

JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Senate Hearing Room 109



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Senate Appropriations, Room 109

MEETING NOTICE

- Call to Order
- [Approval of Minutes of December 14, 2023.](#)
- EXECUTIVE SESSION - Attorney General - Consideration of Proposed Settlement under Rule 14.
- 1. [DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS - Review of Border Security Fund Transfer for Additional Local Prosecution and Asylum Transportation Costs.](#)

The Chairman reserves the right to set the order of the agenda.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE

December 14, 2023

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m., Thursday, December 14, 2023, in Senate Hearing Room 1. The following were present:

Members:	Senator Kavanagh, Vice-Chairman	Representative Livingston, Chairman
	Senator Alston	Representative Chaplik
	Senator Bennett	Representative Gress
	Senator Diaz	Representative Salman
	Senator Fernandez	Representative Schwiebert
		Representative Stahl Hamilton
Absent:	Senator Borrelli	Representative Biasiucci
	Senator Hoffman	Representative Carter
	Senator Mesnard	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Kavanagh moved that the Committee approve the minutes of November 9, 2023. The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were considered without further discussion:

1. ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (ADOA) – Consider Approval of State Employee Travel Rate Adjustments.

A.R.S. § 38-624C requires the Committee to approve any changes to ADOA's maximum reimbursement rates for lodging, meal, and mileage expenses. These reimbursements compensate state employees traveling on official state business.

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ADOA proposed an increase to both the personal vehicle mileage reimbursement rate and maximum lodging rates to align with the new federal rates. ADOA did not propose any change to the current meal reimbursement rates. The JLBC Staff provided options and a potential provision:

- A. *Committee approval does not constitute an endorsement of additional appropriations to cover higher reimbursement costs.*

2A. ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (ADOA)/AUTOMATION PROJECTS FUNDS (APF) - Review of Human Resources Information System.

A.R.S. § 41-714 requires Committee review prior to any monies being expended the APF. ADOA requested review of a \$20,647,800 FY 2024 expenditure plan for the Human Resources Information System. The JLBC Staff provided options and a potential provision:

- A. *It is the Committee's intent that ADOA narrow the scope of the project if needed to keep the project within the original budget. A review by the Committee does not constitute an endorsement of additional funding.*

2B. ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (ADOA)/AUTOMATION PROJECTS FUNDS (APF) - Review of Department of Revenue Integrated Tax System Modernization.

A.R.S. § 41-714 requires Committee review prior to any monies being expended from the APF. ADOA requested on behalf of the Department of Revenue (DOR) to expend a total of \$16,656,400 of its \$19,369,400 FY 2024 APF appropriation to complete the planning and discovery phase with the selected vendor for the new tax system. The JLBC Staff provided options and potential provisions:

- A. *On or before February 28, 2024 and August 30, 2024, DOR shall report to the Committee on its progress in developing a project plan, schedule, and deliverables.*
- B. *A favorable review is contingent on approval from the Information Technology Authorization Committee (ITAC).*

3. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (ADE) - Review of AzSCI Science Contract Renewal.

A.R.S. § 15-741.03 requires ADE to seek Committee review to establish or renew a contract for any portion of the statewide assessment. ADE proposed renewal of its contract for the statewide assessment in science (AzSCI). The JLBC Staff provided options and a potential provision:

- A. *A favorable review does not constitute an endorsement of adding funding to ADE's budget for cost increases in the AzSCI contract.*

4. DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY (DCS) - Review of Line Item Transfers.

An FY 2024 General Appropriation Act footnote requires Committee review for the transfer of monies between most DCS line items. DCS requested the FY 2024 transfer of \$651,600 of Federal Expenditure Authority from the Office of Child Welfare Investigations line item to the Operating Budget (\$530,900) and the Caseworkers line item (\$120,700).

The JLBC Staff recommended a favorable review of the transfers.

5. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY (DES) - Review of Plan for the Arizona Training Program at Coolidge.

A.R.S. § 36-570 requires DES to submit a report for review by the Committee on or before November 1 of each year on the department's plans for the Arizona Training Program at Coolidge (ATP-C) and associated group homes. The JLBC Staff provided options and a potential provision:

- A. A favorable review by the Committee does not constitute an endorsement of additional appropriations to cover costs associated with the department's plans for ATP-C.*

6. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) - Review of the Expenditure Plan for the Gang and Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission (GIITEM) Border Security and Law Enforcement Subaccount.

A.R.S. § 41-1724G and A.R.S. § 41-1724H requires Committee review of the DPS expenditure plan for the GIITEM Border Security and Law Enforcement Subaccount prior to expenditure. DPS requested review of expenditure plan of the remaining \$1,050,000 of the \$2,396,400 FY 2024 appropriation for Border Security and Law Enforcement Grants. The JLBC Staff provided options and a potential provision:

- A. DPS shall report to the Committee prior to implementing any changes to the proposed FY 2024 allocation of the grants. The Chairman shall decide whether the revisions require Committee review.*

7. STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (ADC) - Review of Bed Capacity Changes.

An FY 2024 General Appropriations Act footnote requires ADC to submit a bed capacity report by November 1, 2023. The budget also requires that if, after submitting that report, ADC plans to open or close at least 100 beds they must submit that plan to the Committee for review. On November 27, 2023, the Governor announced that the Marana prison management-only contract would expire, effectively closing the Marana prison. While ADC did not submit a plan for review, the Chairman elected to place this item on the agenda for review. The JLBC Staff provided options.

8. JLBC STAFF - Consider Approval of Index for Arizona Department of Administration - School Facilities Division Construction Costs.

A.R.S. § 41-5741D3(c) requires that the cost-per-square-foot factors used in ADOA School Facilities Division (SFD) new school construction formula "shall be adjusted annually for construction market considerations based on an index identified or developed by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) as necessary but not less than once each year." The JLBC Staff provided options:

- 1) Approve a 6.52% adjustment in the cost-per-square-foot factors. The adjustment is based on the change in the Rider Levett Bucknall (RLB) Phoenix construction cost index since the cost factors were last adjusted in December 2022. The new revised per square foot dollar amounts apply to districts that were awarded new schools by SFD on December 15, 2023 for funding in FY 2025. The revised rates are as follows:

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<u>Grade</u>	<u>\$ per square foot</u>
K-6	\$329.26
7-8	\$347.62
9-12	\$402.43

2) Approve a different adjustment factor.

Senator Kavanagh moved that the Committee approve consent agenda items 1 and 8 (option 1) with the JLBC Staff provisions and give a favorable review of consent agenda items 2A, 2B, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 with the JLBC Staff provisions. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Senator Kavanagh moved that the Committee go into Executive Session. The motion carried.

At 2:08 p.m. the Joint Legislative Budget Committee went into Executive Session.

Senator Kavanagh moved that the Committee reconvene into open session. The motion carried.

At 3:15 p.m. the Committee reconvened into open session.

A. Attorney General - Consideration of Proposed Settlements under Rule 14.

Senator Kavanagh moved that the Committee approve the recommended settlements proposed by the Attorney General's office in the cases of:

1. *Stephen Outram v. State of Arizona.*
2. *John Fanelli v. State of Arizona, et al.*
3. *Lauren Shaw v. State of Arizona.*

The motion carried.

Representative Salman requested a roll call vote for the remaining case settlement presented by the Attorney General. By a show of hands 5 ayes and 5 nays, that settlement was not approved. (Attachment 1)

B. JLBC Annual Performance Review per Rule 7

This item was for information only and no Committee action was required.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kristy Paddack

Kristy Paddack, Secretary

Richard Stavneak

Richard Stavneak, Director

David Livingston

Representative David Livingston, Chairman

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JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: December 14, 2023

ITEM #1: Attorney General – Rule 14
 MOTION: Motion Not Approved

ITEM #:
 MOTION:

	PRESENT	ABSENT	PASS	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
SEN. ALSTON	X				X		
REP. BIASIUCCI		X					
SEN. BENNETT	X			X			
SEN. BORRELLI		X					
REP. CARTER		X					
REP. CHAPLIK	X			X			
SEN. DIAZ	X						
SEN. FERNANDEZ	X				X		
REP. GRESS	X			X			
SEN. HOFFMAN		X					
SEN. MESNARD		X					
REP. SCHWIEBERT	X				X		
REP. STAHL HAMILTON	X				X		
REP. SALMAN	X				X		
SEN. KAVANAGH	X			X			
REP. LIVINGSTON	X			X			
TOTALS	11	5		5	5		

	PASS	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
SEN. ALSTON					
REP AUSTIN – Temp member					
REP. BIASIUCCI					
SEN. BENNETT					
SEN. BORRELLI					
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DATE: January 25, 2024

TO: Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee

FROM: Mitch Wenzel, Fiscal Analyst

SUBJECT: Department of Emergency and Military Affairs - Review of Border Security Fund Transfer for Additional Local Prosecution and Asylum Transportation Costs

Request

Laws 2022, Chapter 313 requires that the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA) submit transfers of funding within the Border Security Fund to the JLBC for review. DEMA is requesting review of a reallocation of \$12,800,000 to increase funding for local prosecution costs and asylum transportation.

Committee Options

The Committee has at least the following 2 options:

1. A favorable review of the request.
2. An unfavorable review of the request.

Key Points

- 1) The FY 2023 budget allocated Border Security Fund monies for various border-related purposes.
- 2) JLBC is required to review transfers between the budget allocations.
- 3) DEMA reports that additional funding is needed for local prosecution grants (\$4.8 million) and asylum transportation (\$8 million).
- 4) DEMA would pay for these additions by transferring a total of \$12.8 million from the following allocations:
 - a. Border fence and technologies, \$2.4 million
 - b. Local ICE reimbursement, \$5.0 million
 - c. Emergency care and testing, \$5.4 million

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Analysis

The Border Security Fund may be used for several purposes. The FY 2023 General Appropriations Act delineates a specific spending plan for \$209.5 million of these monies that includes a variety of programs. A separate bill allocated another \$335.0 million for maintaining a physical border fence and border security technologies for local law enforcement agencies. Any transfers between the components of the combined \$544.2 million within the Border Security Fund requires JLBC review.

The department is requesting to transfer \$12.8 million in the Border Security Fund with the following increases:

- Asylum Transportation - \$8.0 million increase for transportation of individuals who entered Arizona seeking asylum to other states in the United States. As of January 11, 2024, the program has a balance remaining of \$639,300 from the original \$15 million allocation. DEMA reports the additional \$8.0 million is necessary to maintain the current level of services through the fiscal year.
- Local Prosecution/Imprisonment Costs - \$4.8 million increase to ensure the State may reimburse local law enforcement jurisdictions for the prosecution and imprisonment of border related crimes. DEMA reports the current allocation of \$20.0 million is not sufficient to fund all applications. DEMA has awarded grants of \$12.1 million to 14 entities and received applications from another 7 entities (see *Table 2*). Once DEMA awards the pending 7 applications, they would have a balance of \$0 from the \$20 million allocation.

In addition to the 7 pending applications, Cochise County Sheriff, Pima County Sheriff/Tucson Police Department, and Santa Cruz County Sheriff had originally requested \$4.3 million from the DPS Local Border Security Grant Program. That appropriation has been fully allocated and as a result, those 3 entities are seeking funding from the Border Security Fund's local prosecution allocation. DEMA is seeking an additional \$4.3 million to fund the additional entities but has not provided us the dollar amounts that would be allocated to each of the 3 entities. The remaining \$500,000 for DEMA's request from the local prosecution allocation would be a reserve to fund all potential applications.

The department is requesting to fund the increases by reducing the following allocations:

- Local ICE Reimbursement - \$(5.0 million) decrease to the \$15 million program which reimburses county or local law enforcement agencies for costs incurred for participating in a program with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). DEMA reports that no law enforcement agency has requested reimbursement for participating in the program.
- Emergency Testing and Care - \$(5.4 million) decrease to the \$10 million allocation for emergency health care and testing for immigrants along the southern Arizona border. DEMA reports that the department has obligated to date \$2.8 million of the original \$10.0 million allocation for contracts with the Department of Health Services. The transfer, if favorably reviewed, would leave a balance of \$1.8 million.
- Border Fence/Technology - \$(2.4 million) decrease for border fence and border security technologies which was originally appropriated \$335.0 million. DEMA reports to have spent \$194.7 million of the allocation for border fence construction and removal. The department has received 31 grants totaling \$132.7 million from local law enforcement agencies for border security technologies. The latest estimated balance of the allocation is \$5.4 million.

Please see *Table 1* below for more detail on the revised allocation plan.

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Table 1

Border Security Fund Allocations – DEMA Request

	<u>Current Allocations</u>	<u>Proposed Revised Allocations</u>	<u>Change</u>
Border Fence/Technology	\$ 335,000,000	\$ 332,600,000	\$(2,400,000)
Cochise County Jail	20,000,000	20,000,000	-
Local ICE Reimbursement	15,000,000	10,000,000	(5,000,000)
Antihuman Trafficking Grant Fund	10,000,000	10,000,000	-
Local Prosecution Costs ^{1/}	20,000,000	24,800,000	4,800,000
Arizona National Guard ^{1/}	20,000,000	20,000,000	-
Emergency Testing and Care	10,000,000	4,600,000	(5,400,000)
Asylum Transportation	15,000,000	23,000,000	8,000,000
Deputy Sheriff Compensation	53,405,000	53,405,000	-
State Guard – Chain of Command	800,000	800,000	-
Emergency Operations Center	30,000,000	30,000,000	-
Coordinated Response Center	<u>15,000,000</u>	<u>15,000,000</u>	-
Total	\$544,205,000	\$544,205,000	\$0

^{1/} At the December 2022 JLBC meeting, the Committee approved a transfer of \$10,000,000 from the local prosecution cost allocation to the Arizona National Guard allocation.

Table 2

**FY 2023 Local Prosecution/Imprisonment Current
Allocations**

	<u>Current Awards</u>
Apache County Sheriff	\$ 2,210,600
Elroy Police Department	628,300
Graham County Sheriff	3,103,300
Havasupai Police Department	293,900
Huachuca City Police	148,700
Navajo County Sheriff	3,005,500
Pima Police Department	106,500
Prescott Valley Police	256,800
Queen Creek Police	185,500
Sierra Vista Police Department	108,000
St. Johns Police Department	95,500
Thatcher Police Department	629,500
Tombstone Police Department	795,000
Yavapai County Sheriff	<u>578,500</u>
Total Awarded	\$12,145,500

**FY 2023 Local Prosecution/Imprisonment Pending
Allocations**

	<u>Pending Awards</u>
Bisbee Police Department	N/A
Casa Grande Police Department	N/A
Eager (Round Valley) Police Dept.	N/A
Somerton Police Department	N/A
Yuma County Sheriff	N/A
Huachuca City Police Department	N/A
Santa Cruz County	<u>N/A</u>
Total Pending	\$7,854,500

FY 23 DPS Border Grant Requests Exceeding Appropriation

Cochise County Sheriff	N/A
Pima County Sheriff/Tucson Police	N/A
Santa Cruz County Sheriff	N/A
Total DPS Border Grant Requests	\$4,300,000
Reserve Funding	<u>500,000</u>
Total Request	\$4,800,000

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January 19, 2024

The Honorable John Kavanagh, Chairman
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The Honorable David Livingston, Vice-Chairman
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SUBJECT: Transfer of Spending Authority within the Border Security Fund

Dear Chairman Kavanagh, Vice-Chairman Livingston, and Committee Members:

In light of emergent issues along the Southern Border, the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA) respectfully requests its placement on Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) meeting agenda prior to 24 January 2024, for review of transfer of spending authority within the Border Security Fund FY23 appropriation pursuant to Laws 2022, Ch 313, Sec 110, Subsection C. As DEMA continues to gather new information from those who are on the ground along the Southern border, it is evident that the needs in the community are as follows:

1. \$4.8 Million to provide resources and support to local law enforcement

This will ensure the State can satisfy outstanding requests from local jurisdictions for prosecution and imprisonment of border-related crimes. Law enforcement funding requests have included the cost of various personnel and equipment in countering drug trafficking, human smuggling, and other border-related crimes. These resources are vital in enhancing state law enforcement capabilities and providing situational awareness along the southern border. More requests for funding have been received that exceed the current balance of the fund. This transfer of spending authority between and within the border security fund programs will address law enforcement's needs. This amount would be funded from transfers from the following line items:

- \$4,000,000 from the ICE Reimbursement line item to the Prosecution and Imprisonment line item. To date no jurisdictions have requested use of the ICE reimbursement fund and there are no anticipated requests for this funding.
- \$400,000 from the Emergency Health Care and Medical line item to the Prosecution and Imprisonment line item.

- \$400,000 from the Border Technology fund to the Prosecution and Imprisonment line item.

This movement of funds would allow local law enforcement to surge capacity in various ways in order to keep the border secure and Arizona communities safe. If funding is not moved to address the budget shortfall requests from local law enforcement agencies, safety and security in border communities will be negatively impacted.

2. \$8 Million to provide transportation, decompression, and to reduce street releases

This amount will continue to decompress border communities from experiencing street releases by assisting with transportation services. These funds are being used to transport asylum seekers who have been legally cleared by border patrol to non-profit humanitarian partners who use separate funds to assist travelers to their final destinations. Once migrants arrive at non-profit humanitarian partners the vast majority continue to travel out of state. This funding is critical to ensuring movement of asylum seekers to non-profit humanitarian partners and a critical link in preventing street releases. This amount will be funded by transfers from the following line items:

- \$5,000,000 from the Emergency Health Care and Medical line item to the transportation line item. To date only \$2,835,000.04 of the original \$10,000,000 has been requested and obligated to contracts through the Arizona Department of Health Services. Local jurisdictions have repeatedly communicated through law enforcement, emergency management, and public health partners that the state transportation mission is vital to combating the impacts of human trafficking that strains local humanitarian partners providing shelter.
- \$2,000,000 from the Border Technology line item to the transportation line item.
- \$1,000,000 from the ICE Reimbursement line item. To date, no jurisdictions have requested use of the ICE reimbursement fund and there are no anticipated requests for this funding.

As the state continues to respond to the impacts of human trafficking and crossings between the ports of entry, additional funding is needed to move released migrants from rural communities to non-profit humanitarian partners offering support and services. This funding is used exclusively to support those transportation needs. To maintain the current transportation service level until the end of the fiscal year an additional \$8 million is required. Now that use of federal dollars allocated to local jurisdictions has been restricted, reducing the amount available for transportation. If funding is not moved to address the budget shortfall by 24 January 2024, DEMA will be unable to fill transportation requests for southern border counties resulting in unsupported street releases of asylum seekers in Douglas, Nogales, and Casa Grande. These releases are

anticipated to create an increased burden on local law enforcement and emergency management. DEMA will not have the funding to support requests from Maricopa and Pima Counties who will see street releases in Tucson and Phoenix as federal resources wain in February and March.

Additional data and supporting documentation is provided as an enclosure, intended demonstrates how the current operational model effectively and responsibly uses public funds to minimize impacts of mass migration on local communities.

If you have any questions regarding these projects, please contact Gabe Lavine, DEMA Division Director of Emergency Management, at 602.319.2330 or Gabriel.Lavine@azdema.gov.

Sincerely,



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Major General, AZ ANG
The Adjutant General

cc: Sarah Brown, Director, Governor's Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting
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Kennesha Jackson, Military Policy Advisor to the Governor

Enclosures:
Supplemental transportation data

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Pursuant to Arizona Laws 2022, Chapter 313, Section 110, Subsection B (HB2862), the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA), in consultation with the Arizona Department of Homeland Security and Arizona Department of Public Safety, submits a quarterly report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) on the status of project allocations and monies expended through the Border Security Fund appropriations. A supplemental transportation data report is being submitted at the request of the JLBC Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

This report is accurate as of January 16, 2024.

Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA) Transportation Costs

Currently, DEMA supports border counties with transportation services in an effort to decompress the community impacts of Legally Processed Asylum Seekers (LPAS) to other localities with the proper NGO and transportation resources. Due to the increase in requests from county emergency management, an operational change was implemented in January 2023 to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of moving LPAS to their sponsored resettlement locations in other states while also reducing costs. DEMA is supporting local Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in our southern Arizona communities to transport LPAS referred to them by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Once processed by CBP and released with legal status to remain in the United States, LPAS are connected with an in-state or out-of-state NGO to coordinate their last-mile, self-paid travel arrangements to their sponsored resettlement locations. All transportation services are provided at the request of local jurisdictions to support the processing and onward movement of LPAS.

Note: The following data was compiled through state agency records and is representative of the transportation expenditures for state-funded transportation support requested by local jurisdictions.

Since the beginning of the mission on May 9, 2022, through December 31, 2023, 255 interstate (out of Arizona) buses have transported 11,458 LPAS totaling \$11,723,503, and 1,216 intrastate (within Arizona) buses have transported 64,374 LPAS totaling \$2,499,125.

- **Between January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022**, 89 interstate buses transported 3,177 LPAS (DC Only) totaling \$7,138,613.00 (\$2,247.00 per migrant).
- **Between January 1, 2023, through March 31, 2023**, 11 intrastate buses transported 471 LPAS totaling \$831,241.
- **Between April 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023**, 23 interstate buses transported 992 LPAS totaling \$1,561,045, and 143 intrastate buses transported 4,983 LPAS from Arizona's rural communities to regional NGO supporting partners totaling \$371,218.00.
- **Between July 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023**, 68 interstate buses transported 3,510 (LPAS) totaling \$960,676, and 109 intrastate buses

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transported 4,436 LPAS from Arizona's rural communities to regional NGO supporting partners totaling \$243,963.

- **Between October 1, 2023, thru December 31, 2023**, 64 interstate buses transported 3,442 LPAS totaling \$1,231,928. and 964 intrastate buses transported 54,955 LPAS from Arizona's rural communities to regional NGO supporting partners totaling \$1,883,944.00.
- **Between January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023**, 1382 interstate buses transported 72,789 LPAS (Inter/Intra) totaling \$7,084,015.00 (\$97.32 per migrant).

Figure 1: January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

The table below is a breakdown of state-funded transportation for the calendar year 2022. All buses used during this time period were focused on providing services to LPAS by connecting them with humanitarian partners in the Washington DC metro area.

	Buses/Individuals Transported	Total Cost	Cost Per Person
In State NGOs	0	\$0	\$0
Out-of-state NGOs	89 / 3,177	\$7,138,613.00	\$2,247.00
Total	89 / 3,177	\$7,138,613.00	\$2,247.00

Figure 2: January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

The table below is a breakdown of state-funded transportation for calendar year 2023. In 2023 DEMA made significant operational shifts to leverage local and regional NGO partners as well as negotiated reduced rates based on increased usage to increase the effectiveness of transportation dollars.

	Buses/Individuals Transported	Total Cost	Cost Per Person
In State NGOs	1312 / 64,374	\$2,499,125.00	\$38.82
Out-of-state NGOs	166 / 8,415	\$4,584,890.00	\$544.85
Total	1478 / 72,789	\$7,084,015.00	\$583.67

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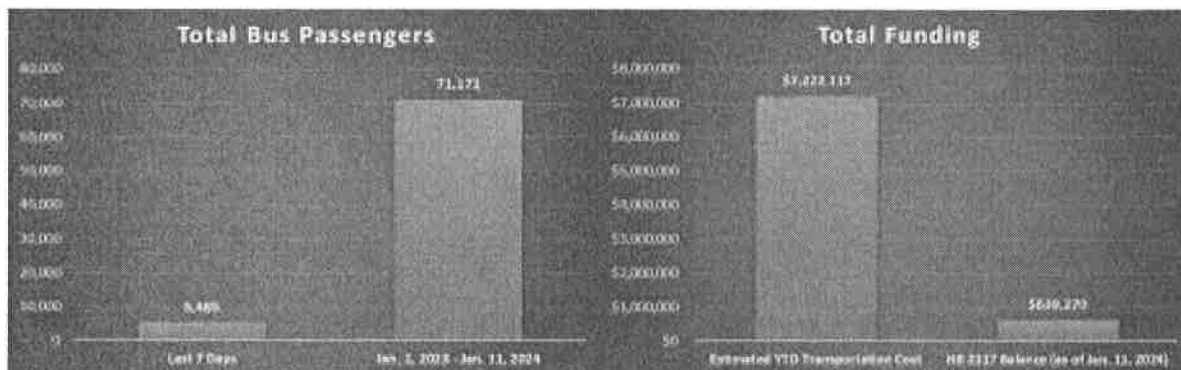
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Daily Transportation Cost

Since January 1, 2023, DEMA has spent a total of \$7,222,117 to transport 71,171 LPAS. In the last seven days, 5,485 LPAS have been transported. As of January 11, 2024, the estimated balance remaining within the transportation line item in the Border Security Fund was **\$639,270.60**.



DEMA Transportation Cost Projections January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024

The latest CBP analysis indicates that barring a significant federal policy shift, Arizona can anticipate continued increases in LPAS released in Arizona communities. Due to the continued monthly increase in the last year's rise in releases and the uncertainty of border policy impacts, a conservative estimating model was used with a 15% contingency applied to justify the transportation fund moves. DEMA anticipates needing the following funding to address jurisdictional requests through the end of the fiscal year.

- High-end average daily burn rate = \$38,000/day
- Six-month cost based on high-end burn rate = \$6,954,000
- 15% contingency buffer = \$1,046,000
- Total Needed = \$8,000,000

DEMA Transportation Contracts

DEMA's current transportation contracts are shared publicly and can be found by entering the CTR number in the Contract ID (CTR068355 and CTR068358) by visiting the Arizona Procurement Portal: https://app.az.gov/page.aspx/en/ctr/contract_browse_public.

Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) Transportation Support

Casas Alitas Welcome Center (CAWC) and the World Hunger Ecumenical Arizona Task Force (WHEAT) have compiled data available regarding the transportation of LPAS they assist in supporting the southwest border mission. The information compiled below is a

Supplemental Transportation Data

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part of the federal reporting data for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) and Shelter and Services Program (SSP) programs. The two-state organizations, Pima County and WHEAT act as fiduciaries for numerous grant subrecipients for both programs. However, they are not required to track specific data regarding the transportation of each migrant throughout their journey. Each organization coordinates a patchwork system of NGO partners, volunteers, and faith-based organizations through a sub-recipient funding model to assist with the processing and transportation of LPAS between NGOs and their final destination. This system also includes processing and transportation capacity in Yuma through the Regional Center for Border Health (RCBH) in Somerton and San Luis who coordinate the transportation and processes of LPAS released in the Yuma Sector. RCBH acts as a central transportation hub and deploys transportation resources directly to NGOs outside of Arizona, as well as transportation to airports such as Sky Harbor, as this is the main air transportation resource utilized by LPAS to travel to their final destination, Mostly New York, Chicago, New Jersey, and Florida. Use of humanitarian services and the trips described above are voluntary for LPAS who can choose to access services or resettle anywhere in the United States.

CAWC assists LPAS who wish to purchase airline or bus tickets using funds provided by family, sponsors, or LPAS themselves. Any additional financial support required by LPAS is met through donations from non-profit organizations or faith partners.

CAWC's primary objective is to assist LPAS in reaching their final destinations. While CAWC does not track the exact number of LPAS who leave the state, as it is considered a personal transaction, approximately 1%-3% of their federal funding is used to purchase tickets for those exceptional cases unable to pay for their own onward travel.

FY 2023 WHEAT Transportation Data

- 284,654 LPAS served
- 5693 charter buses used **these buses compromise of small vans, mid-size busses, and large busses transporting LPAS to and from NGO sites as well as to their final transportation destination, i.e, Airports*
- \$5,977,744 total federal funds used

FY 2023 Pima County Transportation Data

- 241,492 LPAS served

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