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*From the Desk of Jan Leshner, Pima County Administrator*

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## Supervisors adopt budget for FY24

The Board of Supervisors June 20 approved the County's \$1.76 billion budget for fiscal year 2024. The new budget, which begins July 1, is \$172 million less than the current fiscal year and achieves the Board's funding priorities for infrastructure, crime reduction, financial stability and overcoming the County's staffing shortage. The County held the line on taxes, with a less than 1% increase despite high inflation and the state continuing to shift some of its financial responsibilities onto counties.

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## County to receive \$30 million in federal money for broadband expansion

The U.S. Commerce Department June 16 announced that Pima County will receive a \$30.3 million grant to build a 134-mile open-access fiber ring around the County. Under the grant, qualified carriers will be able to access the new fiber ring to provide affordable broadband service to unserved and underserved communities in the County. Getting more people connected to broadband improves the County's overall social and economic well-being.

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## Supervisors approve \$420,000 for organizations that help make Pima County a destination

The Board of Supervisors continues to assist the region's tourism and events and festivals industries by approving a combined \$420,000 for outside agencies in the fiscal year 2024 budget. Agencies to receive funding include the Perimeter Bicycling Association of America, Inc., which hosts El Tour de Tucson; Tucson Botanical Gardens; and the Tucson Children's Museum. Requests for funding were initially reviewed by the Outside Agency Citizen review committee, which provided recommendations on which requests to fulfill.

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## Supervisors approve two affordable housing projects

The Board of Supervisors approved moving forward on two proposals that will develop or preserve 203 affordable housing rental units. Combined, the two proposals will contribute \$2.625 million to the development the rental units. The Board also approved \$9 million for affordable housing in the FY24 budget as part of the County's continued effort to bring relief to the region's housing crisis.

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