

Senator Kirsten Sinema - April 1, 2020 AZ Fire and Police Chiefs Teleconference

Meeting Summary

1. PPE requests should flow from the District or City to the County EOC who will then submit to the feds
2. Given the shortages of PPE, they are trying to get some factories to convert from their normal production to producing PPE. Examples include Honeywell in Phoenix, Carrhart, Dyson, etc.
3. Senator Sinema's office has established an email address to which you can send PPE concerns
 - a. casework@sinema.senate.gov
4. AFG has closed, however \$1 million new were issued for AFG. Working with FEMA to see if they can open it back up, or use a different process.
5. Document all COVID-19 related expenses for possible reimbursement. Must document the expense was per some CDC, or health services recommendation or guideline.
6. \$2.82 Billion of shared funding will be released to Arizona from the feds. This will be distributed through Arizona's 15 counties on a population pro-rata basis. Large metro cities e.g. Phoenix, Mesa, Tucson can file direct with the feds. Urban counties (Maricopa & Pima) can file directly with the State Treasurer. All other municipal and fire districts file through their respective counties, which will file with the Governor's Office.
7. All OT costs related to COVID-19 are considered direct reimbursable expenditures based on guidance e.g. you have a person off and quarantined with COVID based on an on the job exposure so you're paying to back fill. Or, additional people staffed for an actual influx of calls.
8. They are working to extend grant paperwork and possibly suspend the requirement for matching funds.
9. PPE is now and likely will remain in short supply for the foreseeable future.
10. Papian, Anthony (HSGAC) <Anthony_Papian@hsgac.senate.gov> is Senator Sinema's direct contact for additional information.