

# State Immigration Enforcement Assistance to Local Governments

## Department of Public Safety

### Program Summary

#### **Program Overview**

The state currently provides immigration enforcement grants to local entities through 2 programs: 1) Gang and Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission (GIITEM), and 2) Local Border Support (formerly known as Border Strike Task Force Local Support). The grants aid local entities in border security, human trafficking, drug smuggling, gang, and immigration enforcement efforts. These grants are allocated by the Department of Public Safety (DPS) with certain grants being subject to JLBC review. The GIITEM program is comprised of 2 line items: 1) The main GIITEM line item, of which a portion is allocated for local grants; and 2) The GIITEM Subaccount, of which all the monies are allocated for local grants. In addition, the Local Border Support line item allocates local grants, which is separate from the Border Drug Interdiction line item spending within DPS.

#### **Background**

##### *GIITEM*

The GIITEM line item, which is almost entirely funded from the General Fund, includes grants to the Pinal County Sheriff's Department. The line item also includes DPS expenditures in support of local grants. Prior to FY 2018, the GIITEM line item included grants to the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office.

##### *GIITEM Subaccount*

The GIITEM Subaccount receives funding from a \$4 criminal fee. The authorizing legislation which provides the GIITEM Subaccount its monies does not specify any particular distribution by county. The Subaccount includes grants to the Pima County Sheriff's Department, the Detention Liaison officer program, the Border County Officer program, and the Border Security and Law Enforcement program. These programs operate as follows:

- Detention Liaison Officer program funds detention and correctional officers that serve within jails and state prisons to gather intelligence from inmates about illegal activities along the border.
- The Border County Officer program hires county sheriff deputies and municipal police officers to work as a part of the GIITEM Task Force's Border District investigating border-related crimes such as drug trafficking and human smuggling.
- The Border Security and Law Enforcement program consists of monies distributed by DPS to county sheriffs and other local law enforcement agencies to fund border security operations, personnel, and safety equipment.

Local governments who participate in the Detention Liaison Officer program and the Border County Officer program are required by DPS to pay 25% of the payroll costs of the positions.

##### *Local Border Support*

Starting in FY 2017, DPS has provided grants to local entities through the Local Border Support line item (formerly known as the Border Strike Task Force Local Support line item), which receives its funding from the General Fund. The Local Border Support program includes grants to Cochise County, Pima County, and Santa Cruz County. The agencies receiving the grants hire positions to work with DPS Border Drug Interdiction to achieve their mission of targeting drug and human trafficking organizations along the Arizona-Mexico border. The participating local law enforcement agencies are responsible for providing a 25% match to these grant monies. The grants also reimburse the prosecution and jail costs incurred by local governments as a result of Border Drug Interdiction activities. In addition, as of FY 2024, monies can also be allocated to local entities for facility and/or equipment purchases.

#### **Program Funding**

Table 1 below provides the DPS GIITEM, GIITEM Subaccount, and Local Border Support grant expenditures from FY 2018 through FY 2026. For the FY 2026 estimates, the numbers reflect the expenditure plan submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) for review at its November 2025 meeting.

Table 1

<u>State Immigration Enforcement</u>									
<u>Assistance to Local Governments 1/</u>									
<u>DPS GIITEM Grant Expenditures 2/</u>									
<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>FY 2022</u>	<u>FY 2023</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Estimate 3/</u>
Pima County Sheriff's Department	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	-	-	-	-	-
DPS Expenditures in Support of Local Grants	275,400	518,800	106,100	503,400	\$903,400	\$903,400	\$903,400	\$703,400	\$703,400
Pinal County Sheriff's Department	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,175,400</b>	<b>\$1,418,800</b>	<b>\$1,006,100</b>	<b>\$1,403,400</b>	<b>\$1,403,400</b>	<b>\$1,403,400</b>	<b>\$1,403,400</b>	<b>\$1,203,400</b>	<b>\$1,203,400</b>
<u>GIITEM Subaccount Expenditures</u>									
<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>FY 2022</u>	<u>FY 2023</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>
Pima County Sheriff	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	-	-	-
Border Detention Liaison Officers (See Chart Below)	416,500	307,200	315,100	456,800	306,200	347,600	360,900	420,000	420,000
Border County Officers (See Chart Below)	380,400	359,400	385,300	539,300	496,100	487,400	426,000	576,400	576,400
Border Security and Law Enforcement Grants (See Chart Below)	1,050,000	1,050,000	950,000	1,050,000	1,050,000	950,000	950,000	800,000	800,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,196,900</b>	<b>\$2,066,600</b>	<b>\$2,000,400</b>	<b>\$2,396,100</b>	<b>\$2,202,300</b>	<b>\$2,135,000</b>	<b>\$1,736,900</b>	<b>\$1,796,400</b>	<b>\$1,796,400</b>
<u>Detention Liaison Officer Grants</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>FY 2022</u>	<u>FY 2023</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Estimate 4/</u>
Cochise County Sheriff's Office	\$39,800	\$38,100	\$36,400	\$65,300	\$47,000	\$48,100	\$52,900	\$60,000	\$60,000
Pima County Sheriff's Office	94,300	78,600	150,600	130,500	83,700	105,800	139,400	120,000	120,000
Pinal County Sheriff's Office	22,600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Department of Corrections	259,800	154,500	128,100	261,000	175,500	193,700	168,600	240,000	240,000
Department of Juvenile Corrections	-	36,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$416,500</b>	<b>\$307,200</b>	<b>\$315,100</b>	<b>\$456,800</b>	<b>\$306,200</b>	<b>\$347,600</b>	<b>\$360,900</b>	<b>\$420,000</b>	<b>\$420,000</b>
<u>Border County Officers</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>FY 2022</u>	<u>FY 2023</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Estimate 4/</u>
Casa Grande Police	-	\$71,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cochise County Sheriff's Office	\$210,800	192,400	\$200,900	\$231,300	241,000	\$244,100	\$186,100	\$288,100	\$320,200
Coolidge Police	30,000	-	18,600	77,000	75,300	61,100	64,500	96,100	128,100
Douglas Police	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eloy Police	-	-	47,900	77,000	37,500	-	-	-	-
Marana Police	-	-	-	-	81,600	110,600	113,000	96,100	128,100
Oro Valley Police	73,200	67,500	49,700	77,000	60,700	71,600	62,400	96,100	-

Table 1 (Continued)

	<u>FY 2018</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2019</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2020</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2021</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2022</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2023</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2024</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2025</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2026</u> <u>Estimate</u>
San Luis Police	49,600	2,100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Somerton Police	16,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yuma County Sheriff's Office	-	25,900	68,200	77,000	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>380,400</b>	<b>\$359,400</b>	<b>\$385,300</b>	<b>\$539,300</b>	<b>496,100</b>	<b>\$487,400</b>	<b>\$426,000</b>	<b>\$576,400</b>	<b>\$576,400</b>

<u>Border Security and Law Enforcement Grants</u>	<u>FY 2018</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2019</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2020</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2021</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2022</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2023</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2024</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2025</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2026</u> <u>Estimate</u> <sup>4/</sup>
Cochise County Sheriff's Office	\$350,000	\$246,700	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Graham County Sheriff's Office	-	-	-	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Greenlee County Sheriff's Office	-	116,700	100,000	100,000	100,000	-	-	100,000	100,000
La Paz County Sheriff's Office	-	116,600	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Navajo County Sheriff's Office	-	76,600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Santa Cruz Sheriff's Office	350,000	246,700	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	-	-
Yuma County Sheriff's Office	350,000	246,700	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,050,000</b>	<b>\$1,050,000</b>	<b>\$950,000</b>	<b>\$1,050,000</b>	<b>\$1,050,000</b>	<b>\$950,000</b>	<b>\$950,000</b>	<b>\$800,000</b>	<b>\$800,000</b>

Local Border Support Expenditures

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY 2018</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2019</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2020</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2021</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2022</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2023</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2024</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 2025</u> <u>Estimate</u>	<u>FY 2026</u> <u>Estimate</u>
Operation Safe Streets <sup>5/</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$23,900	-	-
Apache County Sheriff	-	-	-	-	-	-	498,800	480,800	-
Cochise County Sheriff	\$358,600	\$465,200	\$484,000	\$674,400	\$674,400	\$5,674,000	1,400,000 <sup>6/</sup>	1,924,800	-
Coconino County Sheriff	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	-
Gila County Sheriff	-	-	-	-	-	-	502,300	624,200	-
Graham County Sheriff	-	-	-	-	-	-	480,000	480,000	-
La Paz County Sheriff	-	-	-	-	-	-	793,600	580,000	-
Mohave County Sheriff	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000,000	-	-
Navajo County Sheriff	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000,000	998,400	-
Pima County Sheriff	419,000	377,700	462,500	420,600	420,600	420,600	-	-	-
Pinal County Sheriff	-	-	-	-	-	-	990,000 <sup>7/</sup>	1,111,000	-
Santa Cruz County Sheriff	166,700	166,700	166,700	166,700	166,700	166,700	-	540,400	-
Yavapai County Sheriff	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000,000	807,200	-
Yuma County Sheriff	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500,000	2,751,700	-

**Table 1 (Continued)**

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY 2018 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2019 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2020 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2021 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2022 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2023 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2024 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2025 Estimate</u>	<u>FY 2026 Estimate</u>
Pima County Attorney	-	-	-	-	-	-	138,300	-	-
Nogales Police Department	-	-	-	-	-	-	579,100	1,776,300	-
Parker Police Department	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	115,600	-
Payson Police Department	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	125,600	-
Pima Police Department	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	175,800	-
Prescott Valley Police Department	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	417,500	-
Sahuarita Police Department	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	819,800	-
San Luis Police Department	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	956,500	-
Sierra Vista Police Department	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	115,500	-
Snowflake-Taylor Police Department	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75,200	-
Somerton Police Department	-	-	-	-	-	-	63,600	-	-
Tucson Police Department	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8/ 810,000	-
Wellton Police Department	-	-	-	-	-	-	380,600	546,600	-
Unallocated	-	-	-	-	-	5,971,600	-	-	\$18,232,900
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>944,300</b>	<b>1,009,600</b>	<b>1,113,200</b>	<b>1,261,700</b>	<b>1,261,700</b>	<b>12,232,900</b>	<b>11,350,200</b>	<b>17,232,900</b>	<b>18,232,900</b>

1/ Further details prior to FY 2018 can be found in the *FY 2018 Appropriations Report*.

2/ These grants are funded from a non-lapsing General Fund appropriation, which is part of the overall total GIITEM General Fund appropriation to DPS each year. Beginning in FY 2011, statute allocated the first \$1.6 million to the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office and the next \$500,000 to the Pinal County Sheriff's Office. The FY 2018 Criminal Justice Budget Reconciliation Bill eliminated the Maricopa County distribution and permanently prohibited any monies from being allocated to the Maricopa County Sheriff. The bill also included a one-time distribution of \$400,000 to the Pima County Sheriff's Office. The FY 2022 budget discontinued this allocation moving forward.

3/ Estimates provided by DPS.

4/ FY 2026 GIITEM Subaccount amounts reflect allocations from the DPS expenditure plan submitted to JLBC for review at its November 2025 meeting.

5/ Multi-agency operation in Cochise County.

6/ The Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA) awarded an additional \$100,000 from the Border Security Fund.

7/ DEMA awarded \$900,000 from the Border Security Fund.

8/ DEMA awarded \$200,000 from the Border Security Fund.

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