

# **Federal Emergency Management Agency**

## **Shelter and Services Program (SSP)**



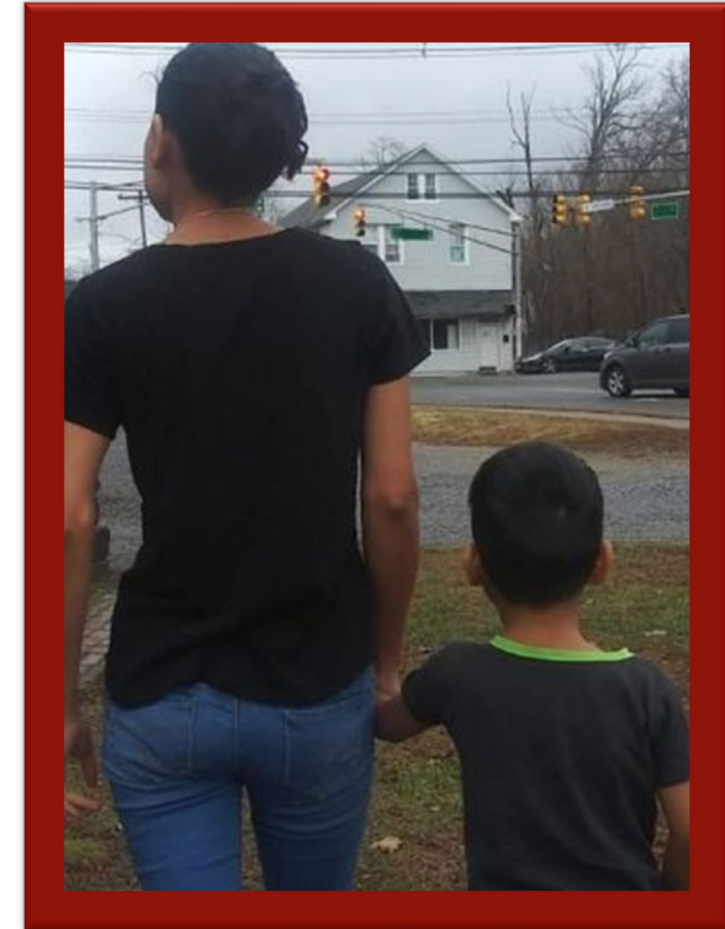
**A Session - May 16, 2024**

**Presented by: Jessica Dovalina, Assistant Human Services Director**

# Purpose



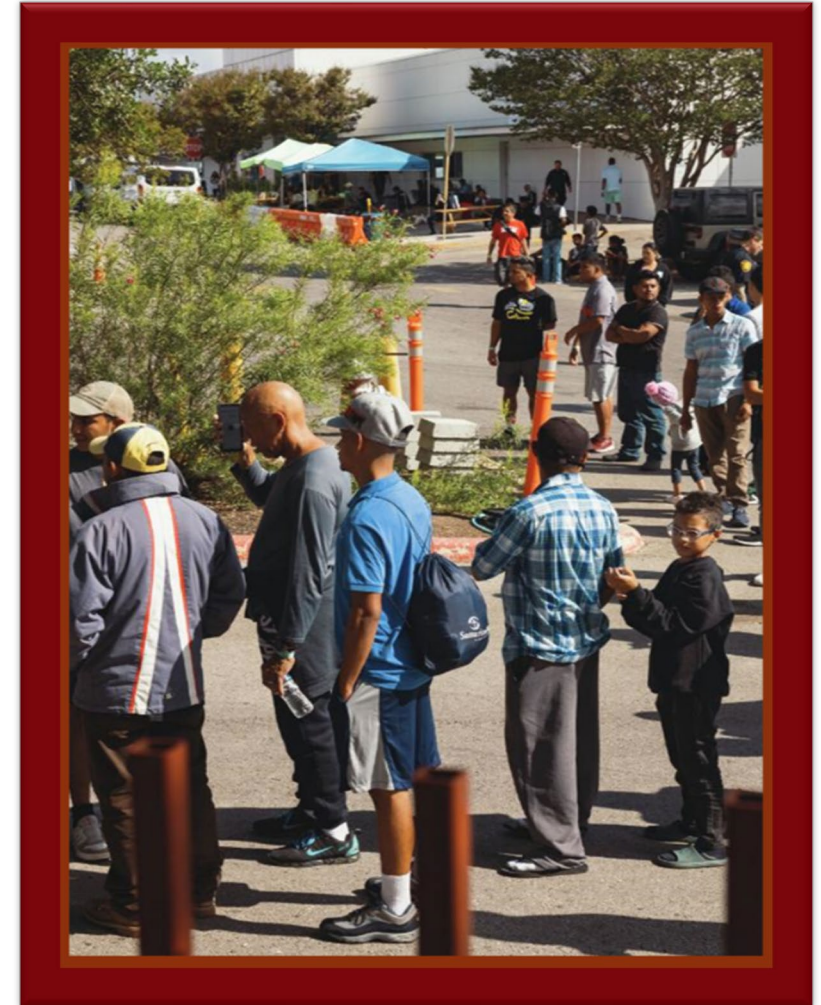
- Authorizes application and acceptance of funding for local costs to assist migrants from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Shelter and Services Program (SSP):
  - \$3 Million - Allocated to the City of San Antonio by FEMA on April 12, 2024
  - \$18.8 Million - Competitive Process
- Also authorizes initiation, negotiation, and execution of grant related documents
- Grant term of October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2026



# Background



- San Antonio is the nearest transportation hub for border cities and Immigrations and Customs Enforcement Detention facilities
- Service Partners:
  - Catholic Charities
  - San Antonio Food Bank
  - Episcopal Diocese of West Texas
  - Interfaith Welcome Coalition
  - United Way of San Antonio & Bexar County
  - Corazon Ministries
- City of San Antonio and local partners receive reimbursement of local costs through FEMA - Emergency Food and Shelter (EFSP) and Shelter and Services (SSP) Programs

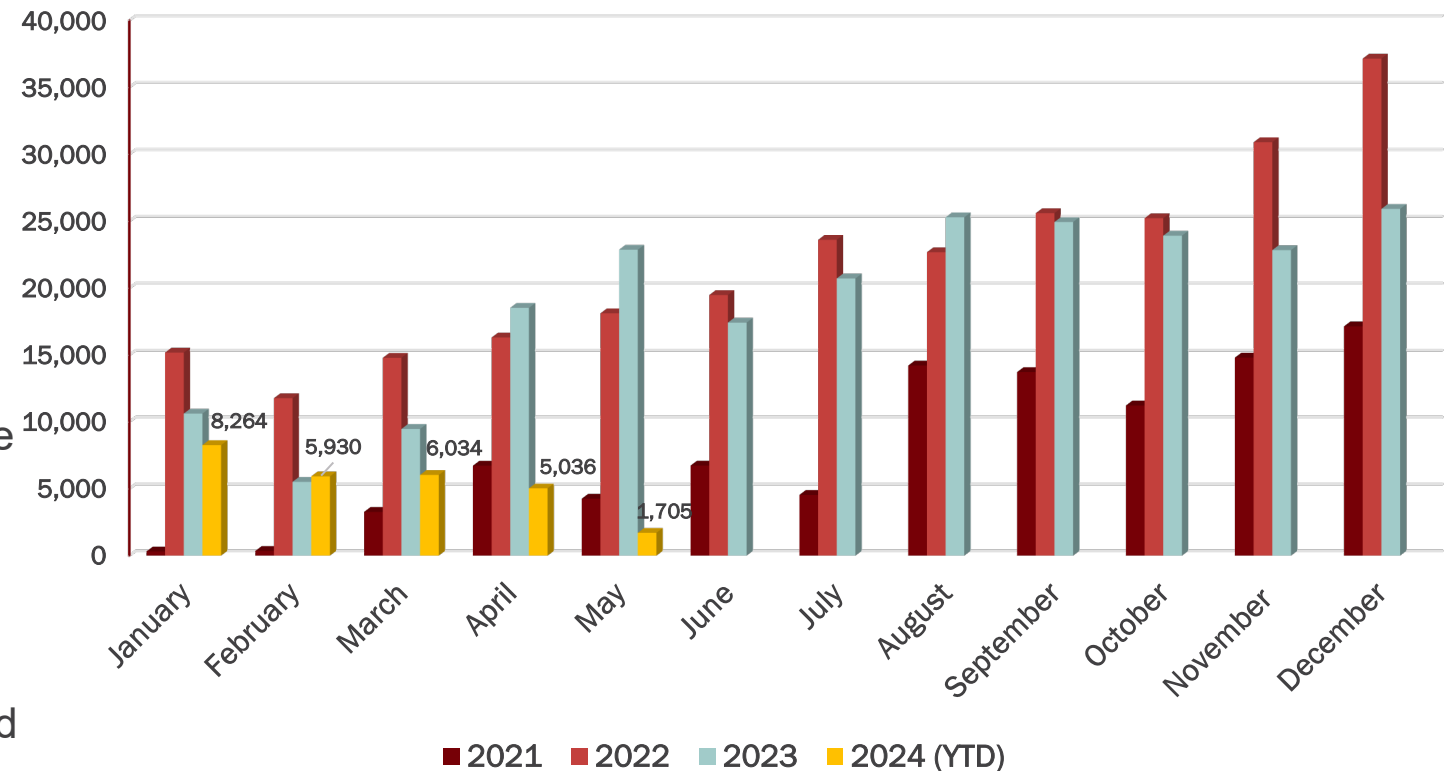


# Migrant Update



- More than 603,000 asylum seekers served since January 2021
- Arrivals along Texas border have continued to decline - December 2023 to April 2024
  - 78% decline locally
- Reduced operations May 1, 2024:
  - Closed City operated Airport Transfer Center and Welcoming and Navigation at Airport
  - Reduced San Antonio Police Department presence at the Airport and Migrant Resource Center/Centro de Bienvenida
- Interfaith Welcome Coalition resumed enhanced Airport support services
- There has been no significant impact from reduced service operations

Migrants Arrivals by Month  
Calendar Year 2021 - 2024



Migrant Dashboard <https://stories.opengov.com/sanantoniots/published/fiHSF0BL>

# COSA Cost & Federal Reimbursement



Period	Actual Costs	Reimbursement
2021 (Jan to Dec)	\$1,135,114	\$1,135,114
2022 (Jan to Dec)	10,775,158	10,775,158
2023 (Jan to Dec)	12,682,653	12,682,653
2024 (Jan to May)	5,032,278	5,032,278
Total	\$29,625,204	\$29,625,204 <sup>1</sup>

1) Note: Amount reflects \$22.14 million of reimbursements received, and \$7.48 million of federal funds allocated to COSA not yet received.

2) City's Delegate Agency contracts funded with General Fund have not been directed to provide services at MRC.



# Shelter and Services Program (SSP)



On April 12, 2024, Department of Homeland Security announced distribution process for \$650M in SSP appropriations.

- Allocated \$275M in direct allocations to communities providing services to migrants - \$17.8 Million for San Antonio:

Local Organization	Allocations
City of San Antonio	\$ 3,000,000
Catholic Charities of SA	\$ 10,877,226
Corazon Ministries	\$ 10,000
Episcopal Diocese of West Texas	\$ 1,041,370
Interfaith Welcome Coalition	\$ 500,000
San Antonio Food Bank	\$ 2,400,000

- Remaining funds to be awarded through a competitive grant process with applications due June 13, 2024.
  - DHS will apply for an additional \$18,798,474 to fund operations through September 30, 2026



# Recommendation



- Authorization to:
  - Accept reimbursement funding from the FEMA SSP in an amount up to \$3,000,000 in allocated funding
  - Apply for and accept competitive grant funds in an amount up to \$18,798,474,
  - Execution of necessary documents including contracts, leases, and amendments for facilities, operations, and support services
- Accept carryover or additional grant funding, if awarded, in an amount up to 20% of the total authorized amount

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