

Some useful Websites

- ALA Know your stimulus:**
www.ala.org/knowyourstimulus/
- NTIA and Broadband Grants**
<http://www.ntia.doc.gov/broadbandgrants/>
- Official Broadband grant site**
www.Broadbandusa.gov
- Broadband Recovery Program**
http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/programp-plan&program_id=5517
- Broadband and GITA**
<http://www.azgita.gov/telecom/>
- Arizona Workforce Indicator**
<http://www.workforce.az.gov/>
- AZ Governor's Office of Economic Recovery**
<http://az.gov/recovery/>
- Virtual Work Force Stations**
<https://www.arizonavirtualonestop.com/aboutsite.asp>
- A Perfect Storm Brewing: ALA**
<http://www.ala.org/ala/research/initiatives/piftas/issuesbriefs/issuesbrief-perfectstorm.pdf>

Key Partners will provide:

- **AZ Governor's Office of Economic Recovery** – Lead Applicant for grant.
- **AZ State Library** - planning grant, library surveys, research, partner communication, liaison to the Gates Foundation, government information tools, databases.
- **AZ Public Libraries** – community anchor institutions, Workforce Connection One-Stop access points, public computers, internet access, classes, and knowledgeable staff.
- **AZ Workforce Connection** - help job for seekers, job placement, skills assessments, job training, career counseling, resume writing, and targeted assistance training for library staff and instructors.
- **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** - provide match and application support.
- **AZ Dept of Adult Education** - provide adult literacy tutorials, GED skills assessment.
- **AZ Small Business Development Center** - counseling, seminars, tutorials, podcasts, video-casts.
- **Community Colleges** - career guidance, GED review, college application, scholarships.



AZ Job Help @ Your Library

BTOP Stimulus Grant -2

*"More people are relying on public libraries for technology use, particularly to find employment and connect to online government services" –
ALA Perfect Storm Brewing*



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28 Arizona Job Help Hubs

Project Purpose

This project addresses the escalating needs of vulnerable AZ residents facing job loss, career changes and other economic challenges. 200 Virtual Workforce Workstations at public libraries will provide job seekers with job search and placement assistance. Face to face training and access to resources will be provided through 28 AZ Job Help Hubs, at least one in each county.

Some Telling Issues

- AZ's unemployment rate has risen to 9.2% 287,300 people – highest since 1983
- In Arizona an estimated 25,000 jobs will be lost in 2010
- Demand for job related assistance and services far exceed the capacity of Arizona's Workforce Connections One-Stop locations
- Almost all jobs require online applications
- Free government information is available online; but people don't know about it.

What libraries will receive:

- Structured classes for resume building and online job searching, computer literacy, small business resources using locally recruited instructors
- Dedicated space for program materials on jobs/classes, resumes, interviewing, self-employment, and vocational guidance
- One dedicated Workforce Station with PC, fax/ scanner/printer
- Computers reserved for job-seekers--10 laptops/desktops with software for resume writing, ESL, and tutorials on job searching, and free government information
- 40 hours of employment-related/computer classes in each county with dedicated "drop in" computer time for job seekers or entrepreneurs using local instructors
- Training for staff to triage enquiries and point users to the right information including Government information and resources for job searching, and small business.

APACHE COUNTY – Round Valley Public Library
COCHISE COUNTY - Douglas Public Library
COCONINO COUNTY- Flagstaff City - Coconino Public Library
GILA COUNTY - Miami Memorial Library
GRAHAM COUNTY - Safford City Graham County Public Library
GREENLEE COUNTY- Duncan Public Library
LA PAZ COUNTY - Parker Public Library
MARICOPA COUNTY - AZ State Law & Research Library, Avondale PL, Chandler PL, Glendale PL, Mesa PL, Phoenix PL, Scottsdale PL, Tempe PL.
MCCLD- Gila Bend Branch Library, North Valley Regional Library at Anthem
MOHAVE COUNTY- Bullhead City Branch Library
NAVAJO COUNTY- Holbrook Public Library
PIMA COUNTY- Tucson Pima PL, Miller-Golf Links PL, Geasa Marana PL
PINAL COUNTY- Eloy Public Library
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY- Nogales-Rochlin Public Library
YAVAPAI COUNTY- Prescott Public Library
YUMA COUNTY- Main Library
TRIBAL LIBRARIES– Kaibab Paiute, Navajo Nation

What the grant will do:

It will provide job seekers and entrepreneurs with assistance, targeted resources and longer periods of uninterrupted computer time to complete job searches, resumes, and unemployment forms. It will help develop 21st century skills to launch or grow a small business.