



REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

Subject

Maricopa County spent \$99 million of federal monies and additional required state matching monies this past year for 91 programs. The largest federal grants were for child development, incarceration, housing, nutrition, healthcare, and job training. In return, the County must be accountable for its use of both federal and state monies, maintain strong internal controls, and comply with federal program requirements.

Our Conclusion

The County maintained adequate internal controls over financial reporting and federal compliance. However, the report recommends that the County improve its subrecipient monitoring practices and other administrative practices for selected federal programs. The subrecipient monitoring practices for one of the programs represents a material weakness and resulted in the County's material noncompliance with a federal health services program.

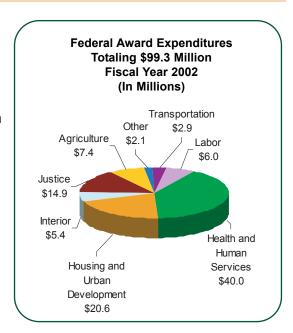


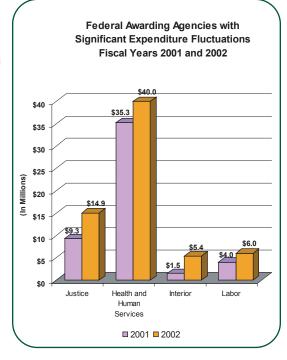
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The County Experienced an Overall Increase in Federal Award Expenditures

Although most of the County's federal programs experienced increases in expenditures over the prior year, a few programs had significant increases. Overall, federal award expenditures increased by approximately \$16.5 million over the prior year. The most significant fluctuations occurred in the following federal agencies and programs:

- \$5.6 million increase in U.S.
 Department of Justice programs, mostly related to the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program
- \$4.7 million increase in U.S.
 Department of Health and Human
 Services programs, mostly related to
 the Head Start program
- \$3.9 million increase in U.S.
 Department of the Interior programs,
 mostly related to the Payments in Lieu
 of Taxes and Reclamation Projects
 programs
- \$2.0 million increase in U.S.
 Department of Labor programs, mostly related to job training





Auditors Evaluated Compliance with 11 Federal Programs

Auditors identified and tested 11 federal programs under the guidelines established by the Single Audit Act. Three of these programs were administered by the Maricopa County Housing Department and were tested by a public accounting firm.

Audit tests included evaluating the County's compliance with each program's federal regulations generally related to expending, reporting, and monitoring federal awards. The table below lists the programs we and the public accounting firm audited and the federal awarding agency.

Federal Awarding Agency

Department of Justice

Department of Transportation

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Department of Health and Human Services

Federal Programs Audited

Federal Program

Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants HOME Investment Partnerships Program
Public and Indian Housing
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers
Public Housing Capital Fund
State Criminal Alien Assistance Program
Federal Transit—Formula Grants
Consolidated Knowledge Development and Application
(KD&A) Program
Immunization Grants
HIV Prevention Activities—Health Department Based

In addition, as part of an audit followup on a prior year finding for the Health Center Grants for Homeless Populations program, we noted a violation of the period of

Preventive Health Services—Sexually Transmitted

Diseases Control Grants

availability compliance requirement that is reported as a current year compliance finding with a questioned cost of \$13,226.

Inadequate Subrecipient Monitoring Results in Material Noncompliance

The County passes 56 percent of the Consolidated Knowledge Development and Application Program monies it receives to a subrecipient to carry out the program's objectives. However, the County did not follow the federally required procedures for monitoring the subrecipient to ensure that the

program's compliance requirements were followed.

Our report indicates that this condition resulted in a material internal control weakness and material noncompliance with the program's subrecipient monitoring requirement.

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The Single Audit Fact Sheet

- Three weaknesses in federal compliance internal controls, one of these was considered a material internal control weakness.
- Two violations of federal compliance requirements with unknown questioned costs, one of these was considered material noncompliance.
- One violation of a federal compliance requirement with a questioned cost of \$13,226.



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