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JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE
Monday, November 10, 2025
1:30 P.M. or immediately upon adjournment of JCCR
Senate Appropriations, Room 109

#### **MEETING NOTICE**

- Call to Order
- Approval of Minutes of March 20, 2025.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION
  - A. ATTORNEY GENERAL Consideration of Proposed Settlements Per Rule 14.
  - \*B. JLBC Annual Performance Review Per Rule 7.
- 1. ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION/AUTOMATION PROJECTS FUND Review of Proposed Expenditures.
  - \*A. Review of ADOA Human Resources Information System (HRIS) Replacement.
  - \*B. Review of ADOA State Website Migrations.
  - C. Review of ADOA A to Z Arizona State Services Access Portal.
  - \*D. Review of ADOA Business One-Stop.
  - \*E. Review of AHCCCS Medicaid Enterprise System (MES).
  - \*F. Review of Department of Real Estate's IT System Replacement.
  - \*G. Review of DOR Tax System Replacement.
- 2. \*ATTORNEY GENERAL Review of Uncollectible Debts.
- 3. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
  - \*A. Review of Basic State Aid Recalculation.
  - \*B. Review of K-12 Broadband Connectivity Projects.
- 4. \*ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION Review of Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Federal Application.

- 5. \*DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY Review of the Expenditure Plan for the Gang and Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission (GIITEM) Border Security and Law Enforcement Subaccount.
- 6. \*ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS Review of FY 2026 Tuition Revenues.
- \* Consent Agenda These items will be considered in one motion and no testimony will be taken.

The Chairman reserves the right to set the order of the agenda. 11/03/2025 KP

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# MINUTES OF THE MEETING

# JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE

# March 20, 2025

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:36 p.m., Thursday, March 20, 2025, in House Hearing Room 1. The following were present:

Members: Senator Kavanagh, Vice-Chairman

Senator Alston Senator Farnsworth Senator Fernandez Senator Finchem

Senator Kuby

Representative Livingston, Chairman

Representative Austin Representative Blattman Representative Gress Representative Olson

Representative Stahl Hamilton

Representative Way

Absent:

Senator Mesnard

Senator Shamp

Representative Carbone

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

<u>Senator Kavanagh moved</u> that the Committee approve the minutes of December 18, 2024. The motion carried by voice vote.

# 1. ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The Committee Rules and Regulations remain the same as last session.

<u>Senator Kavanagh moved</u> that the Committee adopt the Committee rules and regulations. The motion carried by voice vote.

# 2. DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY (DCS) – Review of Line Item Transfers.

Mr. Richard Stavneak, Director, stated an FY 2025 General Appropriations Act footnote for DCS required Committee review of monies being transferred from one line item to another line item or to the operating budget. DCS requested Committee review to transfer General Fund monies between the following line items in FY 2025:

- \$6,500,000 from the Kinship Care line item (\$5,000,000) and the Foster Home Placement line item (\$1,500,000) to the Congregate Care line item
- \$2,192,000 from the Adoption Services line item to the Extended Foster Care line item

DCS also requested review of up to \$10,000,000 in General Fund transfer authority to the Congregate Care line item should the department confirm the existence of surpluses in the following line items:

- Up to \$3,000,000 from the Adoption Services line item
- Up to \$4,000,000 from the Out-of-Home Support Services line item
- Up to \$3,000,000 from the In-Home Mitigation line item

If the maximum surpluses are available, the total transfer into the Congregate Care line item would be \$10,000,000.

The transfer authority for these 3 line items exists until June 30, 2025, and the department is to notify the JLBC Chairman and the JLBC Staff Director if the appropriation transfers occur. The JLBC Staff provided options.

Mr. Alex Ong, Deputy Director of Administration, DCS, responded to member questions.

<u>Senator Kavanagh moved</u> that the Committee give a favorable review of the proposed line item transfers. The motion carried by voice vote.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kristy Paddack

Kristy Paddack, Secretary

Richard Stavneak

Richard Stavneak, Director

Representative David Livingston, Chairman

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DATE:

November 3, 2025

TO:

Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee

FROM:

JLBC Staff

SUBJECT:

Arizona Department of Administration/Automation Projects Fund - Review of Proposed

Expenditures

## Request

A.R.S. § 41-714 requires Committee review prior to any monies being expended from the Automation Projects Fund (APF). The Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) requests Committee review of 7 projects:

- 1) \$5,941,700 for ADOA's Human Resources Information System (HRIS) Replacement,
- 2) \$1,750,000 for ADOA State Website Migrations,
- 3) \$3,370,000 for ADOA's A to Z Arizona State Services Access Portal
- 4) \$1,700,000 for ADOA's Business One-Stop,
- 5) \$1,800,000 for the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) Medicaid Enterprise System (MES) Replacement,
- 6) \$734,200 for the Department of Real Estate's IT System Replacement, and
- 7) \$20,869,800 for the Department of Revenue's (DOR) Tax System Replacement.

# **Committee Options**

The Committee has at least the following 2 options:

1. A favorable review of the requests.

2. An unfavorable review of the requests.

# **Key Points**

- 1) ADOA is requesting review of APF funding from FY 2024, FY 2025 and FY 2026 totaling \$36.2 million for the following:
  - a. \$5,941,700 for ADOA's Human Resources Information System (HRIS) Replacement
  - b. \$1,750,000 for ADOA State Website Migrations
  - c. \$3,370,000 for ADOA's A to Z Arizona State Services Access Portal
  - d. \$1,700,000 for ADOA's Business One-Stop
  - e. \$1,800,000 for the AHCCCS Medicaid Enterprise System (MES) Replacement
  - f. \$734,200 for the Department of Real Estate's IT System Replacement
  - g. \$20,869,800 for the Department of Revenue's (DOR) Tax System Replacement.

# **Analysis**

# **ADOA HRIS Replacement**

The FY 2026 budget appropriated \$5.9 million from the HRIS APF Subaccount to ADOA for the continued development of the HRIS replacement. The FY 2026 appropriation was financed by a transfer from the Information Technology Fund.

ADOA's HRIS Modernization project will replace the state's legacy HR platform with a full scale, integrated, single platform cloud-based system called AZ360. The project was broken into 2 phases. Phase 1A went live on June 4, 2025, integrating HR, payroll, benefits and accounting elements into one platform. Phase 1B of the project began in June 2024 and is aimed at adding functionality to the system.

ADOA requests Committee review of the \$5.9 million FY 2026 appropriation to complete Phase 1A and continue Phase 1B of the HRIS modernization project.

# **ADOA State Website Migrations**

The FY 2026 budget appropriated \$1.8 million from the ADOA APF Subaccount to ADOA to continue migrating Executive agency websites to an updated platform. The FY 2026 appropriation was financed by a transfer from the Information Technology Fund.

Current Executive agency websites are on a platform that is no longer supported for maintenance and security upgrades. Of the 181 websites hosted by ADOA, 28 still need to be migrated to the new platform. ADOA reports that the new platform will increase functionality.

ADOA requests Committee review of the \$1.8 million FY 2026 appropriation to complete the migration. ADOA estimates that the work will be completed by June 2026.

## ADOA A to Z Arizona State Services Access Portal

The FY 2026 budget appropriated \$3.4 million from the ADOA APF Subaccount to ADOA for continued development of the A to Z Portal. The FY 2026 appropriation was financed by a transfer from the State Web Portal Fund.

The A to Z Portal will be used to authenticate individuals applying for health and human service programs and serve as a central hub for all state services. The portal will be implemented in phases. ADOA is currently building the core of the system that will be expanded by onboarding programs from

agencies like ADOA, the Department of Economic Security, the Department of Health Services, AHCCCS, ADOT, and Arizona State Parks and Trails.

ADOA requests Committee review of the \$3.4 million FY 2026 appropriation to complete Phase I of the portal's development.

# ADOA Business One-Stop Portal

The FY 2026 budget appropriated \$1.7 million from the ADOA APF Subaccount to ADOA for continued development of the Business One Stop Portal. The FY 2026 appropriation was financed by a transfer from the Information Technology Fund.

The Business One-Stop Portal provides a single online location for an individual to apply for the applicable licenses and registrations across state agencies for companies operating in Arizona with basic functionalities. Phase 1 of the project was completed in June 2023 with the basic functionalities necessary to start a business in Arizona.

ADOA requests Committee review of the full \$1.7 million FY 2026 appropriation to fund 3 projects at the Secretary of State (SOS): 1) \$1,200,000 to update business services applications and integrating with Business One-Stop; 2) \$350,000 to migrate SOS's Business Services platform to the cloud; and 3) \$150,000 to develop additional features for Business One-Stop.

# **AHCCCS MES Replacement**

The FY 2026 budget appropriated \$1.8 million from the MES Modernization APF Subaccount to ADOA for the MES Mainframe Replacement project. The FY 2026 appropriation was financed by a transfer from the General Fund.

AHCCCS currently utilizes a mainframe-based application, which was developed using a now-outdated coding standard, to support its core business operations. The primary objective of the MES Mainframe Replacement project is to migrate the AHCCCS mainframe system to the cloud. AHCCCS has estimated the project will cost \$114.3 million in total federal and state funds to complete. State costs are expected to be \$13.4 million, as most of the funding for this project will come from federal funds. Additional funding will come from the state of Hawaii, which currently shares Medicaid systems with AHCCCS.

ADOA is requesting Committee review of \$the 1.8 million FY 2026 appropriation for continued development costs. Since FY 2022, ADOA and AHCCCS have been appropriated \$12.3 million from state funds (\$108.9 million Total Funds) for this project.

#### Real Estate Department System Modernization

The FY 2026 budget appropriated \$2.0 million from the Real Estate Department APF Subaccount to ADOA to replace the Arizona Department of Real Estate's (ADRE) current 29-year-old licensing and case management system.

ADRE has already completed a Request for Proposals (RFP) process and received 14 responses from vendors. The proposed vendor selected by the department will implement a browser-based system that has already been implemented in several states, including prior projects in Arizona. The new system will enable the ADRE to track and manage applicants/licensees, individual application records, assignments, and other data points. The department estimates full completion and deployment of the system by November 2026.

ADOA requests Committee review of \$734,200 of the FY 2026 appropriation.

# DOR Integrated Tax System Modernization

As of October 2025, the Committee has reviewed \$32.5 million from the DOR APF Subaccount for the tax system replacement. The Committee previously reviewed the FY 2023 funding of \$15.8 million and the Committee gave a favorable review in December 2023 to \$16.7 million of the FY 2024 appropriation, leaving \$1.4 million unreviewed. The FY 2025 budget appropriated \$19.5 million from the DOR APF Subaccount for the project.

The FY 2023 budget assumed the system will cost \$104.8 million to implement by FY 2028. The funding for this project is financed by General Fund appropriations and from the Integrated Tax System Fund. This fund consists of monies collected from local governments and other taxing authorities for their share of project costs. The long-term spending plan assumed that development costs would be allocated 60.89% to the General Fund, 34.06% to local governments with the remainder paid by other state funds.

ADOA requests Committee review of \$20.9 million for the project, including the balance from the FY 2024 appropriation and the full FY 2025 appropriation. ADOA reports that the funding will support the continued programming of the first tax category (liquor luxury tax) and begin work on incorporating income tax withholding. Of this amount, \$10.7 million is for DOR expenses (\$5.8 million for DOR staff, \$4.6 million for contracted work, and \$253,800 for training/miscellaneous support), \$9.7 million for vendor costs, and \$468,500 for 3<sup>rd</sup> party independent verification/validation (IV&V).

The project is still in Phase 1 awaiting the delivery of the liquor luxury tax (LLT) product. In September 2025, ADOA/DOR submitted a change request to extend the delivery timeline for the base LLT product from February 2025 to March 2026. The change order shows project completion for all tax types by early 2030.

GP:kp



Katie Hobbs Auzona Governor

ADDA Director

October 17, 2025

The Honorable David Livingston, Chairman Arizona House of Representatives Joint Legislative Budget Committee 1700 West Washington Street Phoenix, Arizona 85007

The Honorable David Farnsworth, Vice-Chairman Arizona State Senate Joint Legislative Budget Committee 1700 West Washington Street Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Representative Livingston and Senator Farnsworth:

The Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) is submitting this request for review of Fiscal Year 2026 Automation Projects Fund (APF) expenditure plans for the following projects:

- Arizona Department of Administration ADOA
  - o HRIS Modernization (PIJ AD22009)
  - o Agency Platform Mass Website Migration (Draft PIJ)
  - o A to Z Arizona Portal (Draft PIJ)
- Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System AHCCCS
  - o ISD Systems Integrator (PIJ HC23028)
  - o ServiceNow (PIJ HC24003)
  - o MES Mainframe Refactor (PIJ HC24014)
  - o FWA Program Integrity (PIJ HC25004)
- Department of Real Estate RE
  - o Licensing and Case Management System Modernization (Draft PIJ)
- Department of Revenue RV
  - o State Tax Accounting and Reconciliation System (STARS) (PIJ RV23006)
- Secretary of State ST
  - o FACTS 2.0 LC/NC Development and B1S Integration (PIJ ST25006)
  - AZSOS Cloud Migration (PIJ ST26001)
  - o Finish Business One Stop Partnership Module (PIJ ST26004)

#### Sincerely,

J.R. Sloan State CIO

# **Enclosures**

cc: Richard Stavneak, Director, JLBC Staff
Ben Henderson, Director, OSPB
Elizabeth Alvarado-Thorson, Director, ADOA
Geoff Paulsen, JLBC Staff
Destin Moss, JLBC Staff
Kyley Jensen, OSPB Staff
Rémy Gaudin, OSPB Staff
Jacob Wingate, Chief Financial Officer, ADOA
Haleh Farhad, Director of Strategic Oversight, ADOA

	Favorable Review Re	equest Summary	/	
Agency	Project Name	APF Appropriation	Favorably Reviewed	Favorable Review Requested
ADOA	HRIS Modernization	\$5,941,700	\$0	\$5,941,700
ADOA	Agency Platform Mass Website Migration	\$1,750,000	\$0	\$1,750,000
ADOA	A to Z Arizona Portal	\$3,370,000	\$0	\$3,370,000
AHCCCS	ISD Systems Integrator (PIJ HC23028) ServiceNow (PIJ HC24003) MES Mainframe Refactor (PIJ HC24014) FWA Program Integrity (PIJ HC25004)	\$1,800,000	\$0	\$1,800,000
ADORE	Licensing and Case Management System Modernization	\$1,962,000	\$0	\$734,227
ADOR	State Tax Accounting and Reconciliation System (STARS)	\$18,069,400	\$16,656,400	\$1,413,000
ADOR	State Tax Accounting and Reconciliation System (STARS)	\$19,456,800	\$0	\$19,456,800
sos	FACTS 2.0 LC/NC Development and B1S Integration, AZSOS Cloud Migration, and Business One Stop Partnership Module	\$1,700,000	\$0	\$1,700,000

Agency:	Department of Administration
Project:	A to Z Arizona Portal
This Ask Report Pertains To:	BFY26 Appropriation of \$3,370,000 - Expires 6/30/27 Per: Laws 2025, First Regular Session, Chapter 233, Section 116, Subsection C

### **CURRENT REQUEST:**

The Department of Administration (ADOA) is requesting a favorable review of \$3,370,000 from the ADOA Automation Projects Fund (APF) to develop the AtoZ Arizona Portal Minimum Viable Product (MVP) to include integration with several state agencies

BFY26	BFY26	BFY26	BFY26
Appropriation	Favorably Reviewed	Current Request	APF Remaining Balance
\$3,370,000	0	\$3,370,000	\$0

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The AtoZ Arizona Portal project will create a centralized online entry point where Arizonans can securely access state services in one place. The project will begin with delivery of a Minimum Viable Product (MVP) and then expand by onboarding programs from agencies such as ADOA, ADHS, DES, AHCCCS, ADOT, and Arizona State Parks and Trails. Funding will also support ongoing maintenance and operations to ensure reliability and the addition of future feature enhancements based on user feedback and agency collaboration. Together, these efforts advance the program's goal of providing a unified, secure, and user-friendly portal that simplifies access to public services.

# Background:

ADOA-ASET is developing the AtoZ Arizona Portal, an online application where Arizonans can securely connect to and receive updates on all of their state services in one place. Today, Arizonans must navigate multiple portals and agency websites, each with separate logins, duplicative data entry, and inconsistent communication. This fragmented approach creates inefficiencies, increases user frustration, and limits the state's ability to reduce waste, fraud, and abuse of state resources.

The AtoZ Arizona Portal addresses these challenges by introducing a unified, secure entry point to state services with centralized authentication, audit trails, and intelligent monitoring. These safeguards help reduce fraud, flag suspicious activity, and ensure compliance with state and federal standards. This approach directly supports Governor Hobbs' vision for IT strategy, which emphasizes citizen-centricity, efficiency, accessibility, transparency, and security of digital services.

The State of Arizona has implemented similar portals in the past on a smaller scale, such as the Business One Stop for entrepreneurs and DES's client portal for health and human services. The AtoZ Portal builds on these models and expands the approach statewide, serving as a

centralized "front door" to all agency services including services from diverse specialties (see early adopters below).

Work is already underway. The program has completed requirements gathering, begun prototyping, and established a governance structure to guide decisions on data, technology, customer experience, policy, procurement, and finance. Strong governance and cross-agency collaboration are central to the portal's success, ensuring that individual agency actions align with statewide goals and standards. Early engagement is in progress with agencies including ADOA, ADHS, DES, AHCCCS, ADOT, and Arizona State Parks and Trails to prepare for onboarding into the portal.

Funding for this effort is supported by the FY26 ARPA allocation already secured, and this request to the APF will support ongoing development, onboarding, maintenance, and future feature enhancements to ensure sustainability and long-term impact.

# Method of Procurement (for initial requests):

Task Order issued to multiple vendors under the competitively awarded Statewide Contract for Digital Government and Enterprise Application Services (BPM005409) and Cloud Services contract.

#### Solution:

The AtoZ Arizona Portal will be implemented in phases, beginning with delivery of a Minimum Viable Product (MVP) and expanding through incremental onboarding of additional programs and services. The program will use an agile approach, allowing features to be tested, refined, and scaled iteratively based on user feedback and agency priorities.

With the money allocated for this project, we will use it to not only build the first version of the product, but also to maintain and improve upon the product based on feedback and focus group results. We plan on bringing a vendor to manage tickets, platform bugs, and key interfaces with agencies.

A dedicated governance structure ensures decisions on data, technology, customer experience, policy, procurement, and finance are made consistently across agencies, while maintenance and operations processes will support long-term sustainability. Security and fraud prevention measures, including centralized authentication and monitoring, will be embedded into the design. Over time, future feature enhancements will be added to expand functionality and adapt to evolving citizen needs.

#### Benefits:

The AtoZ Arizona Portal will simplify how citizens interact with state government by providing one secure place to access, manage, and discover services. By reducing the need for multiple logins, centralizing notifications, and streamlining access, the portal improves convenience for citizens while helping agencies operate more efficiently and securely. These benefits support Arizona's commitment to delivering modern, transparent, and Arizonan-centric digital services.

#### **Public Benefits**

Centralized and secure access to services in one place

- A single hub for notifications from all connected services, with actionable links that take users directly where they need to go
- Pass-through authentication that eliminates the need for multiple logins across agency systems
- Personalized service discovery, helping citizens find and access services they may not have known existed
- Equity-focused design that ensures accessibility and transparency for all Arizonans

# State and Agency Benefits

- Built-in security and fraud prevention safeguards that protect public resources and reinforce citizen trust
- Reduced redundancy and duplicative data entry across programs, improving efficiency and lowering costs
- Stronger interagency collaboration through shared governance and consistent standards
- Higher quality, more reliable data that enables better decision-making and reporting
- Streamlined operations with a sustainable platform that scales as services and demand grow

#### PROJECT GOALS/MILESTONES:

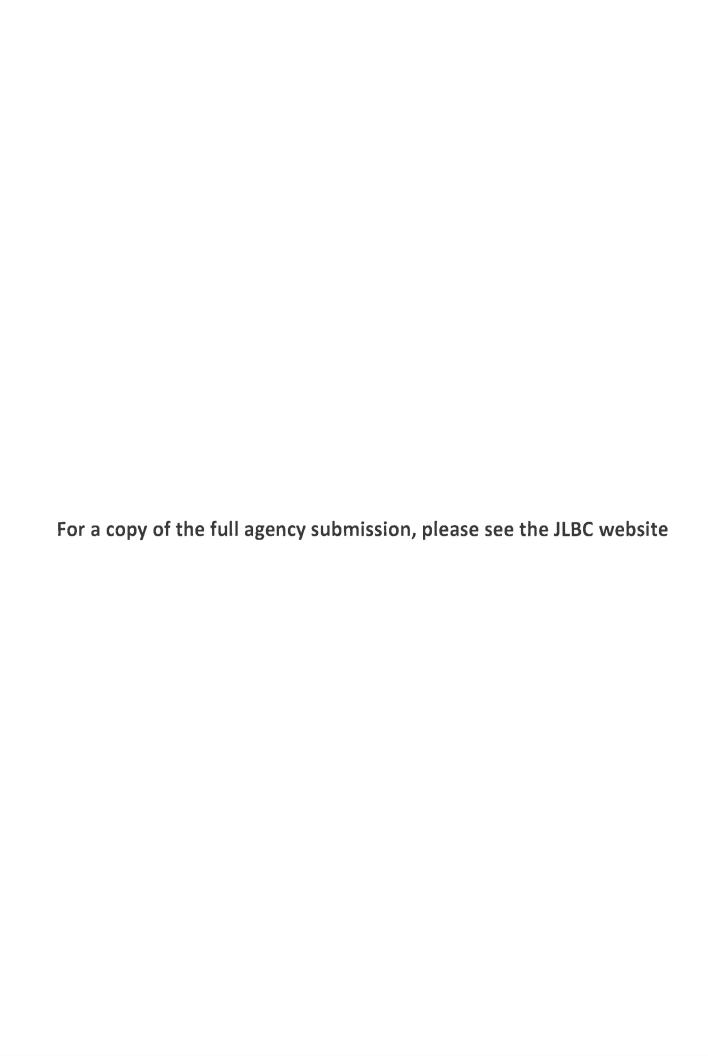
Deliver the AtoZ Arizona Portal MVP as the foundation for a statewide digital entry point to services, onboard initial agencies, and establish long-term maintenance and operations to ensure sustainability and growth.

Description	Start Date (Est.)	End Date (Est.)	Duration (weeks/months)	
Requirements & Vision Alignment	4/21/2025	11/03/2025	7 months	
Prototyping & User Testing	8/1/2025	12/5/2025	4 months	
Procurement & Vendor Selection	10/9/2025	1/22/2026	3 months	
MVP Build & Agency Onboarding	1/23/2026	7/31/2026	6 months	
User Acceptance Testing & Launch Preparations	7/3/2026	7/31/2026	1 month	

Maintenance & Operations	8/1/2026	6/30/2027	11 months	
Future Enhancements & Agency Onboarding (Phase II and beyond)	8/1/2026	6/30/2027	10 months	

# PROJECT COST DETAIL:

Professional Services - Contracted vendor resources are expected to perform 100% of the site migration and development activity necessary for this project.	\$1,452,470
Personnel Costs	\$960,450
IV&V (If Applicable)	\$0
Design	\$0
Migration	\$0
Quality Management/Testing	\$0
Hardware	\$0
Software	\$0
License & Maintenance Fees	\$957,080
Total Cost for FY26 - FY27	\$3.37M





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DATE:

November 3, 2025

TO:

Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee

FROM:

Gordon Robertson, Senior Fiscal Analyst

SUBJECT:

Attorney General – Review of Uncollectible Debts

# Request

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-150E, the Attorney General (AG) requests Committee review of its listing of uncollectible debts to be removed from the state's accounting system. The listing totals \$43,004,000 for debts listed as uncollectible in FY 2025 and prior years.

# **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 State Comptroller may remove uncollectible debts from the state accounting system after their review by the Committee.
- 2) The FY 2025 listing includes \$43.0 million in uncollectible debt.
- 3) The majority of the \$43.0 million has been deemed uncollectible because the debtor is a defunct corporation/LLC (54.7%) or there are no assets/no wages/a negative credit report (23.1%).
- 4) A total of 86.3% of the total debt is owed to the Department of Revenue.

#### **Analysis**

When state agencies, boards, and commissions are unable to collect past due debts, the uncollected debt is processed in 2 ways: 1) the AG or state agencies may initiate debt collection proceedings; or 2)

debt is determined to be uncollectible and then referred to the Committee for review. Upon review by the Committee, debt that is found to be uncollectible may be removed from the state's accounts receivable.

The AG's Collection Enforcement Unit functions as a collection service for debts owed to the state. The unit returns 65% of collected monies to the client agencies and retains the remaining 35% for unit operational costs. While the Collection Enforcement Unit is able to collect from many individuals and businesses that owe monies to the state, some debts are uncollectible for a variety of reasons. The AG's report to the Committee includes the following:

- 1. Debt owed to the state that was referred to the AG's Collection Enforcement Unit and determined to be uncollectible.
- 2. Debt owed to state agencies that was not referred to the Collection Enforcement Unit and was deemed to be uncollectible by the individual agency.

Since 2011 the Committee has given favorable reviews of uncollectible debt ranging from \$16.4 million to \$88.4 million (see Table 1).

Table 1	
Favorably R	eviewed Uncollectible Debt
Year	Uncollectible Debt Listing
Reviewed	(\$ in Millions)
2011	\$17.2
2012	30.4
2013	44.9
2014/15	88.4
2016	78.3
2017	50.9
2018	41.3
2019	31.2
2020	34.2
2021	21.1
2022	16.4
2023	31.0
2024	30.2

Since its last report in FY 2024, the AG's office has again reviewed the cases assigned to the Collection Enforcement Unit. Based on this review, the AG advises that \$43.0 million owed to the state is uncollectible as of April 30, 2025. Due to its length, the specific listing of uncollectible debts does not appear in the attached agency material. Please contact the JLBC Staff for the complete listing.

Of the \$43.0 million in uncollectible debt:

• A total of 77.8% is uncollectible because the debtor is a defunct corporation/LLC (54.7%) or there are no assets/no wages/a negative credit report (23.1%). The remaining 22.2% is uncollectible for other reasons (see Table 2).

Table 2		
Uncollectible Debt	by Reason	
	Amount Recommended	
Reason	for Write-Off	Percentage
Defunct Corporation/LLC	\$23,534,300	54.7%
No Assets / No Wages / Negative Credit Report	9,918,200	23.1
Debtor Is Deceased	3,975,500	9.2
Collection Cost Would Exceed Amount Owed	2,244,600	5.2
Debt Discharged in Bankruptcy	2,113,500	4.9
Settled	843,300	2.0
Insufficient Info / Evidence to File Suit	175,100	0.4
Unable to Locate Debtor	131,100	0.3
Statute of Limitations Expired	66,900	0.2
Debtor Is Incarcerated	1,700	0.0
Total	\$43,004,000 1/	100.0%
1/ Does not sum due to rounding.		

• A total of 86.3% of the total debt is owed to the Department of Revenue (DOR). The remaining debt is associated with 26 other specified agencies (see Table 3).

Table 3							
Uncollectible Debt Recommended f	or Write-Off by Client Ag	gency					
	Amount						
	Recommended						
Agency	for Write-Off	<b>Percentage</b>					
Department of Revenue	\$37,106,500	86.3%					
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System	3,435,300	8.0					
Arizona Department of Transportation	577,000	1.3					
Arizona State Retirement System	523,200	1.2					
Arizona Attorney General	300,000	0.7					
All Others	1,062,100	2.5					
Total	\$43,004,000 1/	100.0%					



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May 21, 2025

# HAND DELIVERED

Senator John Kavanagh, Chairman Joint Legislative Budget Committee Arizona House of Representatives 1716 West Adams Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE:

FY2024 beginning April 1, 2024 through FY2025 March 31, 2025, for Not-

Referred Non-DOR Uncollectible Debt Report

FY2024 beginning May 1, 2021 through FY2025 April 30, 2025, Referred Non-

DOR Uncollectible Debt Report

FY2024 beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, DOR Uncollectible Debt

Report

# Dear Representative Cobb:

As requested by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee ("JLBC") pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-150(E), enclosed are the FY2024 beginning April 1, 2024 through FY2025 March 31, 2025, for Not-Referred Non-DOR Uncollectible Debt Report FY2024 beginning May 1, 2024 through FY2025 April 30, 2025, Referred Non-DOR Uncollectible Debt Report and FY2024 beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, DOR Uncollectible Debt Report ("the Reports").

The Reports include: 1) debt owed to the State that was referred to the Collection Enforcement Revolving Fund ("CERF") for collection and determined to be uncollectible; and 2) debt owed to the Department of Revenue ("DOR") and other State agencies, boards and commissions that was not referred to the CERF and was deemed uncollectible by the agencies. With respect to the DOR debt listed in the Reports as uncollectible, for FY 2020 the Attorney General's Office is relying upon the certification by DOR set forth in the memorandum dated May 14, 2021, from DOR to the Attorney General's Office and entitled, "Fiscal Year 2020 Certification of Cases for Abatement" ("Certification"). The Certification states that the debt described in the Certification meets the criteria pursuant to A.R.S. § 42-1004B, and for liabilities discharged in bankruptcy, pursuant to the United States Bankruptcy Code, and that DOR has validated through its internal policies and processes that it verified the reasons for abatement, as stated in the Certification, and that they are true and accurate.

With respect to the debt owed to State agencies other than DOR that was not referred to CERF, each respective agency Director certified that the agency has validated through its internal policies and processes that it verified the reasons for abatement, as stated in the Certifications, and that they are true and accurate.

The reporting of a debt as uncollectible, including the act of the State abating the debt, does not necessarily preclude the State from reopening a case and collecting a debt owed to the State at a later date. At times, we have been able to reopen a case and collect a debt because we have identified a debtor's assets or revenue source that previously did not exist or was not able to be located. There are three exceptions to when the State would be able to pursue a debtor post-abatement. They are: 1) debts discharged in bankruptcy; 2) debts where the statute of limitations has expired; and 3) debts that the State has agreed to settle for a lesser amount than what was owed.

The Reports provide a reason each debt is deemed uncollectible. The reasons include case settled, debtor deceased, unable to locate debtor, collection costs would exceed the amount to be collected, agency has no claim or interest, debtor has neither assets nor wages, debtor lives and/or works on a Reservation, debt discharged in bankruptcy and Corporation/LLC defunct.

Finally, the Reports also provide the amount uncollected for each debt. This amount may include all or a portion of the original debt and, if applicable, all or a portion of interest and penalties associated with the debt.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Don J. Lawrence, Jr. Section Chief Counsel

Bankruptcy Collection & Enforcement

Arizona Attorney General's Office

# **Enclosures**

cc: Representative David Livingston, JLBC Vice-Chairman (with attachments)

Richard Stavneak, JLBC Director (with attachments)

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Gordon Robertson, JLBC Analyst (with attachments)

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Joseph Branco, AGO Division Chief of Civil Litigation (with attachments)

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Nick Debus, AGO Deputy Attorney General for Law & Policy (with attachments)





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DATE:

November 3, 2025

TO:

Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee

FROM:

Gordon Robertson, Senior Fiscal Analyst

SUBJECT:

Arizona Department of Education – Review of Basic State Aid Recalculation

# Request

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-915B, the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) requests Committee review of its recalculation of Basic State Aid for Bonita Elementary District, whose property values were affected by recent Arizona Tax Court decisions pertaining to Naturesweet Farms.

# **Committee Options**

The committee has at least the 2 following options:

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

# **Key Points**

- 1) Subject to JLBC review, statute allows school districts to have their K-12 Basic State Aid funding recalculated if court rulings change property values in their district.
- 2) A property tax appeal for Naturesweet Farms resulted in lower property values for Bonita Elementary District.
- 3) The FY 2026 General Appropriations Act included a total of \$109,300 for FY 2023 and FY 2024 for Bonita Elementary District property tax recalculations.
- 4) ADE has computed additional Basic State Aid funding of \$36,300 from the General Fund to account for the lower property values in FY 2025. The department would cover the cost with its Basic State Aid appropriation.

# **Analysis**

A.R.S. § 15-915B permits school districts to request a recalculation of their Basic State Aid payments from ADE, including from prior years, if a court judgment, decision by a county board of equalization, decision by the State Board of Equalization, or the correction of a property tax error results in a Net Assessed Value for property in the district that is different from what ADE used to calculate state aid payments to the districts. Such recalculations are subject to JLBC review. The recalculation does not include any adjustment for district taxes that are outside the Basic State Aid formula (e.g. bonds, overrides, adjacent ways, locally-funded transportation, etc.), nor does it account for interest costs associated with refunds.

In December 2021, Naturesweet Farms challenged its FY 2023 Net Assessed Valuation to the State Board of Equalization. In April 2025, Graham County and Naturesweet settled, reducing Naturesweet's Net Assessed Value in FY 2023 and FY 2024, reducing property values for Bonita Elementary District. Due to the timing of the settlement, Bonita Elementary District's FY 2025 Basic State Aid was originally calculated using pre-settlement Net Assessed Valuation, leading to this recalculation.

ADE's recalculation for the Naturesweet settlement will result in additional Basic State Aid payments of \$36,300 to Bonita Elementary for FY 2025.

GR:kp



October 15, 2025

Chairman David Livingston, House Appropriations Committee Chairman David Farnsworth, Senate Appropriations Committee

Dear Chairman Livingston and Chairman Farnsworth,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing on behalf of Arizona Department of Education (ADE) to formally request the approval of the A.R.S. 15-915.B state aid recalculation adjustment for FY2025 for Bonita Elementary School District in Graham County due to the NatureSweet vs Graham County lawsuit assessed valuation corrections.

In May 2025, ADE received the final assessed values from Graham County Assessor's Office and our total recalculated state aid adjustment is \$36,303.51. This adjustment is due to the tax year 2024 assessed values having been corrected by -\$2,278,940.00.

Please contact me at (602) 364-2262 or e-mail Xin.Liu@azed.gov with any questions related to this report.

Sincerely, Xin Liu Senior Director of School Finance Arizona Department of Education

Cc: Tom Horne, Superintendent of Public Instruction Art Harding, Chief of Staff Chris Brown, Chief Financial Officer Patrick Moran, JLBC



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DATE:

November 3, 2025

TO:

Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee

FROM:

Gordon Robertson, Senior Fiscal Analyst

SUBJECT:

Arizona Department of Education - Review of K-12 Broadband Connectivity Projects

# Request

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-249.07, the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) requests Committee review of its annual report on K-12 broadband connectivity construction projects.

# **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) Since FY 2018, the Legislature has appropriated \$13.5 million in state matching funds to ADE Broadband Connectivity Projects.
- 2) State monies for K-12 Broadband can draw down federal E-rate monies with a match rate up to 90%.
- 3) We estimate that to date, ADE has expended approximately \$10.4 million in state matching funds for Broadband Connectivity Projects for schools and libraries.

## **Analysis**

# Background

The federal E-Rate program provides federal matching funds for services to support broadband connectivity to schools and libraries as equipment and services needed for broadband connectivity within schools and libraries. Overseen by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the program is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), and provides federal matching funds (i.e. a "discount rate") ranging from 20% to 90% for broadband projects depending on the percentage of students within the school that are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches (FRPL).

The FCC authorizes a dollar-for-dollar increase in federal matching funds up to a maximum of 10% above the base matching rates for broadband projects receiving funding from the state and that meet the FCC's long-term connectivity targets (currently equal to 1 Mbps of bandwidth per student). For example, a school qualifying for a base discount rate of 80% for a broadband project (an urban or rural school with a FRPL-eligible population of more than 50%, but less than 74%) would receive a final match rate of 90% if the state provided matching funds equal to 10% of the cost of the project.

The FY 2018 budget included a one-time appropriation of \$3,000,000 from the Automation Projects Fund for state matching funds to be allocated to broadband projects certified by ADE and the USAC for federal E-Rate funding. The \$3,000,000, in combination with \$8,000,000 collected by the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) via a one-time surcharge on Arizona consumers' phone bills authorized in March 2017, provided \$11,000,000 of state funding for total anticipated school and library broadband projects of \$130,000,000 Total Funds. The enacted FY 2024 budget, as revised during the 2024 session, provided an additional \$2,500,000, resulting in a total of \$13,500,000 of state funding.

Each year, ADE opens funding applications on July 1, and funding begins on June 1 of the following year. Through FY 2025, ADE has approved 90 projects at a cost of \$125,671,500 Total Funds. ADE has also approved 15 projects for funding in FY 2026 at a cost of \$5,451,400 Total Funds. *Table 1* summarizes project data by fiscal year.

The 105 total projects are serving or will serve upon completion approximately 325,300 students statewide. This total cost of these projects includes \$131,122,900 (91%) from E-rate funding, \$10,391,500 (8%) from the state match, and \$1,515,700 (1%) from local funding. Local funding is only required from participating schools with a discount rate of less than 80% (less than 50% FRPL eligibility).

Table 1					
	K-12	<b>Broadband Constru</b>	ction Project Sum	mary <sup>1/</sup>	
Fiscal	Students	ADE-Certified	E-Rate	State	School
<u>Year</u>	Served	Projects 2/	<u>Portion</u>	<u>Portion</u>	Portion 3/
2018	63,200	\$ 13,605,700	\$ 12,410,400	\$ 1,043,700	\$ 149,800
2019	62,200	58,888,700	53,326,200	4,608,400	954,200
2020	8,200	23,011,700	20,822,900	2,186,000	2,800
2021	16,700	7,461,300	7,013,900	409,900	21,600
2022	39,100	9,803,300	8,915,900	793,700	15,500
2023	24,200	7,326,600	6,735,700	590,900	.#I
2024	1,900	1,243,000	1,131,100	111,900	
2025	26,400	4,331,200	3,982,600	244,700	103,900
2026	83,400	5,451,400	4,781,000	402,300	267,900
Cumulative	325,300	\$ 131,122,900	\$ 119,119,700	\$ 10,391,500	\$ 1,515,700
% of Total	·	100%	91%	<u>8%</u>	<u>1%</u>

<sup>1/</sup> Numbers may not add properly due to rounding.

<sup>2/</sup> Represents dollar value of projects certified by ADE, including completed projects and projects in-process and waiting USAC approval.

<sup>3/</sup> Schools with less than an 80% discount rate (less than 50% FRPL-eligible) must fund part of their own project costs.



June 30, 2025

The Honorable David Livingston Chairman, Joint Legislative Budget Committee 1700 West Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Representative Livingston,

In compliance with A.R.S. § 15-249.07, please see the Arizona Broadband for Education Initiative report.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions.

Sincerely,

Art Harding Chief Operations Officer Arizona Department of Education



# ARIZONA BROADBAND FOR EDUCATION INITIATIVE

2025 Q4 Update

The Arizona Broadband for Education Initiative is a partnership between the Governor's Office of Education, the Arizona Department of Education, the Arizona Corporation Commission, and the nonprofit organization EducationSuperhighway. The program's goal is to ensure that every public K-12 instructional building in the state is connected via high-speed and reliable broadband connections to enable digital learning in the classroom.

One major component of the Initiative includes supporting schools and libraries as they take advantage of the federal Schools and Libraries (E-rate) Program. The E-rate program provides discounts of up to 90% of the monthly cost of telecommunications services to keep students and library patrons connected to high-speed broadband. It is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), designated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

The E-rate Modernization Order, adopted by the FCC in July 2014, allows states to establish "matching funds" that may contribute up to ten percent in funding to subsidize the cost of Category 1 "special construction" projects. If a state provides eligible schools and libraries with funding for special construction charges for high-speed broadband that meets the FCC's long-term connectivity targets, the E-rate Program will increase an applicant's discount rate for these charges up to an additional ten percent to match the state funding on a one-to-one dollar basis. The combination of E-rate and state match funding can cover up to 100% of an applicant's out-of-pocket cost for the infrastructure necessary to supply high-speed internet.

In March 2017, the Arizona Corporation Commission updated the Arizona Universal Service Fund (AUSF) rules to provide \$8M in funding for "Special Construction" projects in Arizona. Used in combination with the E-rate program, this funding will result in approximately \$150M in new construction projects within the state. In April 2017 the Arizona State Legislature approved an additional \$3M for "Special Construction" projects.

May 2023 the Arizona Legislature approved \$2.5M in additional funding to bring the total investment in our schools and libraries to \$13.5M.

To date, we have completed **\$131.1M** in broadband projects, **\$10.4M** spent from state funds, providing high-speed internet access via internet services providers and wide area networks.

Total funding remaining based on available state funds as of 9/30/2024 is \$2,632,642.15.

	Budget 9/30/2024	Allocated	Expended	Remaining
				Funds
ADE	\$2,601,419.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,601,419.33
ACC	\$941,711.98	\$604,025.21	\$306,463.95	\$31,222.82



2017	■ Applicant Name ■ Dis Agua Fria UHSD	countParaentage	7649	\$749,000.00	\$524,300.00	\$74,900.00	\$149,800.00	Complete
	Aguarria Onso Apache County Consortium	85%	4062	\$8,379,313.67	\$7,750,865.14	\$628,448.53	\$0.00	Complet
2017	Arizona Call A Teen Center	90%	261	\$61,917.00	\$58,821.15	\$3,095.85	\$0.00	Complet
***************************************	Bicentennial UHS (Salome HS)	90%	113	\$25,303.25	\$24,038.09	\$1,265,16	\$0.00	Complet
2017	Combs Unified School District	80%	4634	\$360,000.00	\$324,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$0.00	Complet
2017	Payson Unif School Dist 10	80%	2843	\$159,000.00	\$143,100.00	\$15,900.00	\$0.00	Complet
2017	Santa Cruz Valley HS #35	90%	395	\$874,320.00	\$830,604.00	\$43,716.00	\$0.00	Complet
2017		90%	2973	\$236,000.00	\$224,200.00	\$11,800.00	\$0.00	Complet
2017	Somerton School District	90%	529	\$950,000.00	\$902,500.00	\$47,500.00	\$0.00	Complet
2017	Stanfield School District 24	90%	970	\$500.00	\$475.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	Complet
2017	Tombstone USD	60%	12752	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	Complet
2017	Vail School District		26000	\$1,808,320.00	\$1,627,488.00	\$180,832.00	\$0.00	Complet
2017	Yavapai County EducationTechnolo	80%		\$471,778.85	\$448,189,91	\$23,588.94	\$0.00	Complet
2018	Anteiope Union High School	90%	230		\$1,285,724.95	\$104,329.05	\$0.00	Complet
2018	Apache County Consortium	85%	0	\$1,391,054.00			\$0.00	Complet
2018	Cedar Hills - Hackberry	90%	123	\$160,000.00	\$152,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	Complet
2018	Cochise Elementary SD	80%	87	\$153,300.00	\$138,000.00	\$15,300.00 \$24,055.99	\$0.00	Complet
2018	Cottonwood - Oak Creek	80%	2079	\$240,559.81	\$216,503.82		\$0.00	Complet
2018	Cupertino PLA	90%	5	\$13,317.59	\$12,651.71	\$665.88		Complet
2018	Discovery Plus Academy	80%	119	\$14,518.29	\$11,614.63	\$1,451.83	\$1,451.83	
2018	Ganado Unified District 20	90%	1513	\$472,042.64	\$448,440.51	\$23,602.13	\$0.00	Complet
2018	Globe USD	80%	1668	\$585,716.00	\$527,144.40	\$58,571.60	\$0.00	Complet
2018	Grand Canyon USD	80%	283	\$5,660,200,37	\$5,094,180.34	\$566,020.03	\$0.00	Complet
2018	Holbrook USD	90%	2066	\$82,432.53	\$78,310.90	\$4,121.63	\$0.00	Complet
2018	Lake Havasu USD	80%	5508	\$842,004.00	\$757,803.60	\$84,200.40	\$0.00	Complet
2018	LaPaz County	90%	0	\$3,974,976.00	\$3,776,227.20	\$198,748.80	\$0.00	Comple
2018	Laveen ESD	90%	6831	\$900,000.00	\$855,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	Complet
2018	Littleton School District	90%	387	\$629,000.00	\$597,550.00	\$31,450.00	\$0.00	Complet
2018	Maricopa Unified	80%	6636	\$1,850,000.00	\$1,665,000.00	\$185,000.00	\$0.00	Comple
2018	Mohawk Valley Elementary	90%	1141	\$365,771.56	\$347,482.98	\$18,288.58	\$0.00	Comple
2018	Nogales USD	90%	8500	\$947,000.00	\$899,650.00	\$47,350.00	\$0.00	Comple
2018	Pinal County Consortium	85%	0	\$33,779,395.00	\$31,245,940.37	\$2,533,454.63	\$0.00	Comple
2018	Pinal County Schools	80%	0	\$75,012.00	\$67,510.80	\$7,501.20	\$0.00	Comple
2018	PPEP, Inc	90%	800	\$7,500.00	\$7,125.00	\$375.00	\$0.00	Comple
2018	Prescott USD	60%	4003	\$101,180.10	\$69,282.06	\$10,118.01	\$21,780.03	Comple
2018	Saddle Mountain SD	80%	1764	\$1,149,000.00	\$1,034,100.00	\$114,900.00	\$0.00	Comple
2018	Show Low School District	80%	2324	\$199,548.40	\$179,593.56	\$19,954.84	\$0.00	Compte
2018	Snowflake School District	70%	2542	\$217,800.00	\$174,240.00	\$21,780.00	\$21,780.00	Comple
2018	Tombstone Library	80%	0	\$25,000.00	\$22,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	Comple
2018	Tombstone USD	80%	742	\$4,000.00	\$3,600.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	Comple
2018	Vail District	60%	12860	\$4,545,792.00	\$3,182,054.40	\$454,579.20	\$909,158.40	Comple
2018	Yavapai ASD #99	80%		\$30,828.34	\$27,741.50	\$3,082,84	\$0,00	Comple
2019	Desert Star Academy	90%	500	\$28,447.00	\$27,024.65	\$1,422.35	\$0.00	Comple
2019	Gila County Consortium	83%	6800	\$19,490,128.46	\$17,541,115.61	\$1,949,012.85	\$0.00	Comple
2019	Heber-Overgaard USD 6	80%	520	\$1,000,342.46	\$900,308.20	\$100,034.26	\$0.00	Comple
2019	JO Combs	70%		\$27,801.00	\$22,240.80	\$2,780.10	\$2,780.10	Comple
2019	Little Singer School	90%	150	\$777,660.01	\$738,777.01	\$38,883.00	\$0.00	Comple
2019	Navajo County Consortium	80%	0	\$537,405.00	\$537,405.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Comple
2019	Orme School	80%	140	\$727,448.11	\$654,703.30	\$72,744.81	\$0.00	Comple
2019	Shorto Prep	90%		\$71,438.62	\$67,866.69	\$3,571.93	\$0.00	Comple



-	■ Applicant Name ■ Disc							
2019	Yucca School	90%	50	\$351,049.00	\$333,496.55	\$17,552.45	\$0.00	Complete
2020	Buckeye Elementary	80%	5614	\$360,000.00	\$324,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$0,00	Complete
2020	Douglas Unified School District	90%	4225	\$266,500.00	\$253,175.00	\$13,325.00	\$0.00	Complete
2020	Gila Bend USD	90%	478	\$8,543.50	\$8,116.33	\$427.18	\$0.00	Complete
2020	Hunters Point	90%	145	\$10,703.89	\$10,168.70	\$535.19	\$0.00	Complete
2020	Liberty School District	70%	3899	\$216,000.00	\$172,800.00	\$21,600.00	\$21,600.00	Complete
2020	Navajo Nation	90%	0	\$4,788,550.59	\$4,549,123.06	\$239,427.53	\$0.00	Complete
2020	Paloma Elementary	90%	123	\$1,651,035.00	\$1,568,483.25	\$82,551.75	\$0.00	Complete
2020	Saddle Mountain SchoolDistrict	80%	2179	\$160,000.00	\$128,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$0.00	Complete
2021	Beaver Creek	80%	275	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,350,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	Complete
2021	Buckeye ESD	80%	5455	\$125,860.00	\$113,274.00	\$12,586.00	\$0.00	Complete
2021	Liberty School District	70%	4531	\$38,045.00	\$30,434.00	\$3,804.50	\$3,804.50	Complete
2021	Maricopa Unified	80%	7992	\$203,499.00	\$183,149.10	\$20,349.90	\$0.00	Complete
2021	Navajo Nation (5 sites)	90%	0	\$861,116.16	\$818,060.35	\$43,055.81	\$0.00	Complete
2021	Navajo Nation (9 sites)	90%	θ		100000000000000000000000000000000000000	<del>567420.61</del>	\$0.00	Cancelled
2021	Patagonia School District	90%	160	\$720,050.00	\$684,047.50	\$36,002.50	\$0.00	Complete
2021	Pinon-Gommunity School	90%	42			3068.7	\$0.00	Cancelled
		90%	42	\$155,250.00	\$147,487.50	\$7,762.50	\$0.00	Complete
2021	Sentinel School District	70%	0	\$116,600.00	\$93,280.00	\$11,660.00	\$11,660.00	Complete
2021	Snowflake USD						\$0.00	Complete
2021	Somerton District	90%	0	\$468,279.67	\$444,865.69	\$23,413.98	\$0.00	Complete
2021	Sonoita / Elgin	60%	122	\$782,015.00	\$547,373.20	\$156,403.00 \$154,574.98		Complete
2021	Theodore Roosevelt School	90%	140	\$3,091,499.60	\$2,936,924.62		\$0.00	11000
2021	Yuma ESD	80%	9012	\$27,524,13	\$24,771.72	\$2,752.41	\$0.00	Complete
2021	Yuma UHSD - San Luis	80%	11348	\$1,188,567.00	\$1,069,710.30	\$118,856.70	\$0.00	Complete
2021	Yuma UHSD - Somerton	80%	0	\$525,000.00	\$472,500.00	\$52,500.00	\$0.00	Complete
2022	Florence Unified	80%	9493	\$944,650.00	\$850,185.00	\$94,465.00	\$0.00	Complete
2022	Littleton ESD	84%	6321	\$249,642.00	\$237,159,90	\$12,482.10	\$0.00	Complete
2022	Murphy ESD	90%	1400	\$625,227.00	\$593,966.00	\$31,261.00	\$0.00	Complete
2022	Pinal County Consortium	90%	355	\$4,402,157.00	\$4,005,962.87	\$396,194.13	\$0.00	Complete
2022	Santa Cruz HS #35	90%	3441	\$1,080,000.00	\$1,026,000.00	\$54,000.00	\$0.00	Complete
2022	Solomon District	80%	200	\$16,000.00	\$14,400.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	Complete
2022	Safford USD	80%	2940	\$8,880.74	\$7,992,67	\$888.07	\$0_00	Complete
2023	Pinal CC (Canyon State, Imagine Suj	90%	1894	\$1,242,994.00	\$1,131,124.54	\$111,869.46	\$0.00	Complete
2024	Altar Valley District	90%	517	\$207,935.66	\$197,538.88	\$10,396.78	\$0.00	In Proces
2024	Cibecue Library	90%	0	\$930,000.00	\$883,500,00	\$46,500.00	\$0.00	In Proces
2024	Flowing Wells	90%	5093	\$1,740,707.00	\$1,653,671.65	\$87,035.35	\$0.00	In Proces
2024	Kingman Academy of Learning	50%	1451	\$266,016.00	\$159,609.60	\$26,601.60	\$79,804.80	In Proces
2024	Native American ChristianSchool	90%	27	\$794,026.00	\$754,324.70	\$39,701.30	\$0.00	Complet
2024	Pima USD	70%	1142	\$23,600.00	\$18,880.00	\$2,360.00	\$2,360.00	In Proces
AND ADDRESS OF	Pinon Community School	90%	42	\$95,406.00	\$90,635.70	\$4,770.30	\$0.00	In Proces
2024	(4)		2962	\$112,010,00	\$100,809.00	\$11,201,00	\$0.00	In Proces
2024	Snowflake USD	80%			\$76,008.80	\$10,858.40	\$21,709.60	In Proces
2024	Vail District	60%	14015	\$108,584.00			\$0.00	In Proces
2024	Willcox	80%	1124	\$52,954.96	\$47,659.46	\$5,295.50		Approve
2025	Winstow USD	80%	2142	\$395,000.00	\$355,500.00	\$39,500.00	\$0.00	
2025	Apache Junction							Intent
2025	Snowflake USD	60%	8557					Intent
2025	Humboldt USD	80%	5751		14402 C 12 C 2 C 42 C	A.c	Ac	Pre-Approv
2025	Agua Fria High School	60%	8557	\$401,621.00	\$281,134.70	\$40,162.10	\$80,324.20	Approve
2025	Mammoth - San Manuel USD	90%	501	\$153,052.00	\$145,399.40	\$7,652.60	\$0.00	Approve
2025	Maricopa USD	80%	10054	\$316,400.00	\$284,760.00	\$31,640-00	\$0.00	Approve
2025	Cartwright Elementary School	90%	13117	\$1,094,000.00	\$1,039,300.00	\$54,700.00	\$0.00	Approve
2025	Kingman USD	90%	7003	\$740,000.00	\$703,000.00	\$37,000.00	\$0.00	Approve
2025	Laveen Elementary School District	90%	8331	\$519,950.00	\$493,952.50	\$25,998.00	-\$0.50	Approve
2025	Liberty Elementary School District	80%	4685	\$107,513.00	\$96,761.70	\$10,751.00	\$0.30	Approve
2025	Pinal County SOESA	80%	4492	\$436,780.00	\$393,102.00	\$43,678.00	\$0.00	Approve
2025	Agua Fria High School District	60%	8557	\$938,236.00	\$656,765.20	\$93,823.60	\$187,647,20	Approve
2025	Camp Verde USD	90%	1658	\$287,000.00	\$272,650.00	\$14,350.00	\$0.00	Approved
-020		90%	188	\$61,799.00	\$58,709.05	\$3,090.00	-\$0.05	Approved
2025	Rough Rock Community District							



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DATE:

November 3, 2025

TO:

Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee

FROM:

Ethan Scheider, Fiscal Analyst

SUBJECT:

Arizona Criminal Justice Commission - Review of Edward Byrne Memorial Justice

Assistance Grant Federal Application

#### Request

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-2403, the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) requests Committee review of the federal application for the FFY 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) that is administered by the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

#### **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.

Under either option, the Committee may also consider the following provision:

A. ACJC shall submit a preliminary proposal by May 15, 2026 if the federal guidelines have not yet been received for 2026.

#### Analysis

The Federal Edward Byrne Memorial JAG provides states, tribes, and local governments with funding to support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution, indigent defense, courts, crime prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, and drug treatment and enforcement.

#### **Key Points**

- 1) ACJC estimates that Arizona will receive \$3.9 million in federal "Byrne" Justice Assistance Grants in federal fiscal year (FFY) 2025.
- 2) The federal government requires legislative review of the state's grant application.
- 3) Because the federal government has not yet requested state plans, this reflects a preliminary proposal.
- 4) A total of \$3.5 million (90%) will be distributed to counties and state agencies; the other 10% will be retained by ACJC for administration costs.

ACJC is Arizona's designated State Administering Agency for the JAG program. As part of the application process, the federal Bureau of Justice Administration requires the state agency to submit the application for review to the State Legislature, or an organization designated by the State Legislature, not less than 30 days before the submission of the grant. A.R.S. § 41-2403 tasks the JLBC with reviewing the application.

*Table 1* shows the budget estimated by ACJC for the FFY 2025 JAG award. The monies can be expended through September 30, 2028.

Table 1	
Proposed FFY 2025 JAG Sper	nding
Expenditure Plan	
Drug Control Projects	\$3,548,200
Administration	394,300
Total Projects and Administration	\$3,942,500

The Byrne JAG monies are combined with monies in the Drug and Gang Enforcement Fund, established under A.R.S. § 41-2402, to make up the state's Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control Grant (DGVCC Grant). There is a match requirement of 25% for DGVCC Grant recipients.

DGVCC Grant monies are awarded for programs and projects that align with the 2026-2031 Arizona Drug, Gang and Violent Crime Control Strategy.

A total of 90% of JAG monies will be used for grants and 10% is for ACJC administration. The JAG monies must be expended by Sept. 30, 2026. There is no breakout by recipient because the grant will be disbursed based on applications received.

At its April 2025 meeting, ACJC approved the distribution of FY 2026 grant funds. *Table 2* shows the FY 2026 approved awards by purpose area and recipient. Project totals are broken out by funding source: FY 2026 approved Byrne JAG, FY 2026 approved Drug and Gang Enforcement Fund, and local match monies. The FY 2026 Byrne JAG awards are estimates and subject to the actual federal allocation. The FY 2026 information is provided for informational purposes only.

Table 2

#### Drug, Gang, & Violent Crime Control Grant Proposed Awards

#### **FY 26 Fund Sources**

Award Recipient Agency	FY 25 Tota Grant Awar		Approved Federal <u>Byrne JAG</u>	State Drug & Gang Enforcement <u>Fund</u>	Recipient <u>Match Funds</u>
Apprehension					
Apache County Sheriff's Office	\$ 174,2	00 \$ 182,800	\$ 87,800	\$ 49,400	\$ 45,700
Cochise County Sheriff's Office	131,9		67,500	38,000	35,200
Flagstaff Police Department	292,5		144,900	81,500	75,500
Gila County Sheriff's Office	331,7		195,500	59,800	85,100
Graham County Sheriff's Office	26,9		12,900	7,200	6,700
Kingman Police Department	336,8	·	197,200	61,800	86,300
La Paz County Sheriff's Office	130,4		66,600	37,500	34,700
Navajo County Sheriff's Office	246,7		122,500	68,900	63,800
Pinal County Sheriff's Office	2-10,7	0 153,600	73,700	41,500	38,400
Salt River Pima Maricopa Police					
Department	67,5		35,500	20,000	18,500
Tucson Police Department	687,6		484,100	37,900	174,000
Yavapai County Sheriff's Office	353,9		174,200	98,000	90,700
Yuma County Sheriff's Office	172,9		87,200	49,000	45,400
Subtotal ½	\$ 2,953,0	\$ 3,200,400	\$ 1,749,800	\$ 650,600	\$ 800,100
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AG's Office - Medicaid Fraud	\$ 102,0		\$ -	\$ 103,300	\$ -
Apache County Attorney	105,5		54,800		28,600
Cochise County Attorney	148,2		74,700		38,900
Coconino County Attorney	140,0		68,700		35,800
Gila County Attorney	91,8		46,900		24,400
Graham County Attorney	77,8		41,500		21,600
Greenlee County Attorney	67,2		23,400		12,200
La Paz County Attorney	96,6		50,100		26,100
Maricopa County Attorney	1,076,5		769,200		270,400
Mohave County Attorney	172,1		85,000		44,300
Navajo County Attorney		0 135,500	65,000		33,900
Pima County Attorney	359,2		175,100		91,200
Pinal County Attorney	193,7		94,600		49,300
Tucson City Attorney	272,4		133,000		69,300
Yavapai County Attorney	129,1		67,700		35,300
Yuma County Attorney	266,8		129,900		67,700
Subtotal <sup>1/</sup> Prosecution - Forfeitures	\$ 3,299,0	3,498,600	\$ 1,879,700	\$ 770,100	\$ 848,800
Attorney General's Office	\$ 637,4	100 \$ 645,800	\$ 410,000	\$ 74,400	\$ 161,400
Subtotal	\$ 637,4		\$ 410,000		\$ 161,400
Forensic Support	Ţ 007,-	+ 0.0,500		, , , , , ,	
Department of Public Safety	\$ 380,2	200 \$ 384,900	\$ 274,200	\$ 14,500	\$ 96,200
Tucson Police Dept Forensics	69,3		34,700		18,100
Subtotal 1/	\$ 449,6		\$ 308,900		\$ 114,300
Drug Adjudication/Corrections		00 6 4 5 4 5 5 5 5		É 4 ANE 4AA	¢ 225 100
Administrative Office of the Courts	\$ 1,336,5		\$ -	\$ 1,005,400	\$ 335,100
Subtotal	\$ 1,336,5	500 \$ 1,340,500	\$ -	\$ 1,005,400	\$ 335,100
Total <sup>1/</sup>	\$ 8,675,	500 \$ 9,142,500	\$ 4,348,400	\$ 2,534,300	\$ 2,259,800
1/ Total may not add due to rounding.					



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The Honorable David Livingston, Chairman Joint Legislative Budget Committee Arizona House of Representatives 1716 West Adams Street Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Chairman Livingston:

Pursuant to Laws 2018, Chapter 278, Section 5, the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) is submitting the 2025 Draft Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) for review. Chapter 278 requires ACJC to submit a copy of the application to JLBC for review before submission to the federal government.

ACJC is the state administering agency (SAA) for the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant. Byrne JAG, authorized under 42 USC § 3751(a), is a formula grant the State must apply for each year and is the leading source of federal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. Byrne JAG awards may be used for nine purposes: (1) law enforcement, (2) prosecution and courts, (3) prevention and education, (4) corrections and community corrections, (5) drug treatment, (6) planning, evaluation, and technology improvement, and (7) crime victim and witness program (8) mental health and related law enforcement and corrections programs (9) Implementation of state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives.

The ACJC uses a mix of federal funding from Byrne JAG and state funding from the Drug Enforcement Fund to cover grant costs of various state, county, and municipal drug control programs. Arizona has utilized Byrne JAG funding to implement multi-jurisdictional task forces (MJTFs), including a tandem prosecutor component and forensic drug analysis support to impact and enhance downstream drug enforcement and monitoring activities. This downstream impact has led to funding probation-based drug monitoring programs and other probation-related services, drug courts, and indigent defense services for drug offenders.

The JAG allocation formula is based primarily on each state's share of the nation's violent crime and population data. For Arizona, the estimated amount of the federal fiscal year (FFY) 2025 grant is \$3,942,498. The following table summarizes the budget plan for the FFY 2025 Byrne JAG application.

Summary of 2025 Draft Byr Budget Plan	ne JAG
FFY 2025 Grant Award (estimated)	\$3,942,498
Proposed Expenditure Plan:	
Drug Control Projects 1/	\$3,548,248
Administration Expense Allotment 2/	\$394,250
Total: Projects and Administration	\$3,942,498
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<sup>1/</sup> These funds will be used as part of the state FY 2028 Drug Control Grant.

Arizona first began receiving the Byrne JAG funding in March 1988. Byrne JAG is the cornerstone of the federal crime-fighting program. It supports the federal government's crucial role in a federal-state-local partnership that enables communities to target resources to their most pressing local needs. Each year, ACJC produces a comprehensive report on the projects funded, the amounts allocated to each project, and the activity reported using Byrne JAG funding in the Enhanced Drug and Gang Enforcement (EDGE) Report. The following bullet points show some of the Byrne JAG grant's critical activity from the most recent EDGE report (FY 2024).

- 33 criminal justice projects funded
- 1,911 Drug-related arrests by funded task forces
- Over \$119 million in illicit drugs seized by funded task forces
- 385 weapons seized by funded task forces
- 9,140 drug prosecutions reported by prosecution projects
- 6,306 drug convictions reported by prosecution projects
- 1,967 drug sentences reported by prosecution projects

These funds are critical to illicit drug reduction efforts throughout Arizona. If you have any questions, please contact Matt Bileski, Chief of Programs, at 602-365-1374 or mbileski@azcjc.gov.

Sincerely,

Anthony Vidale

**Executive Director** 

Arizona Criminal Justice Commission

<sup>2/</sup> The Byrne grant program allows up to 10 percent of a JAG award may be used for costs to administer the award.



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DATE:

November 3, 2025

TO:

Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee

FROM:

Jordan Johnston, Principal Fiscal Analyst

SUBJECT:

Department of Public Safety - Review of the Expenditure Plan for the Gang and

Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission (GIITEM) Border Security and Law

**Enforcement Subaccount** 

#### Request

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1724G and A.R.S. § 41-1724H, the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) is required to submit for Committee review the entire FY 2026 expenditure plan for the GIITEM Border Security and Law Enforcement Subaccount prior to expending any monies. The Subaccount is funded primarily from a \$4.00 surcharge on criminal violations.

DPS has submitted for review its proposal to distribute \$1,796,400 of the \$2,396,400 FY 2026 appropriation from the Subaccount to continue to fund 3 existing programs: Detention Liaison Officers Program (\$420,000), Border County Officers Program (\$576,400), and Border Security and Law Enforcement Grants (\$800,000).

#### **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) DPS is requesting review of \$1.8 million of its \$2.4 million GIITEM Subaccount appropriation.
- 2) DPS proposes continuing to fund 3 existing programs:
  - Detention Liaison Officers Program (\$420,000), 3 jurisdictions
  - Border County Officers Program (\$576,400), 3 jurisdictions
  - Border Security and Law Enforcement Grants (\$800,000), 5 jurisdictions
- 3) DPS indicates the participation of the agencies is subject to change based on the jurisdictions' willingness to meet the requirements of the program.

#### **Analysis**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-116.04, the GIITEM Border Security and Law Enforcement Subaccount receives revenues from a \$4.00 criminal fee assessed on fines, violations, forfeitures and penalties imposed by the courts for criminal offenses and civil motor vehicle statute violations.

The subaccount monies are distributed by DPS to county sheriffs and other local law enforcement agencies to fund border security programs, personnel, and equipment. The proposed DPS expenditure plan would allocate \$1,796,400 from the FY 2026 GIITEM Border Security and Law Enforcement Subaccount appropriation to 3 existing programs:

<u>Detention Liaison Officers Program</u> - \$420,000 to fund detention and correctional officers that serve within jails and state prisons to gather intelligence from inmates about illegal activities along the border. This is same amount reviewed by the Committee in FY 2025. The FY 2026 plan proposes to fund detention officers in Cochise (1 position) and Pima (2 positions) Counties and correctional officers/investigators in the Department of Corrections (3 positions), the same 3 entities in the FY 2025 plan reviewed by the Committee.

Recipients of the funding pay 25% of the payroll costs of the positions. Because the Detention Liaison Officers Program is dependent on local governments or state agencies providing the 25% match, the department has indicated it may shift funding between recipients as circumstances dictate.

Border County Officers Program - \$576,400 to hire county sheriff deputies and municipal police officers that work as part of the GIITEM Task Force's Border District investigating border-related crimes such as drug trafficking and human smuggling. This is same amount reviewed by the Committee in FY 2025. The FY 2026 plan proposes to fund officers and deputies in the Coolidge Police Department (1 position), Marana Police Department (1 position), and Cochise County Sheriff's Office (3 positions). The Oro Valley Police Department, which was in the FY 2025 plan reviewed by the Committee, has decided to not participate in the program in FY 2026. Recipients of the funding pay 25% of the payroll costs of the positions.

Border Security and Law Enforcement Grants - The department conferred with the Arizona Sheriff's Association to determine how the Border Security and Law Enforcement Grants will be distributed. DPS has allocated \$800,000 for this program. This total allocation amount is unchanged from FY 2025. The FY 2026 plan proposes to fund officers in the Cochise County Sheriff's Office, Graham County Sheriff's Office, Greenlee County Sheriff's Office, La Paz County Sheriff's Office, and the Yuma County Sheriff's Office, which were the same recipients in the FY 2025 plan reviewed by the Committee.

Table 1 below provides the full FY 2025 expenditure plan reviewed by the Committee and the proposed FY 2026 plan. The department has stated that the participation of the agencies is subject to change based on the jurisdictions' willingness to meet the requirements of the program.

Table 1			
DPS Expenditure Plan – GIIT			
	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026
	Reviewed	Projected	Proposed
	<u>Allocation</u>	Allocation 1/	Allocation 2/
Detention Liaison Officers Program 3/			
Cochise County Sheriff's Office	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
Pima County Sheriff's Office	120,000	120,000	120,000
Department of Corrections	240,000	240,000	240,000
Subtotal	\$420,000	\$420,000	\$420,000
Border County Officers Program 3/			
Cochise County Sheriff's Office	\$ 288,100	\$ 288,100	\$ 320,200
Coolidge Police Department	96,100	96,100	128,100
Oro Valley Police Department	96,100	96,100	Sec. 1
Marana Police Department	<u>96,100</u>	96,100	128,100
Subtotal	\$576,400	\$576,400	\$576,400
Pima County Border Crimes Unit	\$350,000	\$0	\$0
Border Security and Law Enforcement Grants			
Cochise County Sheriff's Office	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
Graham County Sheriff's Office	100,000	100,000	100,000
Greenlee County Sheriff's Office	100,000	100,000	100,000
La Paz County Sheriff's Office	100,000	100,000	100,000
Yuma County Sheriff's Office	_250,000	250,000	250,000
Subtotal	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000
Total	\$2,146,400	\$1,796,400	\$1,796,400

<sup>1/</sup> Represents year-to-date actual expenditures and estimates through September 30, 2025.

<sup>2/</sup> Represents estimated new proposed FY 2026 allocation from the subaccount.

The department stated they are unable to estimate precise allocations by agency in FY 2025 and FY 2026 due to variations in assignment of personnel. As such, the displayed allocations reflect prorated shares of the overall funding.

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October 20, 2025

Representative David Livingston, Chairman Joint Legislative Budget Committee 1716 West Adams Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Representative Livingston:

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1724(H), the Department of Public Safety is submitting its FY 2026 expenditure plan for the Gang and Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission (GIITEM) Border Security and Law Enforcement Subaccount (Subaccount) to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for review.

The FY 2026 General Appropriations Act appropriates \$2,396,400 from the Subaccount to DPS. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1724, "...monies in the subaccount shall be used for law enforcement purposes related to border security, including border personnel". The monies may also be used for "...safety equipment that is worn or used by a peace officer who is employed by a county sheriff."

DPS intends to continue funding the existing programs. The Department's overall FY 2026 expenditure plan is as follows:

Detention Liaison Officer Program	\$ 420,000
Border County Officers	576,400
Border Security and Law Enforcement Grants	
	800,000 1/
TOTAL	\$1,796,400

<sup>1/</sup> Proposed to be funded from GIITEM Fund appropriations to DPS.

#### **Detention Liaison Officer Program**

The Detention Liaison Officer (DLO) Program provides funding for detention and correctional officers in southern Arizona jails and prisons. The concept of the program is to utilize these specially trained officers to glean as much intelligence as possible from detainees and inmates about activities related to border crimes. Information gathered by these officers is fed into DPS-managed databases (e.g., GangNet) and shared among law enforcement agencies throughout the State.

The program currently funds a total of six detention/correctional officers with Cochise (1), and Pima (2) counties in southern Arizona prisons operated by the Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation, and Reentry (3). At any given time, the agencies participating in the DLO Program may shift based on jurisdictions' ability and willingness to participate and on program budget constraints. DLO Program planned FY 2026 expenditure is \$420,000, and adjustments may occur between the DLO Program and the Border County Officer Program based on participation levels.

Local agencies pay 25% of the payroll costs of their positions. The DLO Program was first reviewed by the JLBC in August 2007.

#### **Border County Officers**

The Border County Officers Program provides funding for county sheriff deputies and municipal police officers who work as part of the GIITEM Task Force's Southern District. The district investigates border crimes and disrupts criminal organizations involved in drug trafficking, human smuggling, and other border-related crimes.

The program currently funds a total of five officer and deputy positions with the Coolidge (1), Marana (1), Police Departments, and the Cochise County (3) Sheriff's Office. As referenced in the DLO Program discussion, DPS wishes to retain the ability to move modest amounts of money between the DLO and Border County Officer Programs, as circumstances dictate.

At any given time, the agencies participating in the program may shift based on jurisdictions' ability and willingness to participate and on program budget constraints. DPS has allocated \$538,100 for the program in FY 2024. Local agencies pay 25% of the payroll costs of their positions. The Border County Officers Program was first reviewed by JLBC in August 2007.

#### **Border Security and Law Enforcement Grants**

DPS conferred with the Arizona Sheriffs' Association (ASA) on the distribution of the Border Security and Law Enforcement Grants. We have received their input as of October 20, 2025. DPS proposes the following expenditure plan that aligns with historical allocations of monies as follows:

County Sheriff	FY25 Allocations	FY26 Plan
Apache	\$0	0
Cochise	250,000	250,000
Coconino	0	0
Gila	0	0
Graham	100,000	100,000
Greenlee	100,000	100,000
La Paz	100,000	100,000
Maricopa	0	0
Mohave	0	0
Navajo	0	0
Pima	0	0
Pinal 1'	0	0
Santa Cruz	0	0
Yavapai	0	0
Yuma	250,000	250,000
TOTAL	\$800,000	\$800,000

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>/ The Pinal County Sheriff's Office has been allocated an additional \$500,000 in FY 2017 through FY 2025 from the GIITEM Fund pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1724.

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Grant recipient agencies may use the funding for any purpose consistent with statute. As required by statute, to receive the funding, recipient agencies must certify each fiscal year to the DPS Director that the agency is complying with A.R.S. §11-1051.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Dodd, DPS Budget Officer, at 602-223-2463 or mdodd@azdps.gov.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Glover, Colonel

Director

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Detention Liaison Officers	FY 20	D25 Estimated 1/	FY 2	026 Estimated 1/
Cochise County SO	\$	60,000	\$	60,000
Pima County SO (2 officers)		120,000		120,000
Department of Corrections (3 officers)		240,000		240,000
Subtotal - DLO	\$	420,000	\$	420,000
Border County Officers				
Oro Valley PD	\$	96,100	\$	
Marana PD		96,100		128,133
Cochise County SO (3 deputies)		288,100		320,134
Coolidge PD	·	96,100		128,133
Subtotal - BCO	\$	576,400	\$	576,400
Border Security and Law Enforcement Grants				
Cochise SO	\$	250,000.00	\$	250,000.00
Graham SO		100,000.00		100,000.00
Greenlee SO		100,000.00		100,000.00
La Paz SO		100,000.00		100,000.00
Santa Cruz SO		-		Marie Control
Yuma SO		250,000.00		250,000.00
Subtotal - Grants	\$	800,000	\$	800,000
TOTAL	\$	1,796,400	\$	1,796,400

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1/</sup> FY 2025 and FY 2026 Estimates for the DLO and Border County Officer programs are based on prorated shares of the overall program funding. Due to variations in assignment of personnel, it is not possible to estimate precise amounts by agency.



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November 3, 2025

TO:

Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee

FROM:

Grace Timpany, Fiscal Analyst

SUBJECT:

Arizona Board of Regents - Review of FY 2026 Tuition Revenues

#### Request

Pursuant to a FY 2026 General Appropriations Act footnote, the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) requests Committee review of its expenditure plan for all projected tuition and fee revenues in FY 2026.

#### **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.

Gross FY 2026 tuition and fee collections are projected to be \$5.0 billion, which is an increase of \$586.8 million, or 13.2% above FY 2025. <u>Gross tuition</u> revenues reflect the amounts the universities would receive if all students paid full published tuition and fee rates. The actual amounts paid by students after accounting for tuition waivers and other gift aid awarded by the universities constitute <u>net tuition</u>. The universities estimate \$(1.3) billion in tuition waivers and awards in FY 2026, resulting in \$3.7 billion of net tuition. This \$3.7 billion level of net tuition is an increase of \$503.6 million, or 15.6%, above FY 2025.

#### **Key Points**

- 1) Resident undergraduate tuition rates will increase by 3.2% at ASU and 3.3% at NAU. UA rates will stay the same.
- 2) Changes in net tuition revenues from FY 2025 to FY 2026 vary by university:
  - ASU: \$143.3 million, or 6.7%.
  - NAU: \$(6.3) million, or (2.6)%.
  - UA: \$366.6 million, or 43.8%.

#### **Analysis**

In FY 2023, ABOR approved a new multi-year tuition setting process. Under the new structure, the board approves maximum growth rates for university resident tuition in six-year cycles. Growth rates are then reviewed again every four years. The first six-year cycle started in academic year 2023-24 and maximum growth rates were approved through 2028-29. There are no caps on non-resident tuition.

Maximum annual resident tuition growth rates per student for each university are as follows:

- ASU 3.0% for resident undergraduate and graduate students
- NAU 3.5% for resident undergraduate and 5% for resident graduate students
- UA 3.0% for resident undergraduate and graduate students

Table 1 shows reported tuition and mandatory fees changes in FY 2026. Tuition for resident undergraduate students will increase by 3.2% at ASU, 3.3% at NAU, and 0.0% at UA. For resident graduate students, tuition rates will increase by 3.2% at ASU, 4.7% at NAU, and 3.0% for UA.

While NAU and UA are within the cap, ASU exceeded the tuition growth rate by 0.2%. ABOR policy allows the universities to exceed the maximum growth rate if state general fund appropriations are reduced. ASU received an operating lump sum reduction of \$10,995,800 in FY 2025, allowing the university to exceed the cap.

Table 1				na University	•	1/		
		Resident Undergraduate Resident Graduate		Non-Resident Resident Graduate Undergraduate		Non-Re Grad		
ASU	<u>Tuition</u> \$12,975	Increase 3.2%	<u>Tuition</u> \$14,382	Increase 3.2%	<u>Tuition</u> \$35,167	Increase 5.0%	<u>Tuition</u> \$38,528	Increase 5.0%
NAU	\$13,440	3.3%	\$14,280	4.7%	\$30,912	3.5%	\$33,534	4.9%
UA	\$13,906	0.0%	\$15,302	3.0%	\$43,068	1.9%	\$35,134	3.0%

Reflects tuition rates for all classes at ASU except freshmen and sophomores in the Polytechnic School and the new college, all classes at NAU's man campus, and all classes at UA except those within the UA Colleges of Medicine.

In addition to changes in tuition rates, the universities project systemwide enrollment will increase by 2.5% in FY 2026. Enrollment changes are expected to vary by university:

- ASU expects total enrollment will increase by 5.2%, with the largest increase in online students.
- NAU expects total enrollment will decrease by (3.2)%, with the largest decrease in non-resident students.
- UA expects total enrollment will decrease by (0.2)%, with the largest decreases in non-resident undergraduate students.

After accounting for financial aid awards, <u>net</u> tuition will total an estimated \$3.7 billion, which represents an increase of \$503.6 million, or 15.6%, compared to FY 2025:

- ASU net tuition collections will increase by \$143.3 million, or 6.7% above FY 2025.
- NAU net tuition collections will decrease by \$(6.3) million, or (2.6)% below FY 2025.
- UA net tuition collections will increase by \$366.6 million, or 43.8% above FY 2025.

By comparison, net tuition collections for the entire university system increased 4.5% in FY 2025 and 7.5% in FY 2024.

Table 2 Arizona University System General Fund and Tuition Revenues (in \$ Millions)					
General Fund $^{1\!\!/}$	FY 2025 \$ 914.3	FY 2026 \$ 903.2	\$ Increase (Decrease) \$(11.1)	% Increase (Decrease) (1.2)%	
Gross Tuition/Fees	\$4,452.5	\$5,039.3	\$586.8	13.2%	
Scholarship Allowance <sup>2</sup> / <b>Net Tuition</b>	(1,224.1) \$3,228.4	(1,307.3) \$3,732.0	(83.2) \$ <b>503.6</b>	6.8% <b>15.6%</b>	
Total Net Tuition + General Fund	\$4,142.7	\$4,635.2	\$ 492.5	11.9%	

General Fund amounts exclude monies appropriated to ABOR for pass through to the individual campuses. In FY 2026, the budget includes \$61.9 million in pass through programs compared to \$46.5 million in FY 2025.

Approximately \$3.6 billion of the \$5.0 billion in gross FY 2026 tuition will be used for operating expenditures, \$1.3 billion to provide financial aid, \$104.7 million to support debt service, and \$34.5 million for plant funds.

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Scholarship allowance reflects institutional financial aid provided by the universities (excluding federal loans, private grants, etc.) to offset the cost of tuition. Amounts include scholarship awards and tuition waivers except employee tuition reductions, which are recorded as employee benefit expenses.

# ARIZONA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM TUITION AND FEES IN SUPPORT OF THE 2025-26 STATE BUDGET

		STATE COLLECTIONS			
	As Reported in the FY 2025-26 Annual Budget approved by ABOR	2025-26 University Collections Fund as reported in General Appropriations Act	CHANGE		
Arizona State University	907,759,500	856,998,800	50,760,700		
Northern Arizona University	125,450,500	131,836,800	(6,386,300)		
University of Arizona	443,990,600	368,549,100	75,441,500		
University of Arizona Health Sciences Center	44,684,000	61,522,800	(16,838,800)		
TOTAL UA	488,674,600	430,071,900	58,602,700		
TOTAL	1,521,884,600	1,418,907,500	102,977,100		

#### \$ Millions

Total State Collections	\$1,521.9
Total Non-Appropriated Tuition & Fees Collections	\$3,033.6
Total Estimated Tuition Revenue (Gross)	\$5,039.3

#### ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

#### FY 2026 USES OF APPROPRIATED AND NON-APPROPRIATED TUITION AND FEE REVENUES

#### APPROVED ANNUAL BUDGET vs. JLBC BASELINE

	Appropriated Tuition and Fees	Non-appropriated Tultion and Fees
FY 2026 Collections Fund As Reported in the Annual Budget FY 2026 Collections Fund As Reported in the JLBC Baseline	907,759,500 856,998,800	2,171,059,500
FY 2026 Collections Fund Increase/(Decrease) from the JLBC Baseline	50,760,700	2,171,059,500
ALLOCATIONS BY PROGRAM		
Instruction		125,149,488
Investments in Programs Supported by Program Fees		146,465,300
Investments in Programs Supported by College Fees		267,817,900
Investments in Programs Supported by Summer Sessions Tuition		113,004,500
Investments in Faculty Hiring and Academic Support		442,878,300
EdPlus at ASU	l I	4,300,000
Overseas Study Abroad Program Costs	1 1	32,900,000
Research Asst./Teaching Asst. Benefit Costs		98,336,600
Operating Support		30,000,000
Organized Research		
Public Service		346,800
Operating Support		040,000
Academic Support	50,760,700	376,100
Operating Support	30,730,700	570,100
Student Services		18,395,300
Investments in Programs Supported by Mandatory Fees		6,237,900
Operating Support		0,201,000
Institutional Support	1	
Operations and Maintenance		698,400
Operating Support		030,400
Scholarships/Fellowships/Financial Aid	1	787,922,211
Financial Aid Set Aside/Other Financial Aid		101,522,211
Auxiliary Enterprises		24,780,000
Investments in Programs Supported by Mandatory Fees		1,956,300
Auxiliary Operating Support		1,550,500
Debt Service		69,994,500
Debt Service/COPs/Lease Purchase		69,994,500
Plant Funds		29,500,000
Minor Capital Projects	50,760,700	2,171,059,599

The Uses of Appropriated Collections report format calls for a line item explanation of the increase between the Board approved Annual Budget Collections and the JLBC Baseline Collections.

The sum of Appropriated and Non-appropriated tuition and fees ties to the total as presented to the Board at the June meeting, or \$3,078,819,000.

#### ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY - TUITION AND FEES REVENUE

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	FY24	FY25 EST	FY26 BGT	△ FY26 BGT/FY25 EST	
TUITION	1,392,206	1,399,113	1,440,782	41,669	3%
NR UG	645,641	646,396	655,311	8,915	1%
RES UG	450,004	476,507	501,334	24,827	5%
NR Grad	250,284	225,747	224,682	(1,065)	0%
RES Grad	46,277	50,463	59,454	8,991	18%
Online	619,903	728,689	823,879	95,190	13%
NR UG	409,918	495,333	536,442	41,109	8%
RES UG	67,806	83,530	92,927	9,397	11%
NR Grad	107,869	114,889	147,486	32,597	28%
RES Grad	34,310	34,937	47,024	12,087	35%
Prog Fees/Diff	123,170	145,240	178,724	33,484	23%
UG	14,406	16,152	16,839	687	4%
Grad	108,764	129,088	161,885	32,797	25%
College Fee	161,191	187,754	204,947	17,193	9%
UG	149,985	175,910	193,665	17,755	10%
Grad	11,206	11,844	11,282	(563)	-5%
Course Fees	346	382	590	207	54%
UG	346	382	590	207	54%
Grad	0	0	0		
Extended Ed				-	-
Non Degree				ä	
Summer & Winter Sessions	232,959	264,347	287,426	23,079	9%
Mandatory Fees	51,153	62,659	68,067	5,408	9%
UG	36,337	43,645	46,239	2,594	6%
Grad	14,816	19,014	21,828	2,813	15%
Other Misc.	69,056	74,261	74,405	144	0%
Total Tuition & Fees	2,649,986	2,862,445	3,078,819	216,374	8%

#### NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

#### FY 2026 USES OF APPROPRIATED AND NON-APPROPRIATED TUITION AND FEE REVENUES

#### FY26 APPROVED ANNUAL BUDGET vs. FY26 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

	Other Appropriated Tuition and Fees	Non Appropriated Tuition and Fees
Collections Fund as Reported in the FY 2026 Annual Budget	125,450,500	285,430,500
Collections as Reported in the FY 2026 General Appropriations Act	131,836,800	
Increase/(Decrease) from FY 2026 General Appropriations Act	(6,386,300)	285,430,500
ALLOCATIONS BY PROGRAM		
Instruction		
Online and Educational Innovation and Partnership Investment		13,584,068
Investments in programs supported by program fees		12,181,000
Investments in programs supported by college fees		14,810,000
Investments in programs supported by summer session tuition		27,450,000
Organized Research		
Public Service		
Academic Support		
Local Account Operating Support	E)	=
Student Services		
Investments in programs supported by mandatory fees		29,673,000
Local Account Operating Support		-
Institutional Support		
Local Account Operating Support		50,000
Scholarships/Fellowships/Financial Aid		173,782,432
Debt Service Payments		12,900,000
Plant Funds		1,000,000
	(6,386,300)	285,430,500

## NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY - TUITION AND FEES REVENUE (\$000)

	FY24	FY25 EST	FY26 BGT	Δ FY26 BGT/FY25 EST	
Base Tuition	281,771	285,713	286,151	438	0%
NR UG	84,882	78,395	72,995	(5,400)	-7%
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RES UG	155,983	165,871	173,476	7,605	
NR Grad	20,523	19,756	16,734	(3,022)	-15% 6%
RES Grad	20,383	21,691	22,947		6%
Online	34,829	35,085	37,116	2,031	
NR UG	6,130	6,140	5,190	(951)	-15%
RES UG	12,750	14,094	12,891	(1,203)	-9%
NR Grad	6,312	4,374	8,399	4,024	92%
RES Grad	9,636	10,477	10,637	160	2%
Prog Fees	9,842	11,213	12,181	968	9%
UG	843	957	1,040	83	9%
Grad	8,998	10,256	11,141	885	9%
College Fee	12,547	14,569	14,810	241	2%
UG	12,547	14,569	14,810	241	2%
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Ext Ed Fees					31
Non Degree					(
Summer & Winter Sessions	25,716	27,360	27,450	90	0%
Mandatory Fees	29,747	30,566	29,673	(893)	-3%
UG	26,119	26,676	2,590	(24,086)	-90%
Grad	3,628	3,890	27,083	23,193	596%
Other Misc	3,743	3,504	3,500	(4)	0%
Total Tuition & Fees	398,194	408,010	410,881	2,871	1%

#### UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

## FY 2026 USES OF APPROPRIATED AND NON-APPROPRIATED TUITION AND FEE REVENUES APPROVED FY 2026 ANNUAL BUDGET vs. FY 2026 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

	Other Appropriated Tuition and Fees	Non-Appropriated Tuition and Fees
Collections Fund as Reported In the FY26 Annual Budget Report	488,674,600	1,060,956,800
Collections as Reported in the FY26 General Appropriations Act	430,071,900	1,000,000,000
Increase/(Decrease) from FY26 General Appropriations Act	58,602,700	1,060,956,800
ALLOCATIONS BY PROGRAM		
Instruction		
Investments in Programs Supported by Program Fees and Differential Tuition	ii ii	23,172,000
Investments in Programs Supported by International Direct Tuition		1,578,300
Investments in Programs Supported by University of Arizona Global Campus Tuition		309,700,000
Investments in Programs Supported by College Fee		35,827,900
Investments in Programs Supported by Summer Sessions Tuition		33,762,900
Investments in Programs Supported by Online Tuition		107,081,500
Investments in Programs Supported by Distance Education Tuition		16,377,700
Local Account Operating Support		26,525,100
Organized Research		
Public Service		
Local Account Operating Support		38,700
Academic Support		
Local Account Operating Support		35,254,800
Student Services		
Local Account Operating Support		36,839,200
Investments in Programs Supported by Mandatory Fees		54,509,900
Institutional Support		
Local Account Operating Support		5,853,100
Scholarships/Fellowships/Financial Aid		
ABOR Financial Aid Set Aside		65,541,100
Program Fees and Differential Tuition Set Aside		3,771,800
Student Financial Aid Awards		276,291,800
Auxiliary Enterprise		
Investments in Programs Supported by Mandatory Fees		3,074,500
Debt Service Payments		21,756,500
Plant Funds		
Building Renewal		4,000,000
	58,602,700	1,060,956,800

## UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA - TUITION AND FEES REVENUE (\$000)

	FY24 FY25 EST FY2		FY26 BGT	26 BGT Δ FY26 BGT/FY25 EST		
Base Tuition	825,431	888,719	862,686	(26,033)	-3%	
NR UG	463,883	503,502	465,628	(37,874)	-8%	
RES UG	216,133	224,142	231,411	7,270	3%	
NR Grad	74,671	80,451	82,624	2,173	3%	
RES Grad	70,744	80,625	83,023	2,398	3%	
Online	113,969	121,517	121,516	(1)	0%	
NR UG	59,900	61,924	61,924	0	0%	
RES UG	10,051	12,317	12,317	220	0%	
NR Grad	32,239	32,660	32,659	(1)	0%	
RES Grad	11,779	14,616	14,616	(0)	0%	
Prog Fees/Diff	41,579	23,620	26,944	3,324	14%	
UG	23,461	4,977	4,997	20	0%	
Grad	18,117	18,643	21,947	3,304	18%	
College Fee	(3.47)	42,818	42,355	(462)	-1%	
UG	9#c	42,818	42,355	(462)	-1%	
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Course Fees	8,069	-	( <del>e</del> 2		(-	
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Grad	645		(/ <b>E</b> :		:0	
Ext Ed Fees	47,463	54,711	60,226	5,514	10%	
Non Degree	5,543	5,734	5,625	(109)	-2%	
Summer Session	31,731	33,160	37,785	4,625	14%	
UAGC (Net of bad debt)	351,896	305,200	309,700	4,500	1%	
Mandatory Fees	65,121	57,606	57,584	(22)	0%	
UG	53,399	56,642	56,597	(45)	0%	
Grad	11,721	964	988	23	2%	
Other Misc (Net of bad debt)	25,243	25,486	25,211	(275)	-1%	
Total Tuition & Fees	1,516,045	1,558,571	1,549,631	(8,939)	-1%	