

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

### ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION DRUG, GANG, AND VIOLENT CRIME CONTROL COMMITTEE

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the **Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control Committee** and the general public that the **Drug, Gang and Violent Crime Control Committee** will hold a meeting open to the public on **November 8, 2022**, beginning at **10:00 a.m.** at the **Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Office, 1110 W. Washington, Suite 230, Phoenix, Arizona 85007**. Members of the Committee may attend either in person or by telephone, video, or internet conferencing.

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The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

	<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
<b>I.</b>	<b>Call to Order and Roll Call</b>	<b>Chairperson Polk</b>
<b>II.</b>	<b>Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes</b>	<b>Chairperson Polk</b>
	- April 28, 2022	<b>P-F-T</b>
<b>III.</b>	<b>Phoenix Police Department Crime Reduction Project (Restructuring Area Dynamic and Relationships)</b>	<b>Tony Vidale P-F-T</b>
<b>IV.</b>	<b>The Rural County Alternative Prosecution And Diversion Grant Program</b>	<b>Tony Vidale P-F-T</b>
<b>V.</b>	<b>The 2022 Enhanced Drug and Gang Enforcement Report</b>	<b>Tony Vidale P-F-T</b>
<b>VI.</b>	<b>Call to the Public</b>	
	Those wishing to address the Commission/Committee need not request permission in advance. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting in person must follow all federal and state Covid 19 safety protocols, including wearing a mask and maintaining proper social distancing. In order to facilitate virtual participation in the meeting, members of the public wishing to address the Commission/Committee will need to email <a href="mailto:dcadmin@azcjc.gov">dcadmin@azcjc.gov</a> in advance of the meeting and provide the phone number where staff can reach you. Staff will email you an acknowledgment of your request and call you during the Call to the Public for your comment. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or rescheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.	
<b>VII.</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	
	The next Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control Committee meeting will be held at the call of the Chair.	

A copy of the agenda background material provided to Committee members is available for public inspection at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Office, 1110 West Washington, Suite 230, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, (602) 364-1146. This document is available in alternative formats by contacting the Commission Office.

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<b>Presenter</b>	<a href="#">Sheila Polk</a>	Chair, DGVCC
<b>Agenda Title</b>	<i>Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes</i>	

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<b>Recommended Action</b>	Committee approval of the minutes of the <b>April 28, 2022</b> meeting.
<b>Details/Discussion</b>	N/A
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	None
<b>Alternatives Considered</b>	Not Approve-Modify-Table

**Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control Committee Minutes**  
**April 28, 2022**

A public meeting of the Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control Committee of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission was convened on April 28, 2022, at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission: 1110 W. Washington, Suite 230, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

<b><u>Members Present</u></b>	<b><u>Staff Present</u></b>
<b>Sheila Polk</b> , Chairperson, Yavapai County Attorney, via GoogleMeets	<b>Andrew LeFevre</b> , Director
<b>Mark Brnovich</b> , Attorney General, Thomas Rankin representing via GoogleMeets	<b>Tony Vidale</b> , Deputy Director
<b>David Shinn</b> , Director, Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry, Greg Lauchner representing via GoogleMeets	<b>Ashley Mully</b> , Program Coordinator
<b>Kara Riley</b> , Chief, Oro Valley Police Department, via GoogleMeets	<b>Siyeni Yitbarek</b> , Program Coordinator
<b>Jeff Glover</b> , Chief, Tempe Police Department, via GoogleMeets	<b>Matt Bileski</b> , Program Manager, Data Integration, Analytics and Optimization
	<b>Molly Edwards</b> , Public Information Officer/Legislative Liaison
<b><u>Members Absent:</u></b>	
<b>Paul Penzone</b> , Maricopa County Sheriff	
<b>Jean Bishop</b> , Mohave County Supervisor	

**I. Call to Order, Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sheila Polk at 1:31 pm. The roll was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

**II. Minutes of January 12, 2022, Meeting**

Chairperson Sheila Polk called for a motion on the minutes. Tony Vidale requested a date correction on page one of the minutes from the January 12, 2022 meeting. Greg Lauchner entered a motion to approve the minutes and the requested date correction for the meeting held on January 12, 2022. The motion was seconded by Kara Riley and was unanimously approved by the Committee.

**III. FY 2023 Drug, Gang and Violent Crime Control Program Cycle 36 Awards**

Tony Vidale gave a 13-minute presentation and discussed recommendations for the location of FY23 DGVCC grant awards. Chairperson Sheila Polk had questions on the review team for the DGVCC grant.

Tony Vidale provided an overview of the application review process and review team selection. Thomas Rankin entered a motion to recommend to the Commission that FY23 DGVCC grant awards be allocated with table DC-4 on page four of the agenda. Greg Lauchner seconded the motion. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

**IV. FY 2023 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program (RSAT) Grant Award Recommendation**

Tony Vidale gave a 10-minute presentation and discussed recommendations for the allocation of FY23 RSAT grant awards and the remaining RSAT federal balance. Greg Lauchner entered a motion to recommend to the Commission that FY23 RSAT grant awards be allocated with table DC-6 of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Kara Riley. The motion was unanimously approved by the Committee.

**VI. Call to the Public**

Chairperson Sheila Polk made a call to the public, and there were no public comments provided.

**V. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting**

The next Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control Committee meeting will be held at the call of the Chairperson.

**V. Adjournment**

Chairperson Sheila Polk motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew LeFevre  
Executive Director

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<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Tony Vidale</b>	<b>Deputy Director</b>
<b>Agenda Title</b>	<b>Phoenix Police Department Crime Reduction Project (Restructuring Area Dynamic and Relationships)</b>	

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<b>Recommended Action</b>	The Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control Committee recommend to the Commission the approval of the continuation of the Phoenix Police Department Crime Reduction Project and the award of \$20,000 in Byrne Justice Assistance Grant funds.
<b>Details/Discussion</b>	See attached.
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	Significant to recipient agencies
<b>Alternatives Considered</b>	None or Not Approve-Modify-Table

## **Recommendation**

Staff is recommending Committee approval to continue the Restructuring Area Dynamic and Relationships (RADAR) crime reduction project with the Phoenix Police Department in the amount of \$20,000. The funding will come from prior-year unexpended Byrne JAG funds and program income from earned interest. These additional monies and project extension will allow more data collection on the reduction of calls for service in the Desert Horizon Precinct and allow for one additional precinct to implement the project.

## **Issue Background**

The Restructuring Area Dynamic and Relationships (RADAR) program concentrates on the social network theory and mismanaged properties to reduce calls for service and crime rates instead of arrests and prosecutions, seizure of contraband, and serving of search warrants. Officers identify high-crime areas in the precinct and related properties attracting high calls for service and related crime. Officers meet with property owners and offer to work with them to provide solutions to lower crime activity and associated calls for service. If owners do not participate in crime reduction efforts and the property continues to realize high crime rates, the property is labeled a nuisance under Arizona statute, and the property is subject to seizure. The threat of property seizure is meant to incentivize property owners to work with community liaisons and precinct officers to address crime rates and calls for service. Without some intervention, criminals, renters, and managers “using” the location create a buffer between the owner and the police. Police unintentionally become free security protecting the owner’s investment while the owner chooses to allow criminals to control the property and damage the neighborhood.

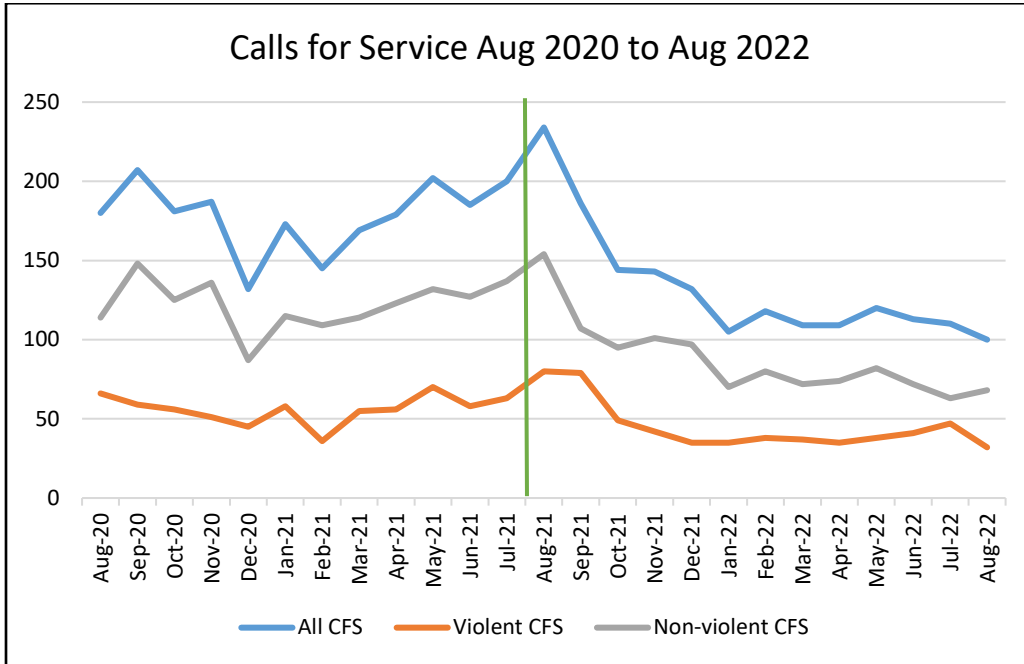
Under the social network theory, individuals’ attributes are less important than their relationships and ties with other network actors. The people who participate in criminal activity need to build relationships within an area to be successful. If those networks are disrupted, the individual criminal is going to be less successful. Using this approach, efforts transform the organized, collaborative groups of criminals into displaced and disorganized individual criminals who can only perpetrate random and isolated acts of crime and become less able to damage the neighborhood’s health.

In January 2021, the Commission approved an award of \$15,000 from unexpended prior-year grant funds to Phoenix Police Department to implement RADAR in the Desert Horizon Precinct. Project activities began in August 2021.

## **Current Project Activities**

Between September 2020 and August 2021 there were 2,194 calls for service in the Desert Horizon Precinct. The project activities started in August 2021. These calls for service included 687 violence-related calls for service and 1,507 non-violent calls for service. Between September 2,021 and August 2022 calls for service in the Desert Horizon Precinct dropped to 1,489, an overall 3.2 percent drop. Violent calls for service decreased from 687 to 508 (2.6%), and non-violent calls for service decreased from 1,507 to 981 (3.5%). Chart DC 1 shows a rise in total calls for service beginning in December 2020 and peaking in August 2021. After the implementation of the project in August 2021, there is a steady decline in total calls for service in the precinct. Table DC 2 displays the most common calls for service broken out by violence-related and non-violent types.

**Chart DC 1**



**Table DC 2**

Most Common Violence Calls for Service	Most Common Non-violence Calls for Service
Robbery	Burglary
Fight	Trespassing
Assault	Theft
Aggravated Assault	Civil Matter
Domestic Violence	Unwanted Guest
Sexual Abuse	Missing Person
Sexual Assault	Found Property
Molesting	Prostitution
Shots Fired	Forgery
Subject Threatening	Suspicious Person
Homicide	Drug-related
Kidnapping	
Bomb Threat	
Stabbing	

Shooting	
Officer Involved Shooting	
Officer Needs Assistance	

**Funding**

The project will utilize \$20,000 in unexpended Byrne Justice Assistance Grant funding from prior year grant awards and program income from interest earned.



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<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Tony Vidale</b>	<b>Deputy Director</b>
<b>Agenda Title</b>	<b>The Rural County Alternative Prosecution And Diversion Grant Program</b>	

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<b>Recommended Action</b>	The Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control Committee recommend to the Commission the award of \$9,850,000 in state general funds, according to table DC 2 for the Rural County Alternative Prosecution and Diversion Grant Program beginning December 1, 2022 and ending on November 30, 2025.
<b>Details/Discussion</b>	See attached.
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	Significant for recipient agencies
<b>Alternatives Considered</b>	None or Not Approve-Modify-Table

## The Rural County Alternative Prosecution And Diversion Grant Program

### Recommendation

Staff proposes an award of \$9,850,000 for the Rural County Alternative Prosecution and Diversion Grant Program for the period beginning December 1, 2022 and ending on November 30, 2025. The staff recommendation would include 12 rural county attorney offices and is reflected in table DC 3. The recommendation includes a base amount for all projects of \$300,000 and an additional allocation dependent on the project costs submitted in the application. The recommendation also reflects an administrative allocation to the ACJC of \$150,000. Gila County Attorney's Office did not submit an application.

**Table DC3**

<b>Rural County Alternative Prosecution and Diversion Program Allocation Recommendation</b>					
<b>County</b>	<b>Total Request</b>	<b>Request Less Base</b>	<b>Base Amount</b>	<b>Additional Allocation</b>	<b>Recommended Award</b>
<b>Apache</b>	\$574,176.40	\$274,176.40	\$300,000	\$274,176.40	\$574,176.40
<b>Cochise</b>	\$503,349.76	\$203,349.76	\$300,000	\$203,349.76	\$503,349.76
<b>Coconino</b>	\$4,710,579	\$4,410,579	\$300,000	\$1,800,000	\$2,100,000
<b>Gila</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Graham</b>	\$346,780.28	\$46,780.28	\$300,000	\$46,780.28	\$346,780.28
<b>Greenlee</b>	\$356,780.28	\$56,780.28	\$300,000	\$56,780.28	\$356,780.28
<b>La Paz</b>	\$327,892	\$27,892	\$300,000	\$27,892	\$327,892
<b>Mohave</b>	\$835,747.55	\$535,747.55	\$300,000	\$425,000	\$725,000
<b>Navajo</b>	\$716,999	\$416,999	\$300,000	\$325,000	\$625,000
<b>Pinal</b>	\$3,351,494.24	\$3,051,494.24	\$300,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,800,000
<b>Santa Cruz</b>	\$869,857.35	\$569,857.35	\$300,000	\$351,541.28	\$651,541.28
<b>Yavapai</b>	\$1,493,111	\$1,193,111	\$300,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,300,000
<b>Yuma</b>	\$539,480	\$239,480	\$300,000	\$239,480	\$539,480
<b>Total</b>	\$14,626,246.86	\$11,026,246.86	\$3,600,000	\$6,250,000	\$9,850,000
<i>ACJC Admin</i>					<i>\$150,000</i>
<b>Total Allocation</b>					<b>\$10,000,000</b>

## **Program Background**

Pretrial diversion can be defined as a program that postpones the prosecution of an offense at any point in the judicial process from charging until adjudication. If the defendant successfully completes a diversion program, criminal charges may be dismissed at the end of the diversion period. As more individuals are being sentenced to county jail instead of state prison, some county jails face limited capacity or strained resources. Combined with ongoing county budget challenges, local leaders need effective strategies to safely manage their justice populations and reduce costs at the same time. Individuals may be detained “pretrial” while their case goes through criminal proceedings. There are models of pretrial diversion and supervision programs that can effectively manage these individuals in a community setting. Reducing the number of pretrial detainees in jails or the length of their stay can conserve considerable resources and allow the jail to meet other public safety needs.

## **Grant Project Goal**

- Reducing the likelihood of future arrests through appropriate diversion interventions based on thorough assessments and intervention plans tailored to an individual participant’s risks and needs.

## **Funding**

Laws 2022, Chapter 313, appropriated \$10,000,000 from the General Fund to the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission to establish rural county diversion programs. The amount appropriated in the rural county diversion programs line item is exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations.

In accordance with the legislation, the monies shall be distributed as grants to county attorney offices in counties with a population of less than nine hundred thousand persons according to the 2020 United States decennial census for the purpose of establishing and operating alternative prosecution and diversion programs that are based on evidence-based practices pertaining to diversion from prosecution and alternatives to prosecution. The Commission shall adopt criteria for distributing grants to eligible counties. The monies may not be used to supplant existing monies for alternative prosecution and diversion programs. On or before September 30, 2023, the commission shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee on the use of the monies and the outcomes obtained by the alternative prosecution and diversion programs in the previous fiscal year.

## **Applications Received**

On August 29, 2022 the Rural County Alternative Prosecution and Diversion Grant Program solicitation opened for applicants. The deadline for submission was Friday, September 30, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. Twelve applications were submitted by the deadline requesting a total of \$14,626,246.86. Gila County Attorney’s Office did not submit an application.

## **Evaluation and Scoring**

Eligible applications were reviewed by an evaluation team and scored based on the criteria published in the solicitation.

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<b>Presenter</b>	<i>Tony Vidale</i>	<i>Deputy Director</i>
<b>Agenda Title</b>	<b>The 2022 Enhanced Drug and Gang Enforcement Report</b>	

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<b>Recommended Action</b>	The Drug, Gang and Violent Crime Control Committee approve the FY 2022 Enhanced Drug and Gang Enforcement (EDGE) report..
<b>Details/Discussion</b>	The FY 2022 Enhanced Drug and Gang Enforcement (EDGE) report highlights activities funded by the Drug and Gang Enforcement Account and the Criminal Justice Enhancement Fund that relate to illicit drugs and drug-related gang activity. Per A.R.S. § 41-2405 (A) 11, this report shall be submitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives by October 31 of each year. Staff will present the highlights of this report.
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	N/A
<b>Alternatives Considered</b>	None or Not Approve-Modify-Table