



# Update on Mass Migration Crisis

Ongoing Efforts



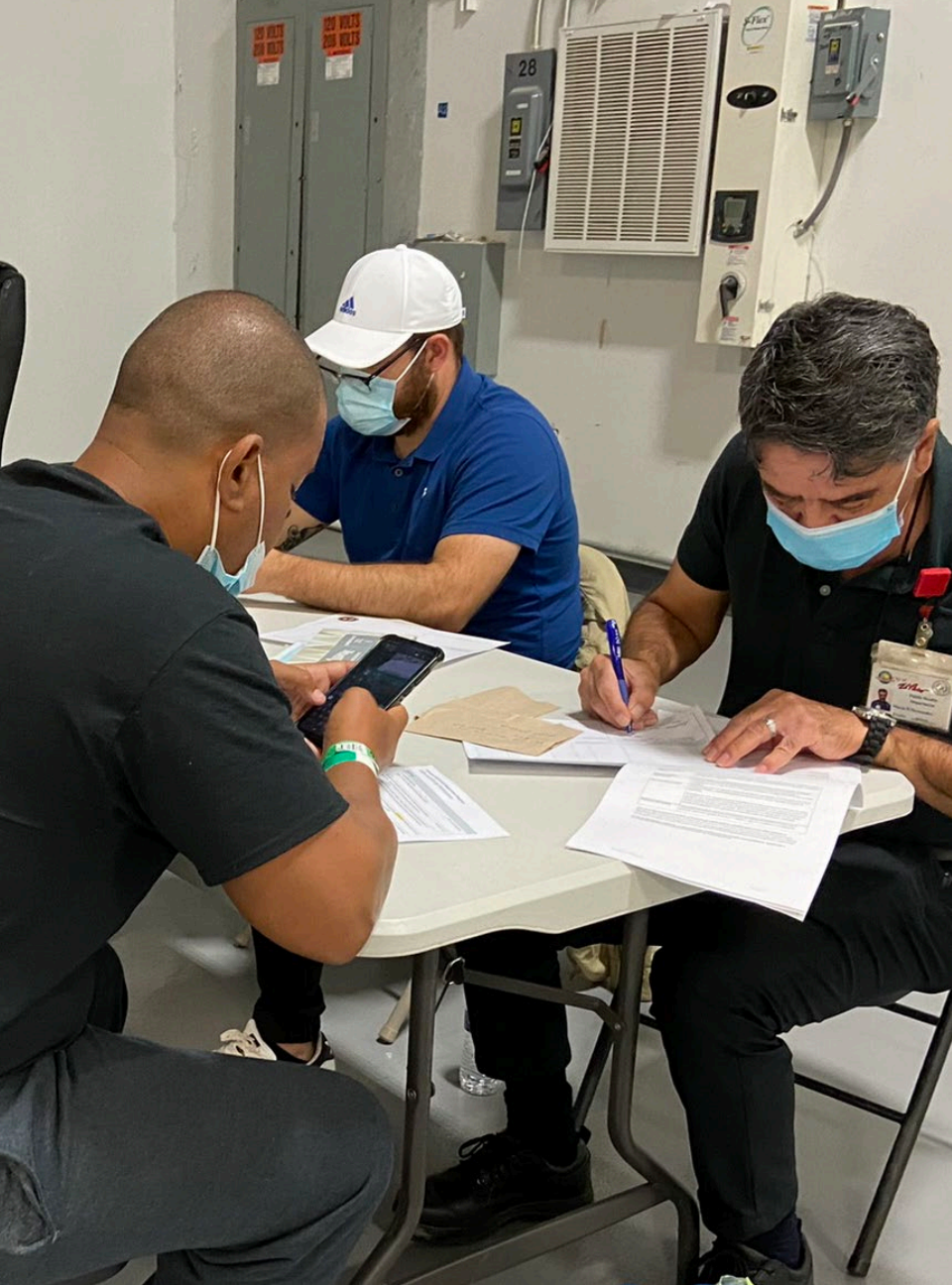
# Current Situation

- **Decrease** in CBP Daily Encounters
  - 2,100 (Oct 11)
  - 1,170 (Oct 20)
- **Decrease** in Daily Community Releases
  - 622 last 7-day avg.
  - 1,128 (Oct 11)
  - 347 (Oct 20)
- Street Releases
  - None since Sept 15
- Unsponsored Migrants
  - **Decrease** due to new DHS Policy



# Updated DHS Process for Venezuelan Migrants

- On October 12, 2022, the United States announced a new process allowing Venezuelan nationals and their immediate family members to come to the United States.
- This provides a safe and orderly way for nationals of Venezuela who are outside the United States and lack U.S. entry documents to be considered.
- New process to bring up to 24,000 qualifying Venezuelans into the United States.
- This new process provides advance authorization to travel and a temporary parole period for up to 2 years for urgent humanitarian reasons.



## To be eligible, Venezuelans must:

- Have a supporter in the United States who will provide financial and other support;
- Pass rigorous biometric and biographic national security and public safety screening and vetting; and
- Complete vaccinations and other public health requirements.

# Venezuelans are ineligible if they:

- Have been ordered removed from the United States in the previous five years;
- Have crossed without authorization between ports of entry after the date of the announcement;
- Have irregularly entered Mexico or Panama after the date of the announcement, or are a permanent resident or dual national of any country other than Venezuela, or currently hold refugee status in any country; or
- Have not completed vaccinations and other public health requirements.



# Venezuelans (Beneficiaries) Requirements

## **To participate, Venezuelan nationals must:**

- Be a national Venezuelan or immediate family member
- Posses a passport valid for international travel
- Be outside the United States
- Have a U. S. supporter (who filed a Form I-134)
- Undergo and clear required screening and vetting
- Provide own commercial travel to the U.S. and U.S. destination





# U.S. Supporters (Sponsors) for Venezuelan Beneficiaries

- The first step in the process for Venezuelan Migrants is to have their supporter (sponsor) file a Form I-134 Declaration of Financial Support with USCIS.
- Supporter must provide financial support during the temporary 2-year parole.
- Supporters must provide financial support for each Venezuelan national and immediate family member they seek to support, including minor children.

# U.S. Supporter Eligibility

## Supporters must:

- Be a U.S. citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident; hold a lawful status in the United States such as Temporary Protected Status, or asylum or be a parolee or recipient of deferred action or Deferred Enforced Departure.
- Pass security and background vetting, including for public safety, national security, human trafficking, and exploitation concerns.
- Demonstrate sufficient financial resources to receive, maintain, and support the individual they agree to support for the duration of their parole period.



# Beneficiary and Immediate Family

A Venezuelan national (or their immediate family) who is outside the United States may be considered for parole under this process:

## **Immediate family members in this process include:**

- The spouse or common-law partner of a national of Venezuela.
- Their unmarried child(ren) under the age of 21. If a child is under 18, they must be traveling with a parent or legal guardian in order to use this process.

# Understanding the Process

Key Steps in the process include:

- ✓ Step 1: Financial Support from a U.S.-based supporter
- ✓ Step 2: Submit Biographic Information, including public health requirements and vaccination requirements
- ✓ Step 3: Submit a Request in CBP One Mobile Application and submit a photo on the app

# Understanding the Process

## (continued)

- ✓ Step 4: Advance Travel Authorization to the United States; once authorization is granted, it is valid for 90 days.
- ✓ Step 5: Seeking Parole at the Port of Entry. When a beneficiary arrives at a port of entry, CBP will inspect them and consider them for a grant of discretionary parole.
- ✓ Step 6: Parole. Individuals granted parole will be paroled into the United States for up to 2 years, subject to applicable health and vetting requirements, and will be eligible to apply for employment authorization under existing regulations.



# New DHS Process Messaging

- The State Department will also engage in a robust in-region messaging campaign to communicate about this new process and the consequences of attempting irregular entry.
- More information will be available at [www.uscis.gov/Venezuela](http://www.uscis.gov/Venezuela) .

# 2022 Community Release Statistics

Month	Daily	Weekly	Month
April	230	2,200	7,200
May	300-400	2,400-2,700	11,500
June	200-400	2,000-2,900	8,834
July	200-250	1,500-2000	7,982
August	300-350	2,500	9,226
Sept	600-900	6,100+	21,610
<b>Oct</b>	<b>350-1,200</b>	<b>4,300-6,700</b>	<b>15,665 YTD</b>

### Weekly Total Migrant Community Releases



# Key Areas Transition Efforts

1. Welcoming
2. Sheltering Hotels
3. Feeding
4. Transportation
5. City Staffing for NGOs  
Shelters





# Welcoming

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## City Migrant Welcome Center

- Last CBP drop-offs on Tuesday, Oct 18
- Last charters on Thursday, Oct 20 for NGOs
- Staff completing demobilize efforts/reassigned to NGO shelters



# Welcome Center – By the numbers

Opened September 7, 2022

Seven day a week operation / 44 days

Total Migrants Received from CBP: 13,000+

Total Migrants Received from NGOs: 6,000+

Total Charters: 294 Charters

Migrants Transported to NYC and Chicago:  
13,900+

Migrant Travel Assistance via Sponsors: 5,000+

**Welcome Center  
Total Migrants  
Served:**

**19,300+**

# Transportation Transition

- Local - Sun Metro
  - Airport/Bus Station
  - Shelters to Welcome Center
  - 4,800+ (Sept 21)
  - **NGO support as needed**
- Long Distance - Charters
  - All City sponsored
  - 294 Charters (Oct 20)
  - 13,900+ Un-sponsored Migrants
  - **Last charters (Oct 20)**





# Charter Coordination

## *Daily Manifests & Real-time ETAs*

- Chicago
  - Local and State Emergency Management
  - NGO Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants
- NYC
  - NYC Mayor's Office
  - NGO Grannies Respond
  - Emergency Management

# Sheltering Transition

- NGO Sheltering (Hospitality Sites)
  - Hospitality Sites and Surge Hotels
  - City Staff Embedded to Provide Support
  - Increase shelter capacity with NGOs
  - **Ongoing**
- City Sheltering
  - OEM Emergency Sheltering Hotels
    - 2 Hotels
    - Included meals, police security and shuttle transportation
    - **Last Day of Operation (Oct 20)**
  - COVID Isolation and Quarantine Hotel
    - NGO Hospitality Sites
    - Homeless Shelters
    - **Ongoing**

# Hotels vs Emergency Shelter

- Scale-to-need and incident
- Hotels offer privacy, dignity, and essential needs (restrooms, showers, safety)
  - Total estimated costs - \$533,713 per month or \$17,790 per day
  - Cost per person – \$3,558 per month or \$118 per day
- Emergency Congregate Sheltering requires an extensive wrap-around of staff, services, and resources (500 people)
  - Total estimated costs - \$2.5 million per month or \$83,535 per day
  - Cost per person - \$5,000 per month or \$167 per day

# Feeding Transition

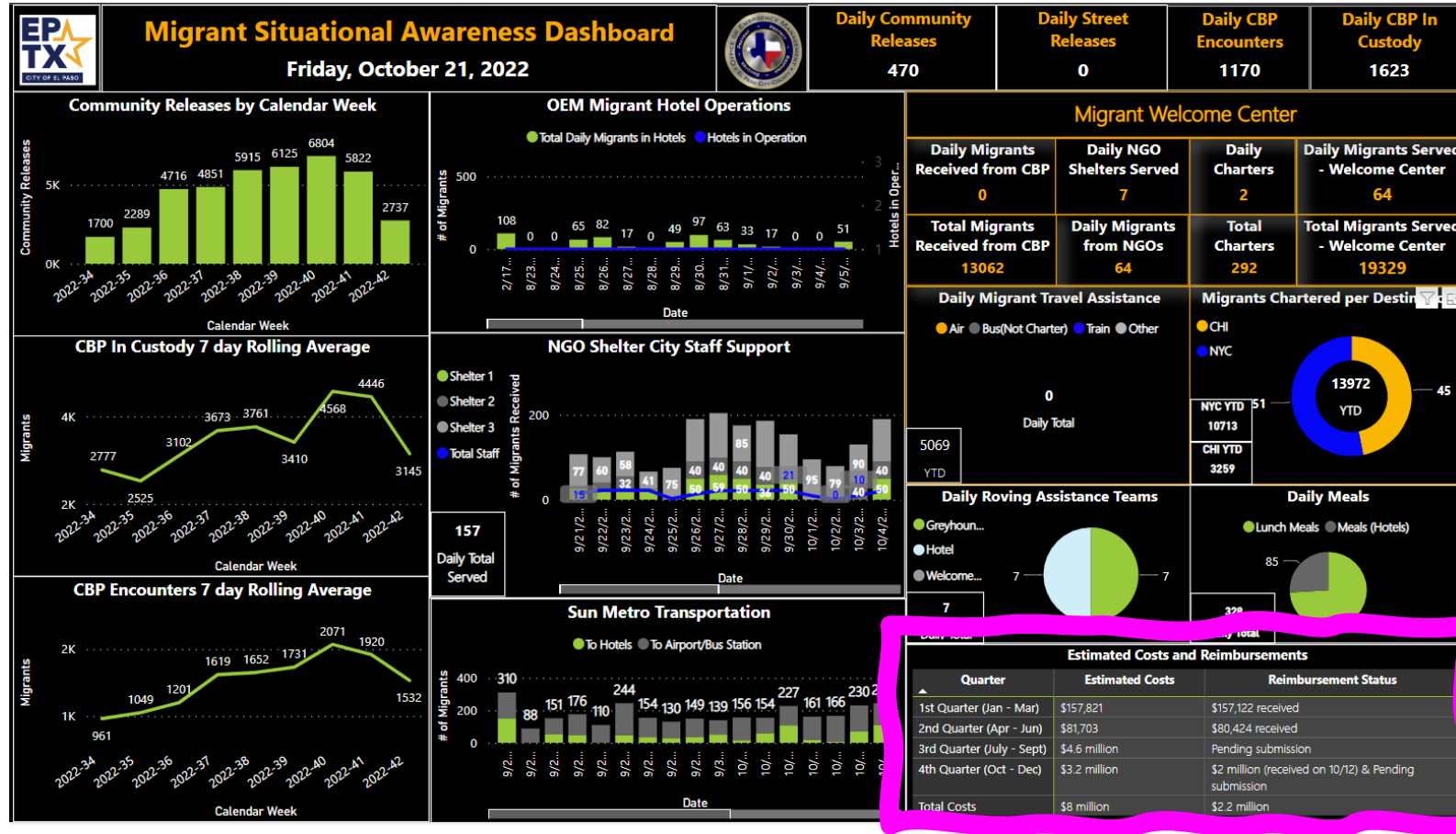
- Emergency Sheltering Hotels
- Migrant Welcome Center
- Charter Operation
- Staff Embedded
  - EFH Food Bank
  - Salvation Army

**Total Meals: 39,000+**

- Isolation and Quarantine
  - **Ongoing**



# Dashboard



[www.EIPasoTexas.gov/Migrants-Crisis](http://www.EIPasoTexas.gov/Migrants-Crisis)

# Cost Recovery

## FEMA Emergency Food and Shelter Program

- Expended
- Reimbursed





# Cost Recovery

	Estimated Costs	Reimbursement Status
1st Quarter (Jan - Mar)	\$157,821	\$157,122 received
2nd Quarter (Apr - Jun)	\$81,703	\$80,424 received
3rd Quarter (July - Sept)	\$4.60 million	Pending submission
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter (Oct – Dec) As of 10/20/2022	\$4.02 million	\$2 million (received on 10/12) & Pending submission
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8.86 million</b>	<b>\$2,237,946</b>

\*All costs provided are estimates until expenses have been finalized as part of a reimbursement application.

# FEMA Coordination

Initially presented on 9/27/2022



Coordinated with Congresswoman Veronica Escobar's Office to request the following from the Emergency Food & Shelter National Board Program:

- Improve/shorten the reimbursement turnaround time
- Provide funding in advance:
  - Requested \$10 million to cover peak expenditures
  - Verbal notification on September 20 that \$2 million would be awarded to the City
  - Email received on October 4 from the Emergency Food and Shelter Program stated they have to wait until current grants are complete before working on another grant. No timeline was provided as to when upfront funds will be sent to the City
  - Received \$2 million on October 12, 2022
- Flexibility in eligible cost for reimbursements such as personnel and transportation costs
- Request new or additional funding for the EFSP to support the Southwest Border

# Emergency Food & Shelter National Board Program

## Humanitarian Relief Funding Guidance:

*Expenses for long-distance transportation will be prioritized for up to 30% of the migrant population served (unless otherwise permitted by the National Board). Local organizations should work with the sponsors of individuals and families to ensure funding is provided for migrants to reach their destination. Only coach class fares are eligible when providing long-distance transportation.*

- First time OEM has provided a large number of long-distance transportation.
- On 10/20/2022, the National Board approved an increase in the travel cap from 30% to 75% of the migrant population served.

## The following clarification was received:

“The recent board vote now allows you to fund the travel for 75% of the migrants you receive.”

~ Chairman of the Board Michael Lee

# Emergency Food & Shelter National Board Program – El Paso County Award

- El Paso County received an award of \$6.3 million for the 4th Quarter (October 1 – December 31, 2022)
- Expected to cover the monthly costs of their migrant support center contractor, the lease for the facility, Amistad Transportation, and County personnel
  - Ability to scale to 400-600 per day
- Also, included is \$1 million for the Rescue Mission to support the expansion of a shelter to house migrants.
- Estimated monthly costs are \$2.1 million per month
- No funding identified after December 31

# Moving Forward...

- County Processing Center
- Title 42
- Reimbursement request for 3rd and 4th Quarter
- Focus on Advance Funding for the City of El Paso



## Mission

Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life and place for our community



## Vision

Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government



## Values

Integrity, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, People