



City of Phoenix

Phoenix Emergency Food Tax Allocation Plan

Facts:

- All cities that border Phoenix have a food tax.
- According to the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average family of four in Phoenix spends \$450 per month on food. The food tax would add \$9 to the average family's monthly bill, or about \$110 per year.
- Annual food tax revenue will be about \$50 million. By implementing the tax in April, \$62.5 million will be collected over the next 15 months.

7-Point Plan:

- Fiscal Responsibility
- Public Safety
- Community Enrichment
- Seniors
- Youth
- Libraries and Learning
- Critical Infrastructure and Transportation

The following programs can be restored by the emergency food tax:

Fiscal Responsibility - \$2.8 million

Increase contingency fund by about \$3 million per year for the next several years. Our current contingency is 2.7 percent of the General Fund or \$28 million, which provides very little flexibility to withstand even modest economic downturns.

Public Safety - \$32.9 million

Police Department

Restore 117 sworn and 12 civilian positions.

- Patrol (first responders) - 20 sworn
- Drug Enforcement Bureau - 5 sworn
- Neighborhood Enforcement Team - 54 sworn
- Fugitive Apprehension Unit - 16 sworn
- Community Action Officers - 6 sworn
- Liquor Enforcement Task Force - 7 sworn, 1 civilian
- Callback Unit - 1 sworn, 9 civilian
- Bias Crimes / Graffiti Squad - 5 sworn, 1 civilian
- Employee Assistance Unit - 3 sworn, 1 civilian

Fire Department

Restore 62 sworn positions.

- Three engine companies
- One ladder company
- One full-time rescue (ambulance)

Community Enrichment - \$7.4 million

Restore five large community centers, which provide youth and adult recreation programming, classes and community activities.

- Deer Valley
- Desert West
- Devonshire
- Mountain View
- Washington Activity Center

Partially restore field maintenance at Reach 11.

Provide funding for the Parks and Preserve program to continue to acquire preserve lands, and upgrade and repair existing parks.

Seniors - \$1.5 million

Restore all five senior centers proposed for closure. Senior centers provide congregate meals, social activities and advocacy services.

- Goelet A.C. Beuf
- Sunnyslope
- Pecos
- Desert West
- Marcos de Niza

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Youth - \$1.6 million

Youth recreation centers provide recreation and other activities for youth ages 7-17.

Restore seven youth recreation centers open year-round.

- Harmon
- Hayden
- Marc Atkinson
- Playa Margarita
- Sunnyslope Youth Center
- University
- Verde

Restore seven youth recreation centers open for eight weeks in the summer.

- Barrios Unidos
- Central
- Grant
- Holiday
- Smith
- South Phoenix Youth Center
- Thunderbird Teen Center

Continue grant-funded programming for adults with disabilities and violence prevention education.

Continue West Phoenix Revitalization recreation programming that provides outdoor safe park programs.

Libraries and Learning - \$3.6 million

Restore after-school programs at 21 existing sites throughout the city, which provide school-based, recreational and developmental activities that are fun, stimulating and enriching. Includes restoring grant-funded nutrition programs at these sites.

Restore three library branches, but at the same reduced hours as other branches (closed on Fridays). These library branches have 900,000 visitors per year.

- Desert Sage
- Saguaro
- Yucca

Critical Infrastructure and Transportation - \$12.7 million

Restore a streets crew responsible for patching potholes and other street repairs.

Restore long-term fiscal stability to Transit 2000 programs.

- Resources to maintain ongoing bus operations and to address infrastructure needs
- Resources to sustain daytime light rail operations including building future capacity for the northwest extension

Restore services for the disabled and seniors.

- Restore same-day Dial-a-Ride service to the disabled and seniors
- Restore early-morning Dial-a-Ride service to the disabled

Restore critical fixed route bus service.

- Restore Route 39 fixed route local service
- Effective July 26, 2010, restore early morning weekday fixed route bus service

Restore existing light rail operating hours.

- Restore late night light rail service on Friday and Saturday