# City of Phoenix

October 23, 2026

Marie Niles
**Sent Via:** Email – admin@beehivfoundation.org

**RE: Dismissal and Closure of Ethics Inquiry EC-26-01**

Dear Marie Niles:

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We appreciate your cooperation and understanding regarding this matter. Should you have any questions or require additional information regarding our decision, please contact the Commission at ethics.commission@phoenix.gov for further clarification.

Sincerely,

Patricia Sallen
Ethics Commission Chair

# City of Phoenix

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**Sent Via:** Email – staceyjay@auntritas.org

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Outlook

## New Submission for Your Review: EC-26-01

**From** MGR Ethics Commission <ethics.commission@phoenix.gov>
**Date** Thu 9/3/2026 12:14 PM
**Bcc** Ann Hart [redacted]; Patricia Sallen <[redacted]>; Peter Schirripa [redacted]>; Sam Leyvas <[redacted]>; Beth Nillen <bnillen@spencerfane.com>; David Mathews <david.mathews@phoenix.gov>; David H Benton <david.benton@phoenix.gov>

1 attachment (3 MB)
EC 26 01.pdf;

Good Afternoon,

Attached, please find EC-26-01, which was received from the City Clerk's Office on September 2, 2026. This will be added to the September 17, 2026, meeting agenda.

Kindly,

**Melanie Hagedoorn (Durden), MPA**
Management Assistant II | City Manager's Office
Cell: [redacted]

City of Phoenix
DENISE ARCHIBALD
CITY CLERK

**To:** Ethics Commission
ethics.commission@phoenix.gov

**Date:** September 2, 2026

**From:** Denise Archibald
City Clerk

**Subject:** TRANSMITTAL OF ETHICS COMPLAINT NUMBER EC-26-01

On September 1, 2026, the City Clerk Department received the attached ethics complaint from Marie Niles.

Pursuant to Phoenix City Code, Section 2-53(H), I am forwarding this complaint to you, to be placed on the agenda of the Commission's next available meeting.

Enclosure: Ethics Complaint

ec: Respondent
Ed Zuercher, City Manager
Lori Bays, Assistant City Manager
Ginger Spencer, Assistant City Manager
Alan Stephenson, Deputy City Manager
Julie Kriegh, City Attorney
Dustin Cammack, Assistant City Attorney IV
Hope Olguin, Deputy City Clerk

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# City of Phoenix

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Ethics Inquiry Number: EC - 26-01
Date Filed: 09-01-2026
Date Forwarded to Ethics Commission: 09-02-2026
Date of Ethics Commission Meeting (referred to): _____
Date Sent to Respondent: _____

## ETHICS REQUEST FOR INQUIRY FORM

**Name of Public Official:** Stacey Cavaliere **Month/Year Conduct Occurred** July, 20 2026

**Elected Official:** ☐ **Mayor:** ☐ **Councilmember / District No:** _____

☒ **Board / Commission:** Fast-Track Cities Ad Hoc Committee
(Name of Board / Commission)

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**Person Filing Inquiry**

Marie Niles
Printed Name

[redacted]
Mailing Address (Number, Street, Unit) City, State, Zip

admin@beehivfoundation.org
E-mail Address

[redacted]
Phone

**UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, I affirm that I am a City of Phoenix resident or that I am directly aggrieved by an act or the failure to act of an elected official or board member; that the attached statement in support of this inquiry is based on my personal knowledge of the events and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief; and, I acknowledge that a frivolous Request for Inquiry may result in the award of sanctions against me.**

[redacted]
**Person Filing Inquiry - Signature**

8/31/26
**Date**

**Notary (Required)**

State of Arizona
County of Maricopa

On this 31 day of August, 20 26, before me personally appeared Marie Niles (name of signer), whose identity was proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to this document, and who acknowledged that he/she signed this document.

LISA W CIMINO
Notary Public, State of Arizona
Maricopa County
Commission # 676350
My Commission Expires
October 20, 2028

Lisa W Cimino
Notary Public

**This form must be filed with the Phoenix City Clerk's Office**
**In person at 200 W. Washington St., 15th Floor, Phoenix, AZ 85003 OR**
**as an attachment to an email to: clk.director@phoenix.gov**

Last Revised 11/25/25

**From:** Marie Niles
**To:** CLK Director Office
**Subject:** Ethics Request for Inquiry – Stacey Cavaliere – Fast-Track Cities Ad Hoc Committee
**Date:** Monday, August 31, 2026 8:56:41 PM
**Attachments:** ethics.pdf

**CAUTION: This email originated outside of the City of Phoenix.**
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Please see attached my completed and notarized Ethics Request for Inquiry regarding Stacey Cavaliere and the City of Phoenix Fast-Track Cities Ad Hoc Committee.

Please confirm receipt and let me know if anything further is required for filing.

Thank you,

Marie Niles
Founder & Executive Director
Bee HIV+ Foundation



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(Name of Board / Commission)

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Printed Name

[redacted]
Mailing Address (Number, Street, Unit) City, State, Zip

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E-mail Address

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**WRITTEN STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF ETHICS REQUEST FOR INQUIRY**

Respondent: Stacey Cavaliere

Board/Committee: City of Phoenix Fast-Track Cities Ad Hoc Committee

Relevant Period: July 2026 through present

I am requesting an Ethics Commission inquiry concerning the handling of a disclosed potential conflict and impartiality concern involving Stacey Cavaliere in connection with Bee HIV+ Foundation's FY 2026–2027 Quarter 1 Fast-Track Cities sponsorship application.

Mr. Cavaliere serves on the City of Phoenix Fast-Track Cities Ad Hoc Committee and is also the Executive Director of Aunt Rita's Foundation. I am the Founder and Executive Director of Bee HIV+ Foundation.

Before Bee HIV+ Foundation's sponsorship application was considered, Mr. Cavaliere and I were already involved in a documented and unresolved dispute arising from my interactions with Aunt Rita's Foundation. I am not asking the Ethics Commission to investigate or decide that underlying dispute. It is relevant here only because it created the potential impartiality concern that I disclosed to the City before the scheduled sponsorship decision.

The City's published FY 2026–2027 Fast-Track Cities sponsorship materials identified July 31, 2026 as the Quarter 1 decision date and stated that Fast-Track Cities Subcommittee Chairs and Human Services Department leadership review applications.

Because Mr. Cavaliere served on the Fast-Track Cities Committee while simultaneously leading the organization involved in the unresolved dispute with me, I raised the issue with the City before a decision was made.

On July 26 and 27, 2026, I submitted a written Pre-Decision Conflict Notice and Recusal Request. My notice specifically requested confirmation that Mr. Cavaliere had not accessed, reviewed, scored, discussed, commented on, recommended action on, voted concerning, or otherwise participated in Bee HIV+ Foundation's application.

I also requested confirmation that Mr. Cavaliere had not communicated with City personnel or reviewers concerning Bee HIV+ Foundation, me, the application, or the existing dispute. I requested his formal recusal, independent evaluation of the application, identification of individuals who had access to or participated in the review, applicable conflict disclosures and recusals, and preservation of the administrative record.

The notice was received by relevant City personnel before the scheduled July 31 decision. On July 27, 2026, Yanitza Soto, Public Health Advisor in the Phoenix City Manager's Office, acknowledged receipt of my inquiry and explained the City's general sponsorship review process. She stated that sponsorship proposals are reviewed by a committee that includes City leadership and directed me to the City's public-records process for additional documentation.

However, the response did not address the specific conflict and recusal issues raised in my notice. It did not confirm whether Mr. Cavaliere had disclosed the potential conflict, whether he had been formally recused, whether any screening procedure had been implemented, whether he had accessed or participated in the review of Bee HIV+ Foundation's application, or whether he had communicated with individuals involved in the review.

I also did not receive identification of the individuals who reviewed or had access to the application or confirmation of what conflict, recusal, or impartiality safeguards, if any, were implemented after the City received my notice.

The sponsorship decision was subsequently delayed. On August 4, 2026, I was informed that Fast-Track Cities sponsorship decisions had been delayed. On August 31, 2026, I was informed that funding decisions remained on hold and that there was no updated decision timeline.

I am not alleging that the delay itself establishes misconduct, and I am not representing as fact that Mr. Cavaliere participated in the review. Those are among the facts I am asking the Ethics Commission to determine.

My concern is that a potential impartiality issue involving a member of a City committee was formally brought to the City's attention before a pending funding decision, yet I have not received confirmation that the conflict was disclosed, evaluated, or addressed through recusal or other safeguards.

The purpose of this Request for Inquiry is not to ask the Ethics Commission to resolve my underlying dispute with Aunt Rita's Foundation. It is to determine whether the City's ethics requirements applicable to Mr. Cavaliere's service on the Fast-Track Cities Ad Hoc Committee were followed after the potential conflict was known.

**SPECIFIC ETHICS CONCERN**

Phoenix City Code § 2-52(B) requires City board and committee members to maintain integrity, truthfulness, honesty, and fairness in carrying out their public duties and to avoid improprieties in their roles as public servants.

The City's Boards and Commissions Ethics Handbook further provides that board members are expected to remain independent and impartial and discharge their public duties regardless of personal considerations.

The Ethics Handbook also addresses disclosure and participation when a board member believes that even a possible conflict exists.

I respectfully request that the Ethics Commission determine:

1. Whether Mr. Cavaliere knew that Bee HIV+ Foundation had a pending Fast-Track Cities sponsorship application while the documented dispute involving Aunt Rita's Foundation and me remained unresolved.

2. Whether Mr. Cavaliere disclosed that relationship or potential impartiality concern to the City, Fast-Track Cities leadership, Human Services Department leadership, or other appropriate City personnel.

3. Whether any conflict disclosure, recusal, screening decision, ethics determination, or other safeguard was documented.

4. Whether Mr. Cavaliere received, accessed, downloaded, reviewed, scored, discussed, commented on, or otherwise received information concerning Bee HIV+ Foundation's application.

5. Whether Mr. Cavaliere communicated with any City employee, Fast-Track Cities member, reviewer, Subcommittee Chair, Human Services Department employee, or other participant concerning Bee HIV+ Foundation, me, our application, or the existing dispute.

6. Whether Mr. Cavaliere participated directly or indirectly in any discussion, evaluation, scoring, recommendation, decision, delay, or other action concerning Bee HIV+ Foundation's application.

7. Who had access to Bee HIV+ Foundation's application and who participated in its review before and after the City received my July 2026 notice.

8. What action, if any, City or Fast-Track Cities leadership took after receiving my pre-decision conflict and recusal notice.

9. Whether the handling of the matter complied with the ethics, fairness, independence, impartiality, disclosure, and conflict requirements applicable to City board and committee members.

10. Whether any additional financial or organizational interest existed requiring disclosure or recusal under applicable Arizona conflict-of-interest law.

I raised these concerns before the scheduled sponsorship decision specifically so that they could be addressed before Bee HIV+ Foundation's application was affected.

I am asking the Ethics Commission to independently obtain and review the relevant records, communications, access information, conflict disclosures, recusals, review documentation, and other records necessary to determine what occurred and whether applicable ethics requirements were followed.

I respectfully request an initial evaluation and, if warranted, an investigation by the City of Phoenix Ethics Commission.

Marie Niles

**EXHIBITS**

Exhibit 1 — July 26/27, 2026 Pre-Decision Conflict Notice and Recusal Request

Exhibit 2 — July 27, 2026 Response from Yanitza Soto, Public Health Advisor, Phoenix City Manager's Office, acknowledging receipt of the inquiry and describing the general sponsorship review process

Exhibit 3 — August 4, 2026 City correspondence stating Fast-Track Cities sponsorship decisions were delayed

Exhibit 4 — August 31, 2026 City correspondence stating Fast-Track Cities funding decisions remain on hold with no updated decision timeline

BEE HIV+ FOUNDATION

# FORMAL PRE-DECISION CONFLICT NOTICE, RECUSAL REQUEST, AND RECORDS PRESERVATION

## Bee HIV+ Foundation - FY 2026-2027 Quarter 1 Fast-Track Cities Sponsorship Application

Requested response before the July 31, 2026 award decision

**Dear City of Phoenix Human Services Department, Strategic Initiatives Leadership, Fast-Track Cities Co-Chairs, and Ethics Commission:**

I am submitting this formal pre-decision conflict notice concerning Bee HIV+ Foundation's Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Quarter 1 Fast-Track Cities sponsorship application.

The published sponsorship guidelines state that Fast-Track Cities Subcommittee Chairs and Human Services Department leadership review all applications. The published materials do not identify the individual subcommittee chairs or reviewers assigned to Bee HIV+ Foundation's application.

Because the decision is scheduled for July 31, 2026, I request immediate safeguards before any recommendation, scoring determination, or award decision is finalized.

### 1. Mandatory Recusal of Stacey Jay Cavaliere

I have a documented, direct, and unresolved adverse history with Fast-Track Cities Ad Hoc Committee member Stacey Jay Cavaliere, Executive Director of Aunt Rita's Foundation.

That history includes:

- The March 26, 2026 incident in which I was singled out at an Aunt Rita's Foundation program while wearing clothing visibly expressing my own HIV-positive identity;
- Mr. Cavaliere's control or substantial involvement in the organizational response;
- His written representation that Aunt Rita's Board and Internal Affairs Committee reviewed the matter;
- His later criticism of my decision to discuss the incident publicly;
- My formal challenge to his conflict disclosures and institutional relationships; and
- My current public accountability activity concerning Mr. Cavaliere, Aunt Rita's Foundation, and interconnected HIV-governance bodies.

These circumstances create an objective personal-bias, institutional-conflict, and retaliatory-risk concern regarding any participation by Mr. Cavaliere in Bee HIV+ Foundation's application.

I request written confirmation that Mr. Cavaliere:

**1.** Has not received, accessed, reviewed, scored, discussed, commented on, recommended action on, or voted on Bee HIV+ Foundation's application;

**2.** Has not communicated with City personnel, subcommittee chairs, reviewers, elected officials, committee members, or outside organizations about Bee HIV+, Marie Niles, the application, or my complaints;

**3.** Has been formally recused from all present and future involvement in the application; and

**4.** Will not receive confidential, pre-decisional, scoring, recommendation, or award information concerning the application.

### 2. Established Institutional Interlocks Requiring Screening and Exclusion

The Fast-Track Cities Committee contains documented institutional, financial, board, provider, grantmaking, and government-program interlocks involving Aunt Rita's Foundation and the same HIV-service organizations operating throughout the Ryan White and Fast-Track Cities systems.

I request an independent written conflict and impartiality review concerning, at minimum:

- Stacey Jay Cavaliere - Executive Director, Aunt Rita's Foundation;
- Jason Vail Cruz - Aunt Rita's board and Valleywise/Part C relationships;
- Angel Algarin - Aunt Rita's board and ASU/Fast-Track Cities relationships;
- Rebecca Lutz - Aunt Rita's board and Spectrum Medical relationships;
- Erica TeKampe - Care Directions/Area Agency on Aging and Ryan White provider relationships;
- Duvia Lozano - CPLC/LUCES and Ryan White provider relationships;
- Jimmy Borders - ADHS Part B/ADAP and Fast-Track Cities relationships;
- Any representative of an Aunt Rita's grant recipient, sponsored partner, partner agency, or board-connected organization;
- Any employee or representative of another applicant in the same sponsorship round;
- Any person who communicated with Stacey Jay Cavaliere or Aunt Rita's Foundation concerning me, Bee HIV+ Foundation, my application, or my complaints; and
- Any subcommittee chair, City employee, contractor, consultant, volunteer, current or former Aunt Rita's insider, or other person with a personal, financial, organizational, competitive, grantmaking, sponsorship, provider, referral, board, or adverse relationship that could reasonably affect impartiality.

These relationships are already documented. I am not asking the City to determine whether the institutional interlocks exist. I am asking the City to determine and document whether the connected individuals were permitted to access or influence this application and what safeguards were imposed.

I request that each identified individual be excluded from reviewing, scoring, discussing, recommending, or voting on the Bee HIV+ application unless City ethics or legal personnel first issue a written determination establishing the person's impartiality and the basis for permitting participation.

### 3. Independent Administrative Evaluation

I request that Bee HIV+ Foundation's application be reviewed by neutral Human Services Department personnel who:

- Have no relationship with Stacey Jay Cavaliere or Aunt Rita's Foundation relevant to this dispute;
- Have not discussed me, Bee HIV+, or the application with an excluded committee member;
- Are not employed by, affiliated with, or acting on behalf of another applicant;
- Have no financial, grantmaking, sponsorship, board, provider, referral, or competitive interest affecting the decision;

- Have completed written conflict and impartiality certifications; and
- Evaluate the application only under the City's published sponsorship priorities and requirements.

**I am not seeking preferential treatment.** I am requesting a neutral and independently documented evaluation.

## 4. Disclosure of the Review Structure

Please identify:

**1.** Every person who has received or accessed the application;
**2.** Every person who has reviewed, scored, discussed, recommended, or approved action concerning it;
**3.** The Fast-Track Cities subcommittee chairs involved in the Quarter 1 process;
**4.** Each reviewer's employer and relevant organizational affiliations;
**5.** Whether any reviewer is connected to Aunt Rita's Foundation, another applicant, or an Aunt Rita's partner or grant-recipient organization;
**6.** Whether Stacey Jay Cavaliere or any person identified above had access to the application or related discussions; and
7. Whether Fast-Track Cities Co-Chairs Laura Pastor or Debra Stark selected or approved reviewers, assigned or accessed Bee HIV+ Foundation's application, joined applicant discussions, received scoring information, made recommendations, or approved the Quarter 1 decision; and
8. The City personnel responsible for the final decision.

## 5. Preservation of the Complete Administrative Record

Please immediately preserve:

- The original application and all attachments;
- Application access and download logs;
- Reviewer identities and affiliations;
- Conflict disclosures and impartiality certifications;
- Conflict determinations;
- Recusal and replacement records;
- Individual scoring sheets;
- Evaluation matrices;
- Notes and comments;
- Consensus records;
- Recommendations and approval documents;
- Emails, text messages, Teams messages, and other communications;
- Communications mentioning Marie Niles, Bee HIV+, Bee HIV+ Foundation, Stacey Jay Cavaliere, Aunt Rita's Foundation, or the March 26, 2026 incident;
- Communications with outside organizations concerning the application;
- The source and application of all scoring criteria; and
- The complete written basis for the final award decision.

This preservation request applies to records maintained on City systems, personal devices used for City business, committee communication channels, and any outside platform used to conduct application-related City business.

## 6. Non-Retaliation

Bee HIV+ Foundation must not be denied, delayed, downgraded, excluded, or treated differently because I:

- Reported conduct by Stacey Jay Cavaliere or Aunt Rita's Foundation;
- Requested Board accountability;
- Raised conflict-of-interest concerns;
- Requested government records;
- Participated in public meetings;
- Communicated with oversight agencies or journalists; or
- Publicly challenged established organizations within the HIV-service network.

Any decision concerning the application should be based exclusively on the published sponsorship criteria and supported by a complete written administrative record.

## 7. Requested Response Before the Award Decision

Before the July 31, 2026 decision, please provide written confirmation of:

**1.** Mr. Cavaliere's complete recusal;
**2.** Whether he or another listed individual previously accessed or influenced the application;
**3.** The identity and organizational affiliation of each reviewer;
**4.** The conflict and impartiality safeguards implemented;
**5.** The neutral personnel assigned to complete the evaluation;
**6.** Preservation of the complete application record; and
**7.** The process available to challenge a decision affected by undisclosed conflict, bias, or retaliation.

Should the City decline any request, please provide the written legal, ethical, and administrative basis for that decision and identify the official responsible for making it.

**Please retain this notice as part of the official administrative record for Bee HIV+ Foundation's application.**

Marie Niles <admin@beehivfoundation.org>

## Automatic reply: FORMAL NOTICE: Pre-Decision Conflict Notice & Recusal Request (Fast-Track Cities Q1 Application – Bee HIV+ Foundation) | Urgent: Response Requested Before July 31, 2026

1 message

**Raquel M Wind** <raquel.wind@phoenix.gov> Sun, Jul 26, 2026 at 3:46 PM
To: Marie Niles <marie@beehivfoundation.org>

Hello, I am on maternity leave through October. Please contact COPStrategicInitiatives@phoenix.gov, Estevan.Romero@phoenix.gov, or Yanitza.Soto@phoenix.gov. Thank you.

Marie Niles <admin@beehivfoundation.org>

## Re: FORMAL NOTICE: Pre-Decision Conflict Notice & Recusal Request (Fast-Track Cities Q1 Application – Bee HIV+ Foundation) | Urgent: Response Requested Before July 31, 2026

1 message

**Yanitza Soto** <yanitza.soto@phoenix.gov> Mon, Jul 27, 2026 at 5:31 PM
To: Marie Niles <marie@beehivfoundation.org>, COPS Strategic Initiatives <copstrategicinitiatives@phoenix.gov>, Estevan T Romero <Estevan.Romero@phoenix.gov>
Cc: "Nichole V. Ayoola" <nichole.ayoola@phoenix.gov>

Dear Ms. Niles,

Thank you for reaching out and for submitting the Beehive Foundation proposal request. We acknowledge receipt of your inquiry.

Sponsorship proposals submitted to the city are reviewed by a committee that includes City leadership. The committee conducts an eligibility screening, evaluates alignment with City priorities and anticipated community outcomes, and reviews budget availability. Proposals that meet these criteria move forward for final consideration.

If you are seeking additional documentation or records related to this process or the specific proposal, please note that these materials may be requested through the City's public records request process. You may submit a records request online here: https://www.phoenix.gov/administration/departments/communications/programs/public-records.html

Thank you,
Yanitza

**Yanitza Soto, MPH** (she/her)
Public Health Advisor, Office of Public Health
Phoenix City Manager's Office
yanitza.soto@phoenix.gov
[redacted]

Marie Niles <admin@beehivfoundation.org>

## Read: FORMAL NOTICE: Pre-Decision Conflict Notice & Recusal Request (Fast-Track Cities Q1 Application – Bee HIV+ Foundation) | Urgent: Response Requested Before July 31, 2026

1 message

**COPS Strategic Initiatives** <copstrategicinitiatives@phoenix.gov> Mon, Jul 27, 2026 at 11:09 AM
To: "marie@beehivfoundation.org" <marie@beehivfoundation.org>

Your message

To: COPS Strategic Initiatives
Subject: Fwd: FORMAL NOTICE: Pre-Decision Conflict Notice & Recusal Request (Fast-Track Cities Q1 Application – Bee HIV+ Foundation) | Urgent: Response Requested Before July 31, 2026
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2026 10:50:33 AM (UTC-07:00) Arizona

was read on Monday, July 27, 2026 11:09:06 AM (UTC-07:00) Arizona.

Marie Niles <admin@beehivfoundation.org>

## Update on Fast-Track Cities Funding Application

1 message

**COPS Strategic Initiatives** <copstrategicinitiatives@phoenix.gov> Tue, Aug 4, 2026 at 4:02 PM

Good afternoon,

Thank you for applying for the quarterly Phoenix Fast-Track Cities funding opportunity. This message is to confirm that your proposal has been successfully received. Currently, there is a delay in announcing funding decisions. We appreciate your patience, and we will share an updated timeline as soon as it becomes available.

Thank you,

CITY OF PHOENIX
HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

**Estevan Romero**

**Administrative Assistant II**

**Strategic Initiatives**

200 W. Washington St. 18th Floor

Phoenix, AZ 85053

**Office:** 602-495-0658

**Cell:** [redacted]

**Email:** estevan.romero@phoenix.gov

**Web:** phoenix.gov/humanservices

Marie Niles <admin@beehivfoundation.org>

# RE: Update on Fast-Track Cities Funding Application

1 message

**COPS Strategic Initiatives** <copstrategicinitiatives@phoenix.gov> Mon, Aug 31, 2026 at 1:45 PM
To: Marie Niles <marie@beehivfoundation.org>

Good afternoon, Marie,

Thank you for following up and for your patience. Funding decisions for the Phoenix Fast-Track Cities applications continue to remain on hold at this time. There is not yet an updated timeline for review or notification. Once next steps have been determined, we will share additional information with all applicants.

We appreciate your continued engagement and will keep you informed as soon as further updates become available.

Thank you,

**Estevan Romero**

**Administrative Assistant II**

**Strategic Initiatives**

**Office:** 602-495-0658

**Cell:** [redacted]

**Email:** estevan.romero@phoenix.gov