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Tucson, Pima IDAs continue to help Tucson’s homeless

The Tucson and Pima County Industrial Development Authorities and their partners, with support from the Arizona Department of Housing, have contributed almost $7 million to help ease homelessness in our community.

Fees collected through the Tucson Pathways to Purchase Program (P2P) stay here in Pima County. The funds completely support the Tucson Pima County Rapid Rehousing Program that helps our neighbors, coworkers, friends and families in our community who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Between May 2017 and January 2020, Rapid Rehousing spent nearly $1 million to help 581 local households - nearly half with children – that had lost, or were in danger of losing, permanent housing.

“Just to think of how this program has helped me brings me to tears,” said Brianna M., who was helped by the Rapid Rehousing Program. "I couldn't be thankful enough for the help me and my boys have received. Without this program, I do not know if I would have been able to get back on my feet with my children. It has been the biggest blessing to me as a single mother."

During its two phases, P2P provided nearly $35 million in down-payment and closing-cost assistance for local homebuyers. The program, offered in collaboration with the Arizona Department of Housing, secured nearly 2,400 loans worth more than $350 million.

The Primavera Foundation, the Sullivan Jackson Employment Center, Old Pueblo Community Services, Community Bridges and Our Family Services provide support services to the Rapid Rehousing program.

Rapid Rehousing resources, which can last up to nine months, helped provide:

- short-and medium-term rental assistance
- security deposits
- first and last month’s rent
- move-in items and furnishings such as beds, linens, dishes, pots and pans

Those receiving assistance must meet certain qualifications.

The P2P, together with Pima Tucson Homebuyer’s Solution (PTHS), is another successful joint effort of the Tucson and Pima IDAs to assist local homebuyers with down payment and/or closing cost assistance. The joint P2P and PTHS Programs are an example of the coordinated effort to help potential homebuyers in Tucson and Pima County.

Revenues generated by these Tucson and Pima IDA programs stay in Pima County to benefit our community.

For more information on this program, go to PimaTucsonhome.org/homebuyers.

The Tucson and Pima County IDAs are Pima County’s local nonprofit corporations designated as political subdivisions of the State of Arizona, authorized to, among other things, assist with affordable housing programs.

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