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## 2018 Homeless Lottery Funds Report

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**This report has been prepared pursuant to A.R.S. § 5-572 (E).**

*Of the monies remaining in the State Lottery Fund each fiscal year after appropriations and deposits authorized in subsections A through F of this section, one million dollars or the remaining balance in the fund, whichever is less, is appropriated to the Department of Economic Security for grants to nonprofit organizations, including faith based organizations, for homeless emergency and transitional shelters, and related support services. The Department of Economic Security shall submit a report on the amounts, recipients, purposes, and results of each grant to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate on or before December 31 of each year for the prior fiscal year, and shall provide a copy of this report to the Secretary of State and the Director of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records.*

## **Background**

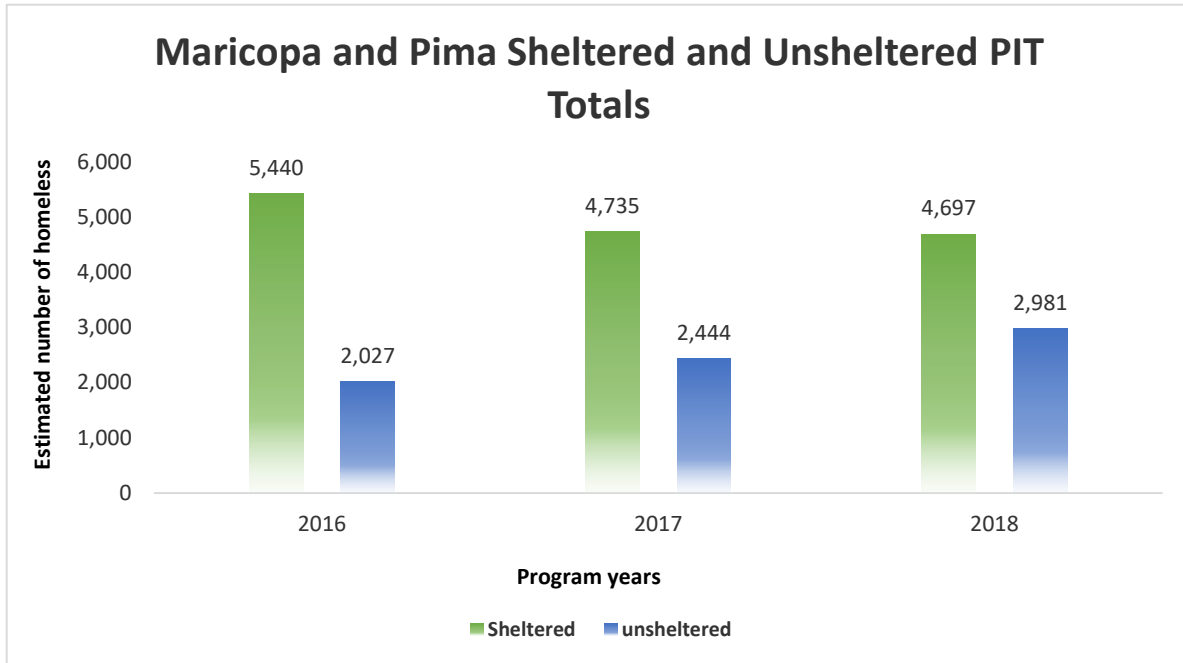
The Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES), Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS), Homeless Coordination Office allocates limited Lottery funding dollars to community nonprofit homeless service providers in Maricopa and Pima County to administer homeless services. Historically, including 2017, the Homeless Lottery report data covered Maricopa, Pima and the Balance of State. This year's Lottery report will focus on combined Maricopa and Pima Counties data only.

These funds, will assist thousands of homeless men, women, and children to return to productive, self-sufficient lives as tax-paying citizens each year. Nonprofit service providers assist by making available safe shelter, meals, drug and alcohol dependency treatment, job training and preparation, temporary and permanent job placement, case management, and assistance to return to permanent housing as rapidly as possible.

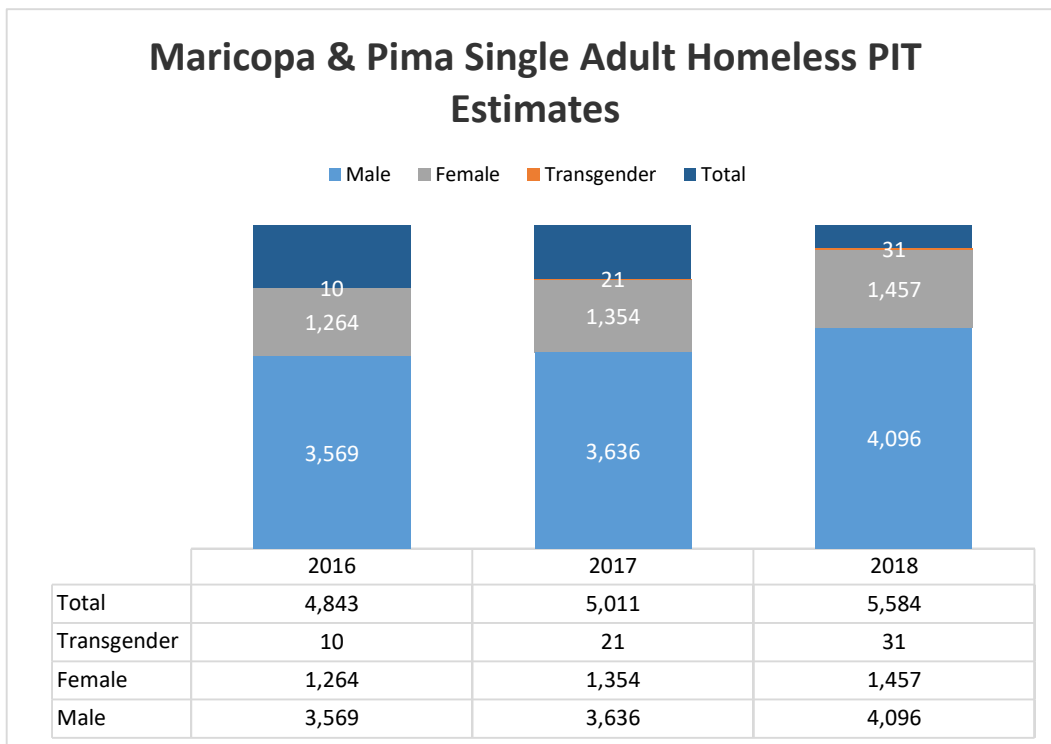
Current funding levels are insufficient for meeting the growing demands as A.R.S. § 5-572 (E) only appropriates up to \$1,000,000 for homeless services. It is well documented that effective homeless services result in reduced, long-term expenditures for emergency health and public safety costs, resulting in safer communities.

Estimates of the number of homeless individuals in Arizona vary. One of the tools utilized to estimate the number of homeless in Arizona is the Point-in-Time (PIT) count. The PIT count is a snapshot of a community's homeless situation within a specified point in time, generally within a 24 hour period. However, the PIT count is not intended to provide an absolute number of individuals experiencing homelessness in the community.

The PIT count in Maricopa and Pima County is conducted during one day in the last week of January of each year. The graph on page four displays the combined changes in the unsheltered and sheltered PIT count numbers for Maricopa and Pima County over a three-year period. The sheltered count has decreased over the three-year period, however, the unsheltered count in Maricopa and Pima County has increased by 47 percent.

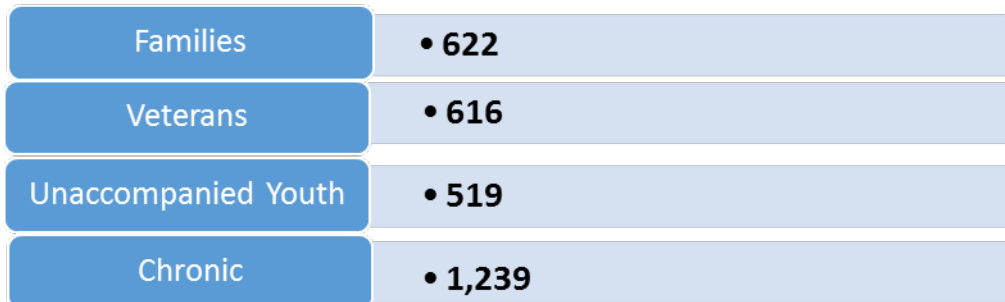


Single adults accounted for 73 percent of the homeless population in Maricopa and Pima Counties during the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018 PIT count. The single adult homeless population consisted of 73 percent men and 26 percent women, while the remaining percentage consisted of transgendered homeless individuals. The graph below illustrates the increase in each population over a three-year period. Similar to the chronically homeless, single adults are frequent users of emergency rooms and hospital services.



## Other Homeless Subpopulations in 2018

The graph below lists the estimated PIT totals for the remaining homeless subpopulations in Maricopa and Pima Counties in SFY 2018.

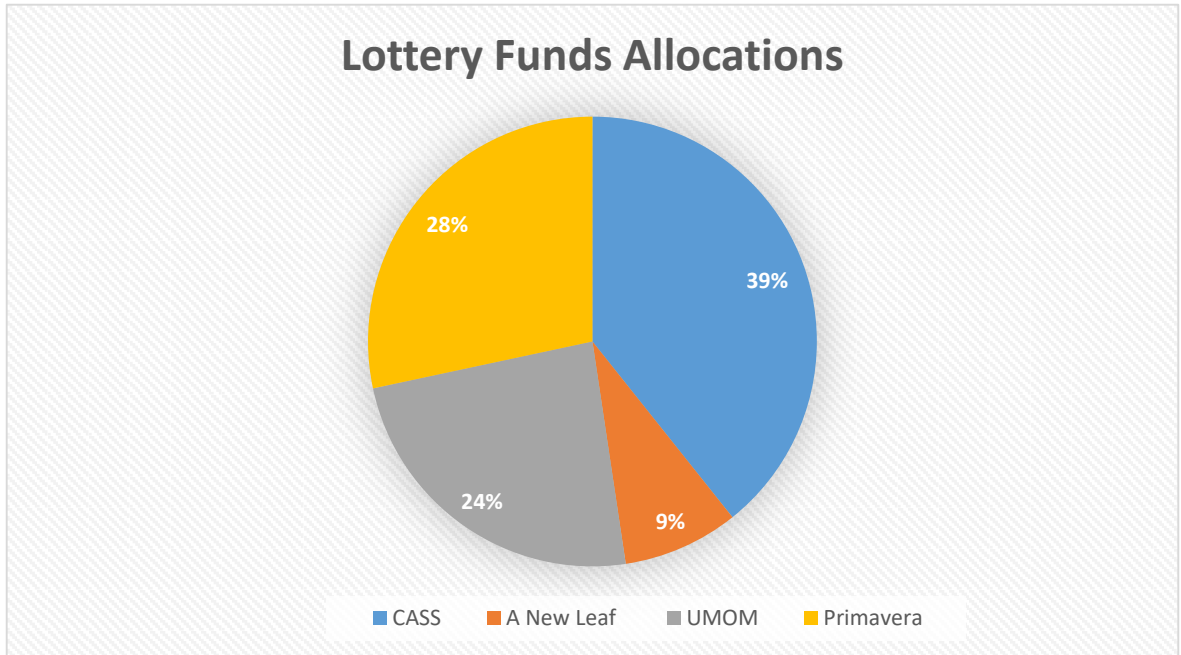


“Best Practices” within the State and throughout the nation have shown that permanent housing supports the most rapid return to self-sufficiency and independence at the most affordable cost to the community.

## Allocation of Funds

The SFY 2018 Lottery funds were utilized as part of the Homeless Coordination Office for SFY 2018 contracts (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018). Appendix A is a detailed spreadsheet of the allocations by contracted provider, county, and service.

The allocation of SFY 2018 Lottery funds was made using a combination of census data and the reported number of individuals experiencing homelessness to determine the regions to distribute the funding. This methodology was applied to existing contracts and resulted in an allocation of 72 percent or \$716,542 to three contractors serving Maricopa County and an allocation of 28 percent or \$283,458 to one contractor serving Pima County. The graph on page six illustrates the percentage of Arizona Lottery funds allocated to each provider. Lottery funding supported a significant expansion of the Rapid Rehousing Program into the metropolitan areas of Maricopa and Pima Counties.



### **Rapid Rehousing and Temporary Emergency Shelter**

The Rapid Rehousing Programs rapidly move individuals experiencing homelessness to permanent housing with wrap-around services including case management, job search assistance, and child care while helping them locate community resources to meet their needs. Results in Arizona, as well as nationally, have demonstrated that housing is the foundational intervention that moves an individual or family from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Without housing, all other intervention programs are less effective.

Temporary Homeless Emergency Shelters (TES) also play a vital role for homeless by providing immediate and short-term shelter to persons who are without shelter or a fixed place of residence. Emergency Shelter may be provided for a period of up to 120 days. The basic services for TES include immediate short-term shelter, case planning, and supportive interventions. When TES and Rapid Rehousing are combined, they can provide enhanced supportive services that may include temporary shelter, move-in assistance, transportation, childcare, and a seamless transition to permanent housing.

## **Conclusion**

The allocation of the SFY 2018 Lottery funds was made using a combination of census data and the reported number of persons experiencing homelessness to determine the regions to distribute the funding. Currently, funding levels are insufficient to meet the growing demand for homeless services in Maricopa and Pima Counties.

This year's Lottery report focuses on combined Maricopa and Pima County PIT data. However, the PIT count data is not intended to provide an absolute number of individuals experiencing homelessness in the community but can give communities indicators upon the severity of the problem.

The PIT counts conducted over a three-year period illustrate that the unsheltered count in Maricopa and Pima Counties has increased by an estimated 47 percent. The numbers also point out that single adult homelessness has grown by 15 percent since SFY 2016.

The services of Temporary Emergency Shelter and Rapid Rehousing will continue to be critical in serving single adults and other homeless subpopulations in temporary crisis. The PIT count results from 2016 to 2018 for Maricopa and Pima Counties imply that some progress has been made in addressing homelessness in Arizona but there is still an abundant amount of work to be done.

**Appendix A**

**Arizona Department of Economic Security 2018 Homeless Lottery Funds Allocation  
Allocation by Service**

<b>CONTRACTOR</b>	<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>HMIS</b>	<b>Emergency Shelter</b>	<b>Rapid Transition to Housing</b>	<b>Outreach</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>MARICOPA</b>								
CENTRAL AZ SHELTER SVS.	MARICOPA	\$392,757.00		\$118,192.30	\$274,564.70		\$392,757.00	39.28%
A NEW LEAF UMOM New Day Centers	MARICOPA	\$83,508.00		\$3,689.00	\$79,819.00		\$83,508.00	8.35%
	MARICOPA	\$240,277.00			\$240,277.00		\$240,277.00	24.03%
<b>TOTAL MARICOPA COUNTY</b>			0%	\$121,881.30	\$594,660.70	0%	\$716,542.00	71.65%
<b>PIMA</b>								
PRIMAVERA FOUNDATION, INC.	PIMA	\$283,458.00		\$50,000.00	\$233,458.00	0%	\$283,458.00	28.35%
<b>TOTAL PIMA COUNTY</b>				\$50,000.00	\$233,458.00	0%	\$283,458.00	28.35%
<b>GRAND TOTAL - ALL COUNTIES (a)</b>				\$171,881.30	\$828,118.70	0%	\$1,000,000.00	100.00%
<b>% (rounded)</b>			0%	17%	83%	0%		

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