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Organization: Arizona Office of Economic Recovery
Project Name: Arizona Job Help Hubs @ Your Library
Project Type: Public Computer Center
State: Arizona
Federal Award: \$1,646,936

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Public computer centers at Arizona libraries are overwhelmed with patrons seeking Internet access to apply for jobs and to obtain job-related skills training. To address this demand, the **Arizona Office of Economic Recovery**, along with the **Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records**, proposed the Arizona Job Help Hubs project to: (1) establish staffed Job Help Hubs at 28 public and tribal libraries and (2) install Virtual Workforce Workstations at 198 public and tribal libraries and two community centers throughout the state. Each of the 28 new Job Help Hubs will receive ten new laptops with specialized software and offer 40 hours of training per month. Each of the 200 Virtual Workforce Workstations will include a dedicated desktop computer with its own printer/fax/scanner and access to AZ Workforce job-assistance resources.

The Arizona Job Help Hubs project proposes to:

- Establish one Job Help Hub in each of the state's 13 rural counties, with multiple Hubs in the more heavily populated counties, plus two additional Hubs in tribal libraries, offering comprehensive job-search resources to residents of these communities.
- Enable the centers to serve up to 142,000 users per week.
- Leverage the state's \$1.2 million Round One BTOP grant to train instructors and librarians at Job Help Hubs to assist patrons with basic job search activities such as interviewing, Internet job searches, and resume writing. In addition, all Virtual Workforce Workstation locations intend to provide assistance to help participants locate, re-train and qualify for employment.
- Serve as an economic development resource at tribal libraries across Arizona, including libraries managed by the Cocopah Indian Tribe, the Salt River Tribe, the Yavapai Nation, the Navajo Nation, the Kaibab Paiute Tribe, the Ft. Mohave Indian Tribe, and the Tohono O'odham Nation.

ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY

The Arizona Office of Economic Recovery is the agency within the Arizona Governor's Office specifically established to manage Recovery Act grants and will serve as the project lead for this award. The Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records has years of experience managing federal grants and providing consultant-services to public libraries to strengthen county and local library services, and to government agencies of the cities, counties, and state to assist in providing government information.

PROJECT PARTNERS

- Arizona State Library
- Yuma Private Industry Council
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Arizona Department of Education
- AZ Workforce Connections
- Maricopa Community Colleges
- Arizona Public libraries statewide

Data provided in the project description is based on information supplied by the applicant. An executive summary of this application can be found on www.ntia.doc.gov/broadbandusa.

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