

# AZCARES Fund Update

June 15, 2020

# Apache Junction Allocation

- \$4.8 million – reimbursement based on salary and benefit costs of sworn personnel.
- Reimbursement fulfills the Fed. requirements for funding.
- The required application will be submitted soon.
- We do not have the funds yet.
- League of cities working on getting clarification on uses.
- Recommend take a cautious fiscal approach for possible revenue reduction.

# Common question:

“Is it true AZCares money can only be used for public safety expenses?”

*No. Once you have completed the process set forth by the Governor’s Office, freed up funds can be used in the manner the council sees fit.*

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There are some gift clause concerns now that the freed up money is effectively general fund dollars. Has the League heard back from the Attorney General's Office on this issue?

*Unfortunately, the Attorney General's Office has told us they will not weigh in on this issue and see it as a conflict of interest. The AG's office, in an abundance of caution, wanted to review state statute and provide further direction but ultimately came back indicated they would not be able to provide insight.*