



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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"Courteous Vigilance"

KATIE HOBBS
Governor

JEFFREY GLOVER
Director

January 29, 2026

Sheriff Mark Dannels
Cochise County Sheriff's Office
205 North Judd Drive
Mile Post 345, Highway 80
Bisbee, AZ 85603

Dear Sheriff Dannels,

Enclosed, please find two (2) copies of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between AZ DPS and your Agency. Please sign both copies and return one to AZDPS.

We value the cooperation and partnership between our agencies and look forward to our continued alliance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason Leonard".

Jason Leonard, Lieutenant Colonel
Assistant Director, Criminal Investigations Division

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
REGARDING A.R.S. §41-1724**

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into between the State of Arizona through its Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as "DPS", and the Cochise County Sheriff's Office, hereinafter referred to as "CCSO".

This MOU serves as notification for the release of funds designated for CCSO by the State and passed through DPS for strict enforcement of immigration, human smuggling, drug smuggling, gangs and employer sanction laws. The funding may also be utilized for county jail costs relating to illegal immigration.

I. PARTICIPATION

DPS agrees to provide CCSO with \$250,000 pursuant to A.R.S. §41-1724.

CCSO agrees to utilize the funding solely for strict enforcement of immigration, human smuggling, drug smuggling, gangs and employer sanction laws, as well as county jail reimbursement costs relating to illegal immigration.

CCSO certifies its agency will comply with A.R.S. §11-1051 to the fullest extent of the law.

II. FUNDING

DPS shall disburse \$250,000 to CCSO in two payments as follows:

- \$125,000 after October 1, 2025
- \$125,000 after April 1, 2026

III. REPORTING REQUIREMENT

By April 30, 2026, CCSO shall provide a report to DPS that details actual expenditures, accounting obligations, and planned expenditures of the funds provided by this agreement. The report shall reflect activity from July 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026 and include any previously unreported expenditures and remaining funds. Expenditures, accounting obligations, and planned expenditures shall be reported by the following line items: Personal Services, Employee Related Expenditures, Professional and Outside Services, Travel In-State, Other Operating Expenditures, Capital Equipment, Non-Capital Equipment, and Miscellaneous. The line items shall be as defined by the State of Arizona, as found at <https://gao.az.gov/sites/default/files/SAAM-4c00-20140701.pdf>. The "Miscellaneous" category shall encompass all line items defined by the State of Arizona that are not explicitly listed herein. In addition to the line-item reporting, the Sheriff's Office shall provide a brief narrative description of the expenditures, obligations, and planned expenditures. The narrative shall explain what was purchased, obligated, and/or planned, what has been accomplished with expenditures to date, and what is planned to be accomplished with future expenditures.

IV. NON-AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Every payment obligation of the State under this Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of funds appropriated or allocated for the payment of such obligation. If funds are not allocated and available for the continuance of the Agreement, this Agreement may be terminated by the State at the end of the period for which funds are available. No liability shall accrue to the State in the event this

provision is exercised, and the State shall not be obligated or liable for any future payments or for any damages as a result of termination under this paragraph.

V. NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Parties shall comply with Executive Order 2009-09, which mandates that all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age national origin or political affiliation, shall have equal access to employment opportunities, and all other applicable State and Federal employment laws, rules, and regulations, including the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Parties shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants for employment and employees are not discriminated against due to race, creed, color, religion, sex, national origin or disability.

VI. ARBITRATION

The parties to this agreement agree to resolve all disputes arising out of or relating to this agreement through arbitration, after exhausting applicable administrative review, to the extent required by A.R.S. § 12-1518 except as may be required by other applicable statutes.

VII. RECORDKEEPING

All records regarding the MOU must be retained for five (5) years after expiration of the MOU in compliance with A.R.S. §35-214, entitled Inspection and Audit of Contract Provisions.

VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE/DURATION

The term of this MOU is July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Should the State Legislature reduce or eliminate the appropriation for this program, DPS may cancel or modify this MOU.

IX. CANCELLATION

All parties are hereby put on notice that this MOU is subject to cancellation by the Governor for conflicts of interest pursuant to A.R.S. §38-511.

X. COMMUNICATION

Any notice required to be given under the MOU will be provided by mail to:

GIITEM Commander
Arizona Department of Public Safety
P. O. Box 6638, Mail Drop 1350
Phoenix, Arizona 85005-6638

Sheriff Mark J. Dannels
Cochise County Sheriff's Office
205 North Judd Drive
Mile Post 345, Highway 80
Bisbee, AZ 85603

Payment of funds is to be mailed to:


Vendor ID: IV*5540 Address ID: I0003 Per State Accounting Office
Cochise County Sheriff's Office
205 N Judd Drive
Bisbee, AZ 85603

XI. VALIDITY

This document contains the entire understanding between the parties and may not be modified, amended, altered or extended except through a written amendment signed by both parties. If any portion of this MOU is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall not be affected.


The parties hereto have caused this MOU to be executed by the proper officers and officials.

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

By: 
Jeffrey Glover, Colonel
Director

Date: 1/28/2026

COCHISE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

By: 
Mark J. Darnels, Sheriff

Date: 02/02/26