

**CSA Weekly Update** 

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# A research and advocacy association, supporting efficient, responsive county government in Arizona.



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# Wishing Everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!



Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the CSA Newsletter will not be sent out next week.

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# White House Conference on Supporting Contemporary Native American Veterans



Coconino County Supervisor Lena Fowler traveled to Washington, D.C. this week to attend a conference at the While House focused on supporting Native American Veterans. Vice President Mike Pence attended the conference meeting with Native American Veterans and shared his appreciation for their contributions to the country.

On November 7, 2019 there was a Presidential Proclamation issued to commemorate the service, sacrifice, and immeasurable contributions made by veterans.

To view the Presidential Proclamation please, click here.

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# **Interim Legislative Meetings**

#### **Upcoming Legislative Committee hearings:**

• <u>Towing Safety Task Force</u> Monday, November 25, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 4.

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# County Spotlight – Federal BUILD Grant Awarded to Pinal County

Pinal County received a \$15.3 million dollar Better Utilizing Investment to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant from the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) for an inland port. The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2019 appropriated \$900 million towards infrastructure investments with the goal of making a significant impact on economic, public health, and safety outcomes in local and regional communities.

The funds will be used to make improvements to State Route 87, repair roadways, and railroad crossings leading to a 2,700-acre inland port. The road improvements are projected to reduce truck traffic, improve road conditions, reduce road maintenance costs and create new economic opportunities for the community.



For more information from the DOT please, click here.

Image Source: DOT - Build 2019 Fact Sheets

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# **JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights**

On Wednesday, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) staff released their fiscal highlights for the State's October revenue collections and expenditures. Year-to-date, the State's General Fund collections are 12.6 percent above the same period in 2018, and are \$66.9 million above the enacted budget forecast. According to JLBC staff, this is largely driven by continued strong Individual and Corporate Income Tax collections, which were \$51.4 million and \$31.8 million above October 2018 respectively. Sales and use tax collections continued the steady growth see in previous months at 6.3 percent above October 2018 and year-to-date exceed the enacted budget forecast by 2.2 percent. This growth continues to be driven by significant gains in the contracting category; however growth in retail sales slowed to 3.1 percent above October 2018.

State General Fund spending for October 2018 was \$1.03 billion, and currently the State's Budget Stabilization Fund has a balance of \$1.01 billion.

Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) October revenue collections of \$125.9 million were (3.7) percent, \$(4.9) million, less than October 2018, putting year-to-date collections at just 0.1 percent above 2018. Year-to-date HURF collections are \$501.0 million.

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# **NACo Cybersecurity Resources**

The National Association of Counties (NACo) established a program available to counties free of charge to help improve cybersecurity through a partnership with the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC).

The program allows counties to get access to a vulnerability management program, tools to simplify security updates, incident response resources and other real-time monitoring and response tools.

For additional information from NACo please, click here.

To view additional information from MS-ISAC please, click here.

Image Source: <u>NACo</u>



# NACo Webinar: Stepping Up and Data Driven Justice

On Thursday, December 5, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., the National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar titled, Stepping Up and Data-Driven Justice: Using Data to Identify and Serve People who Frequently Utilize Health, Human Services and Justice Systems.

The webinar will focus establishing data-driven plans to address the number of people with mental illnesses in county jails. In addition, there will be discussion on efforts to create positive outcomes for individuals with serious mental health and substance abuse needs, who frequently cycle in and out of emergency rooms, shelters, crisis services and the justice system.



**Cybersecurity for Counties:** 

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To register for the webinar please, click here.

Image Source: Stepping Up

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