

COCHISE COUNTY

**Board of Supervisors Work Session
Regarding
Animal Welfare**

July 27, 2023

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Public Programs...Personal Service

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Purpose

Provide the Board context and status update on the Tovreaville Road animal care facility project and animal welfare partnerships.

- Where have we been?
- Where are we?
- Where are we going?
- Should we start over?



Where Have We Been – Developing a Vision

- December 2018: Huachuca City shelter closure impacts County Animal Control impound options.
- 2019 –2021: Explore potential partnerships with Sierra Vista and Friends of Bisbee Animal Shelter.
- March 2021 – HSSA tours former Juvenile Detention Facility on Tovreaville Road in Bisbee thanks to outreach efforts of Supervisor Judd, Mary Moran and Jere Fredenburgh.



Where Have We Been – Developing a Vision

- May 2021 - BOS Work Session on potential partnership with HSSA for the Tovreaville Road facility.
- June 2021 - BOS approves Resolution 21-10 to negotiate an agreement for County Animal shelter services with the HSSA.
- August 10, 2021 – BOS approves Agreement between County and HSSA for transporting with a cost not to exceed \$32,000. Minutes note comments supporting the item were received from Mary Moran and Jere Fredenburgh.



Where Have We Been – Developing a Vision

- April 2021 – County submits Community Project Funding Request to Congresswoman Kirkpatrick for \$2,000,000 to remodel the facility on Tovreaville Road for shelter and vet clinic services.
- Included letters of support from HSSA, Mary Moran, County Administrator Rich Karwaczka, emails of support from public and an online petition started by Mary Moran.



Where Have We Been – Developing a Vision

- March 9, 2022 – Omnibus spending bill passed, and Cochise County Animal Shelter project Community Project Funding approved for \$1.1 million (nearly 1 year after application).
- May to June 2022 – County completes and submits additional grant documents required by USDA
- November 29, 2022 – Board of Supervisors approve Letter of Conditions and Grant Agreement for the USDA Rural Housing Service Grant award of \$1.1 million and the County estimated contribution of \$1,982,250 to fund Tovreaville Road Shelter project.



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Where Are We – Executing the Vision

Budget for Tovreaville Road - \$3,081,250

New Construction (clinic) – \$1,200,000

Repurposed Space (Juvenile Center) – \$1,237,500

Misc. Site Work/Demolition - \$150,000

Architect Fees - \$250,000

Contingency - \$243,750



Where Are We – Executing the Vision

Architectural Services RFSQ and Contract

- February – April 2023 – RFSQ Published on County Procurement site “Bonfire.” Two submissions received and reviewed by internal committee.
- Selected Vendor – contract will come before Board for approval following USDA approval.



Where Are We – Executing the Vision

- Priorities for new shelter
 - Facility that fosters adoptions
 - Disease Control, Noise Control
 - Wellness Clinic
 - Minimize facility maintenance and management
 - Safety and Security
 - Use of natural light and fresh air

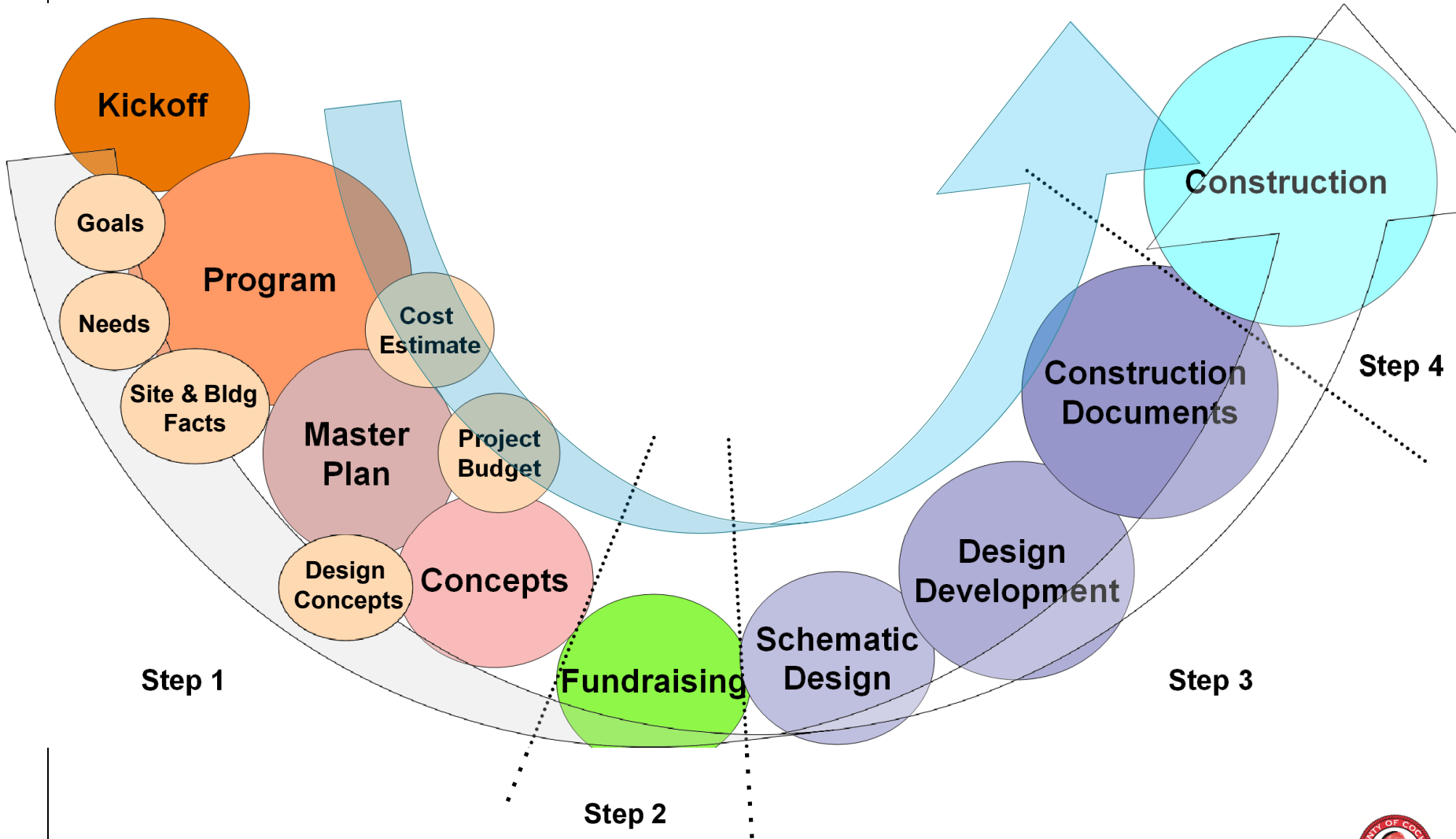


The Architecture Company

- Richard Fe Tom, Principal-In-Charge
 - With consultants from Shelter Planners of America
- Qualifications:
 - Sierra Vista Animal Care Expansion (2.0 million)
 - Sierra Vista Needs Assessment and Master Plan
 - PACC Remodel and Addition
 - Gila County Animal Care & Control (2.8 million)
 - Humane Society of Sedona
 - Humane Society of Southern Arizona



Project Delivery Process



The Architecture Company

- Part I Scope: Pre-Design phase, 5 months
 - Needs Assessment
 - Existing Facilities Survey
 - Programming and Concept Design
 - Public Presentation – concept sketches
 - Public Charette – collect comments about design options from the public
- Cost: \$53,200



Pace of Capital Projects in Government

- Mohave County Animal Shelter
- City of Sierra Vista Animal Care Center Expansion
- Cochise County Fusion Center Commercial Real Estate purchase



Where Are We Going? – Sustaining the Vision

- Lease and Management Agreement with HSSA,
- Continue efforts to expand IGAs with Sierra Vista and Benson.
- Continue market compensation funding for ACOs, improve retention.
- Public outreach



Should We Start Over?

- Board can notify USDA that grant is no longer accepted. Start process over for any grant funding necessary – 1 year minimum.
- Purchase of property/facility – need appraisal, building inspection, and full cost/benefit analysis – 6 - 8 months.
- HSSA no longer partner in operations – seek out new partner
- Operate with CCSO? Need additional personnel and additional operational costs of at least \$500k, year over year, with incremental compensation increases.
 - Expenditure limit concerns and other County priorities



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Questions?

