

Maricopa Association of Governments \* Human Services Technical Committee Survey  
**DRAFT June 3, 2010** Human Services Funding Reduction Study

The purpose of this study is to quantify the scope of reductions made to human services within cities and towns in the MAG region, identify changes in services and the impact to residents, and investigate whether costs have shifted to emergency services such as police and fire. It seeks to describe the impact of the recession on human services at the municipal level.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions to best convey the trends in human service delivery in your area.

1. How does your agency define human services?
2. How does your agency fund human services? How has this changed with the recession?
3. Which line items in your agency's budget fund human services activity?
4. How is the human services budget developed?
5. Are there any budget categories that include human services funding among funding for other services? (For example, if home delivered meals are bundled together within a general category that also includes non-human services provisions, such as libraries.)
6. Are human services in your agency mostly provided by the government, nonprofit organizations contracted by the government, or independent, community-based organizations?
7. Please describe the funding reductions implemented to your human services programs since FY 2009.
8. Has demand for human services programs in your agency increased, decreased, or stayed the same?
9. Have cuts made by human services providers had a noticeable impact in your area? If so, have these cuts been to reduce staff, limit programs, both, or something else (please specify)?
10. Has any area of municipal human services programs faced more cuts than other human services areas?
11. Have costs been shifted from one area to another? If so, please describe.