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Inside the County budget: an overview of the process, and what to expect in FY25

At a <u>Feb. 27 event hosted by Community Foundation for Southern Arizona</u>, County officials gave a slide presentation on the County's budget. The presentation included an overview of the current (FY24) budget; its funding sources; expenditures; and the process that led to its adoption. The presentation also included a preview of what to expect in the FY25 budget, including financial forecasts and anticipated challenges.



Supervisors approve 8 projects for 835 affordable housing units

At its Feb. 20 meeting, the Board of Supervisors awarded \$6.875 million for eight projects that will build or preserve 835 affordable housing units. This is the second batch of

approved gap funding from the <u>Pima County Regional Affordable Housing Commission</u>. In June 2023, the Board approved \$2.625 million for two affordable housing projects to develop or preserve 203 affordable housing rental units. The Supervisors' action aligns with their recent approval of <u>Pima County's Prosperity Initiative</u>, a wide-ranging set of policies designed to reduce generational poverty and increase individual and community wealth.



A decade in, County's public safety radio system remains a success

The Pima County Wireless Integrated Network (PCWIN) allows nearly 70 emergency response agencies throughout Pima County to communicate with each other and coordinate efforts when necessary. An incident on Jan. 18 demonstrated the value of these capabilities, when San Diego police alerted local authorities of a homicide suspect in Pima County. While pursuing the suspect, law enforcement was able to seamlessly communicate across jurisdictional agencies to safely apprehend the suspect.



Pima IDA offering third round of assistance to first-time homebuyers

The Pima County Industrial Development Authority (Pima IDA), in partnership with the City of Tucson IDA, has launched a third round of \$25 million in funding for its highly successful program aimed at assisting first-time homebuyers. Participants can receive 4 percent of the total mortgage amount up-front for down payment or closing-cost assistance. If they stay in their home for five years, the loan for that assistance becomes fully forgivable. The first two rounds of funding also were for \$25 million, providing for nearly 200 home loans and purchases.



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