free. Ms. Dizon supports adding a third shift of Park Rangers to which would allow coverage 24 hours per day, seven days per week to reduce overnight camping and trash buildup at the parks, and supports the addition of forestry positions to the Parks and Recreation department. Ms. Dizon would like to see more mature shade trees added to the Cross Cut Canal Park located south of Thomas Road to ensure the entire walking path is shaded.
2. Nicole Rodriguez (District 4) expressed opposition for additional funding for the gated alley program. Ms. Rodriguez believes it is a luxury program that reduces crime activities; however, it is a burden for utilities and first responders during emergency events. Ms. Rodriguez also expressed opposition for adding a third shift of Park Rangers to which would allow coverage 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Ms. Rodriguez proposes that a less costly option to handling vandalism at flat land parks is to station overnight security to report incidents to the Police Department.
3. Susan Marget (District 3) expressed opposition for additional funding for the gated alley program and for the Neighborhood Services Department.



Non-Departmental Set-Asides – Community Input

Set-aside for possible changes or additions to the proposed budget recommended by the community.



	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8	Citywide Average
Average Submission	\$700,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$1,200,000
Original Budget	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Average Net Change	(\$300,000)	(\$1,000,000)	\$0	(\$1,000,000)	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000	(\$1,000,000)	\$200,000

Community Input

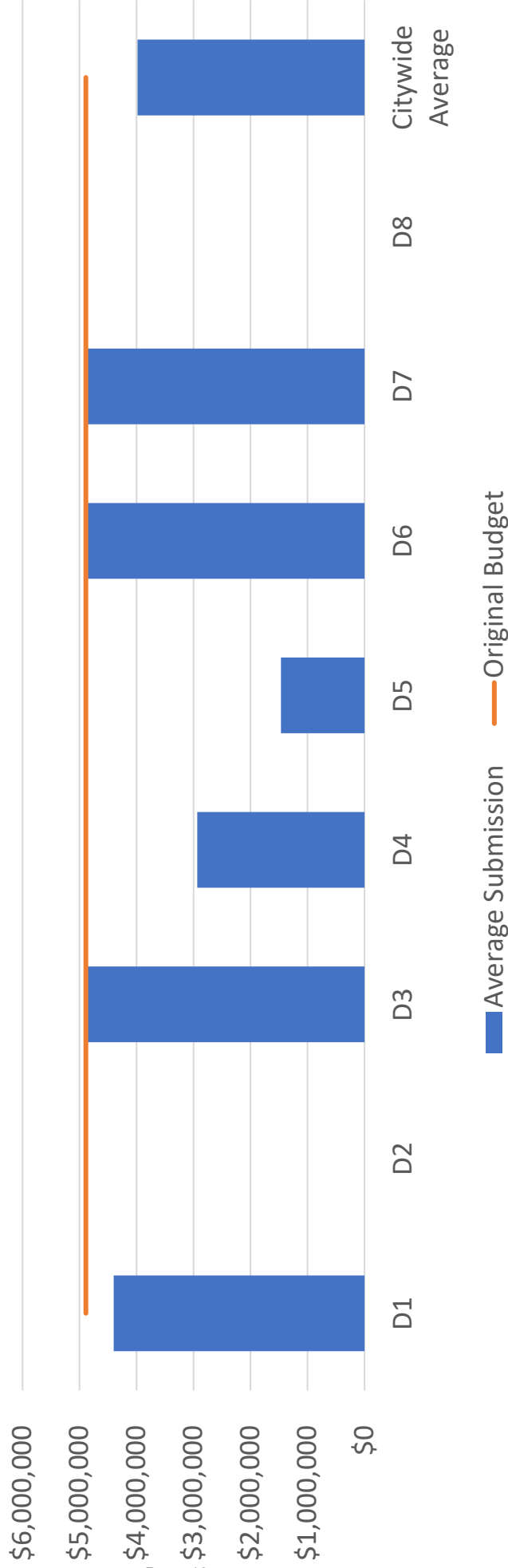
Comments:

1. Nicole Dizon (District 6) recommended the City invest in several regional parks throughout the city similar to Mesa Riverview park or McCormick Stillman Railroad Park as she would like to see parks with a large playground, event space, or something to draw residents to that park beyond just a playground and recreation area.



Non-Departmental Set-Asides – Contingency Fund

Increase the contingency, or “Rainy Day” fund to account for ongoing new spending initiatives proposed in the 2023-24 budget.



	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8	Citywide Average
Average Submission	\$4,400,100	\$0	\$4,889,000	\$2,933,400	\$1,466,700	\$4,889,000	\$4,889,000	\$0	\$3,981,043
Original Budget	\$4,889,000	\$4,889,000	\$4,889,000	\$4,889,000	\$4,889,000	\$4,889,000	\$4,889,000	\$4,889,000	\$4,889,000
Average Net Change	(\$488,900)	(\$4,889,000)	\$0	(\$1,955,600)	(\$3,422,300)	\$0	\$0	(\$4,889,000)	(\$907,957)

Contingency Fund

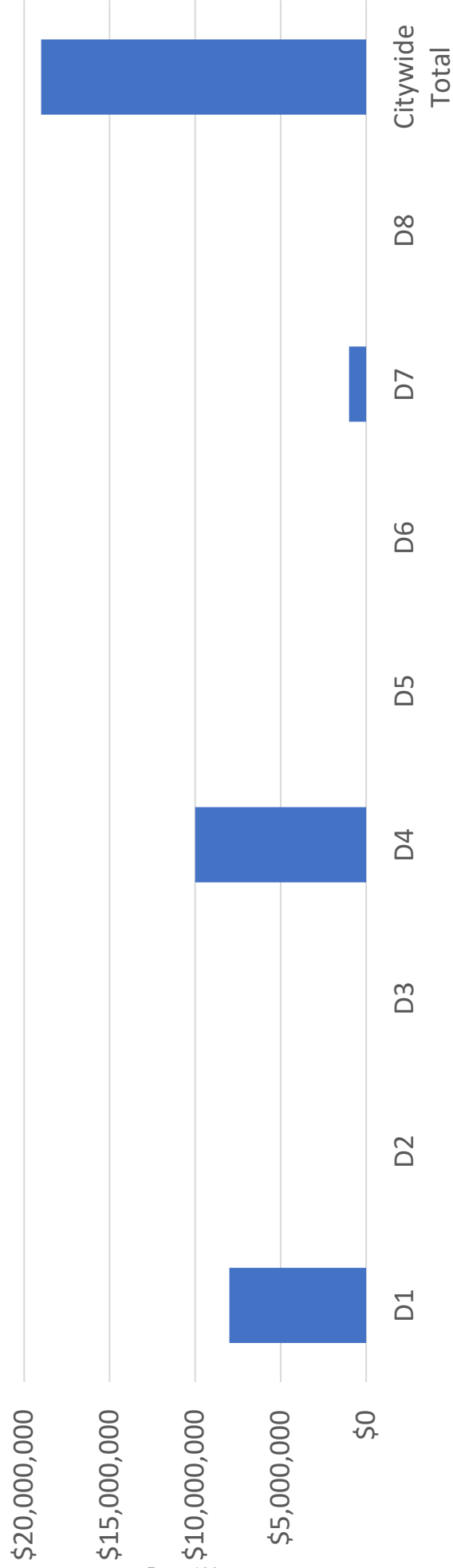
Comments:

No comments were submitted.



Share Your Own Budget Priorities

The amount reallocated to build-your-own budget priorities by district.



■ Amount of Submissions

	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8	Citywide Total
Amount of Submissions	\$ 8,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 19,000,000
Number of Submissions	3	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	7
Number of Submitters	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3

Share Your Own Budget Priorities

Comments:

1. Rebecca Perrera (District 7) requested additional funding for the City to build Rogers Ranch Park. Ms. Perrera explained that the community had waited 20 years for the park. The area is now nearly fully developed, with 10 acres of open land next to a school where the park can be built.
(Parks and Recreation – \$1M)
2. Nicole Rodriguez (District 4) requested additional funding for sidewalk repairs, ADA updates and improvements, adding safe pedestrian crossings mid-block. Ms. Rodriguez requested additional funding for increasing bike infrastructure and upgrading the protection to existing bike lanes. Ms. Rodriguez requested additional funding for urban forest canopy (shading from trees), especially in critically hot regions, near and at bus stops, and especially in pedestrian corridors (not for North Central area).
(Street Transportation – \$8M; Environmental Programs – \$2M)
3. Stan Bates (District 1) requested additional funding for the Cactus Park Police Precinct (building and grounds) for paving and electrical work that is necessary to keep operations running appropriately. Mr. Bates recommended additional funding for the Phoenix Police Department to hire more Police Assistants to take over minor duties of Officers which will free up the time of sworn Officers to respond to crimes. Mr. Bates requested additional funding to the Neighborhood Services Department to create more gated alleys. Mr. Bates also recommended earmarking some of these funds for movable outdoor cameras to observe when individuals are cutting the locks on the gates.
(Police – \$6M; Neighborhood Services – \$2M)