



**KRIS MAYES
ATTORNEY GENERAL**

OFFICE OF THE ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL

July 12, 2024

Via Email and U.S. Mail

Sheriff David Rhodes
Yavapai County Sheriff
Yavapai County Sheriff's Office
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Prescott, AZ 86301-3803

Chief Ken Cost
Mesa Police Department
President AZ Association of Chiefs of Police
PO Box 1466
Mesa, AZ 85211-1466

Dear Sheriff Rhodes, Chief Cost and law enforcement partners,

Today, I signed an Interagency Service Agreement (ISA) to restore the \$10 million in funding that had been cut from 32 law enforcement agencies' budgets across Arizona in the recently passed State budget. Recognizing this reduction in law enforcement agencies' budgets could hamper public safety, we worked with the Governor's office who identified grants from the American Rescue Plan Act to restore the full amount of lost revenue to replenish your bank accounts.

The documentation you submit to the Attorney General's Office for your RICO expenses is sufficient to satisfy federal reporting requirements. In other words, you won't have any additional reporting requirements on your end.

There are two restrictions on this funding your offices should be aware of. First, it cannot be transferred to your County-held Anti-Racketeering Revolving Fund accounts because we cannot satisfy the federal reporting requirements if that happens. Second, ARPA money must be spent by September 2026. We do not anticipate needing to return ARPA money, but if you were delaying RICO purchases, you should make them before then.

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I remain committed to working in partnership to meet public safety needs for all Arizonans. If you have additional questions, please feel free to reach out to my Law Enforcement Liaison, Dave Harvey at: David.Harvey@azag.gov.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K Mayes", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Attorney General Kris Mayes

Attachments: Interagency Service Agreement No. ISA-ARPA-AG-071124-01