



# **Emergency Food & Shelter Program (EFSP) – Item #28**

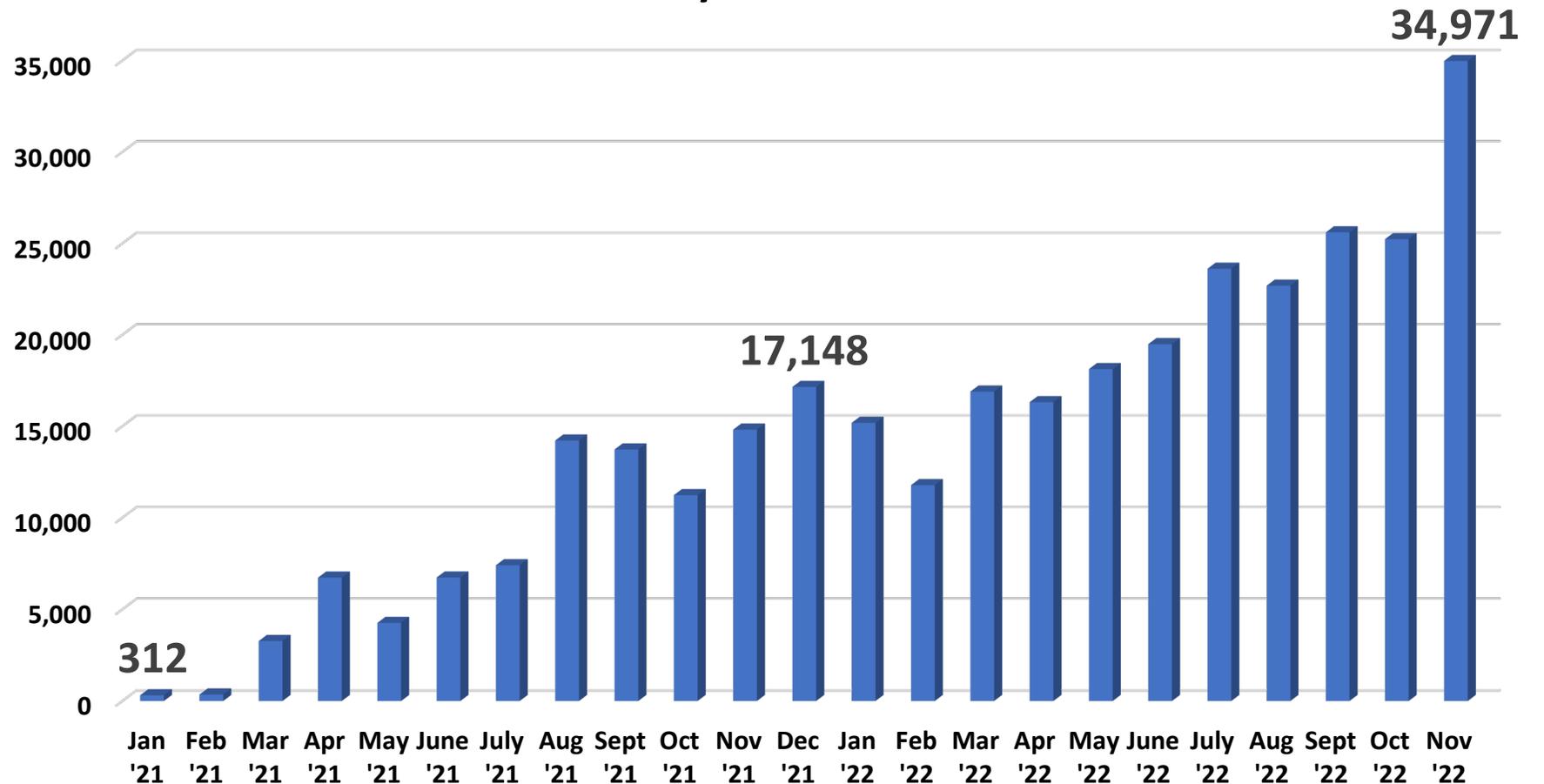
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# Background

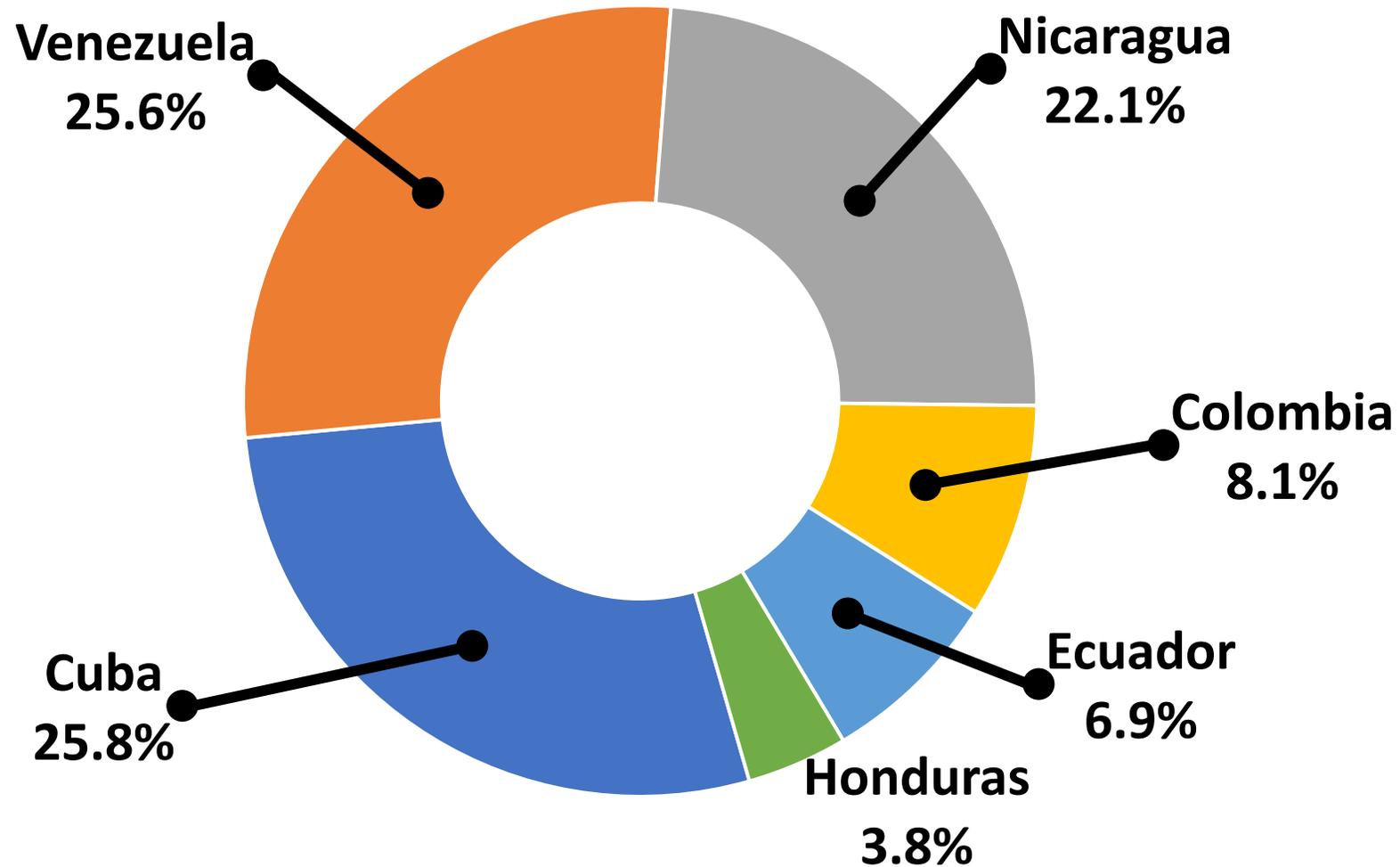
- Since Jan. 2021, more than 330,000 migrants served
- San Antonio is nearest transportation hub for border cities and federal Detention Facilities

Monthly Migrant Arrivals in San Antonio  
January 2021 – November 2022



# Top Nationalities of Arrivals

(July 2022 to November 2022) *Representing 92% of all arrivals*



# Migrant Resource Center Centro de Bienvenida

- Opened July 7 and intended to:
  - Streamline City of San Antonio and partner agency efforts
  - Provide a single point of entry for service
  - Minimize disruption and congestion at the San Antonio International Airport and downtown
- Partnership with Catholic Charities began on October 1, 2022
- Close to 92,000 asylum seekers served since opening

# Services at the MRC

## Catholic Charities

- Daily Operations of the Center
- Food
- Assistance with travel arrangements
- Case management

## City of San Antonio

- Coordination with Federal Agencies, local and border non-profits and other providers
- Maintains a shelter manager at MRC
- Building Maintenance
- Transportation

# Federal Reimbursements Summary

<b>Period</b>	<b>Reimbursement Submitted</b>	<b>Received</b>
Jan. – Dec. 2021	\$1,140,712	\$1,135,114
Jan. – Jun. 2022	1,553,210	1,553,040
Jul. – Sept. 2022*	5,767,356	Pending
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,461,278</b>	<b>\$2,688,154</b>

\*Submitted in November 2022.

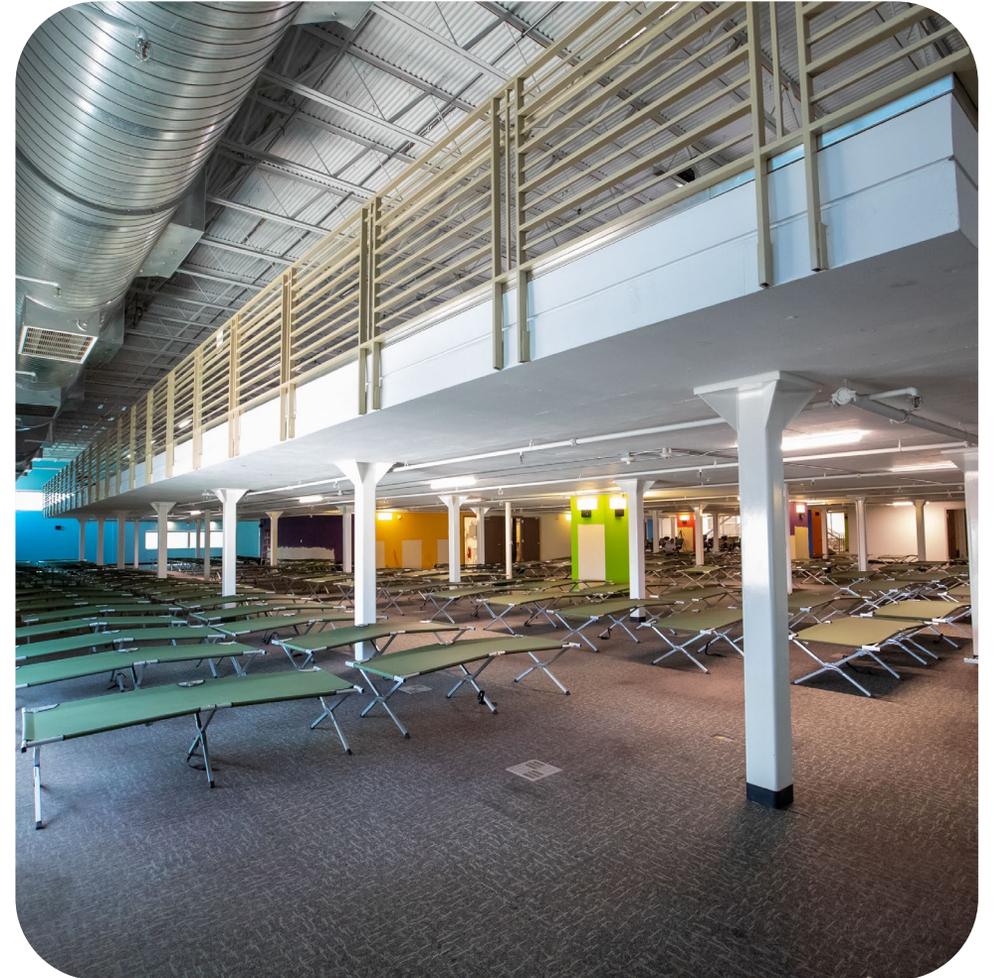
October to December 2022 will be submitted in February 2023.

# December 15<sup>th</sup> Council Item

- Authorizes City Manager to :
  - ✓ Accept funds from FEMA for MRC expenses for January through March 2023 in the amount of \$3,038,252
  - ✓ Execute any necessary contracts, leases, and operations and support services
- FEMA earmarked funds for the City and Catholic Charities through end of January
- FEMA meets the week of January 2<sup>nd</sup> to consider February and March Commitments
- Monthly cost of the City and Catholic Charities is approximately \$4.1 million

# Recommendation

- Staff the request and acceptance of grant funds from the National Board Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) in an amount up to \$3,038,252.00 for FEMA expenses related to assistance provided to migrants traveling through San Antonio in coordination with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for the period of January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023.





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