

# **Pima County**

### REPORT HIGHLIGHTS single audit

#### Subject

Pima County spent \$55.9 million of federal monies and additional required matching monies this past year for 102 programs. The largest federal grants were for job training, housing, drug trafficking, and health and human services. In return, the County must be accountable for its use of both federal and local monies, maintain strong internal controls, and comply with federal program requirements. As the auditors, our job is to determine whether the County has met its responsibilities.

### **Our Conclusion**

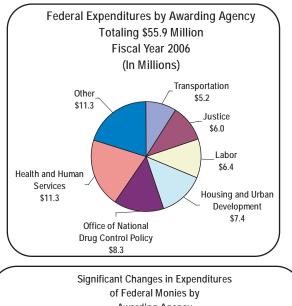
The County maintained adequate internal controls over financial reporting. However, auditors found an instance of noncompliance relating to state laws. Additionally, for three federal programs tested, auditors found that the County did not maintain adequate internal controls or comply with one or more of the compliance requirements applicable to those programs. See page 2 for further information.

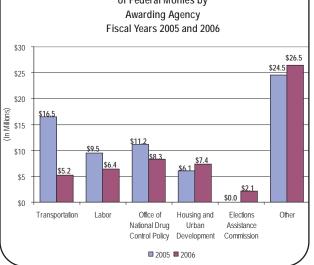


### The County Experienced an Overall Decrease in Expenditures of Federal Awards

Overall expenditures of federal awards decreased by approximately \$11.9 million. The decrease was the result of the following:

- \$11.3 million decrease in U.S. Department of Transportation programs related to a decrease in Highway Planning and Construction Program monies.
- \$3.1 million decrease in U.S.
- Department of Labor programs related primarily to reductions in the Youth Opportunities Grant Program and the Workforce Investment Act Cluster of Programs.
- \$2.9 million decrease in Office of National Drug Control Policy programs related to a reduction in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas monies that were passed through to other law enforcement agencies.
- \$1.3 million increase in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development programs related primarily to an increase in funds for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program.
- \$2.1 million of new Election Assistance Commission funding related to Help America Vote Act Requirements Payments.
- \$2.0 million net increase in various other federal programs.





## The County Did Not Always Comply with Restrictions on the Use of State Transportation Revenues

According to state law, the County must use Highway User Revenue Fund and certain vehicle license tax revenues only to purchase, construct, and repair highways and streets. However, when auditors tested the County's compliance with these spending restrictions, they found that the County used \$3.2 million of these monies for public bus service. Because public bus service is not an allowed highway or street use, the County misspent \$3.2 million of state transportation revenue.

### The County Did Not Always Comply with Federal Program Requirements

Auditors identified and tested six federal programs (includes one program cluster) under the guidelines established by the Single Audit Act. Audit tests included evaluating the County's compliance with each program's federal regulations generally related to expending, monitoring, matching, and reporting federal awards. Weaknesses in internal controls and instances of noncompliance were noted for three of the programs tested. The table below identifies the findings reported in our audit by program and type of compliance requirement.

| Program   | Type of Compliance Requirement                |   |                            |                                       |                             |
|---|---|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   | Cash  | Costs                                     | Monitor                    | Report                                | Procure                     |
| ligh Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas   |   | Х   | Х                          |                                       | Х                           |
| lelp America Vote Act   | Х   |   |                            |                                       |                             |
| Homeland Security Cluster   |   |   |                            | Х                                     |                             |
| <ul> <li>Federal monies requested and reconcepts</li> <li>Certain program expenses were unitor:</li> <li>Subrecipients were not monitored financial information reported to the cure:</li> <li>Minimum competitive procurement</li> </ul> | nallowable I<br>to ensure th<br>ie federal gi | based on f<br>ney receive<br>rantor or pa | ederal required the federa | ements.<br>Ily required<br>agency was | l audits.<br>s not accurate |

#### The Single Audit Fact Sheet

- No weaknesses in financial reporting internal controls.
- One instance of noncompliance with state laws.
- Four weaknesses in federal compliance internal controls that resulted in immaterial violations of federal compliance requirements.
- Program costs totaling \$443,913 were questioned as a result of our audit.

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