AZ Job Help @ Your Library

JOB

BTOP Stimulus Grant
Round-2

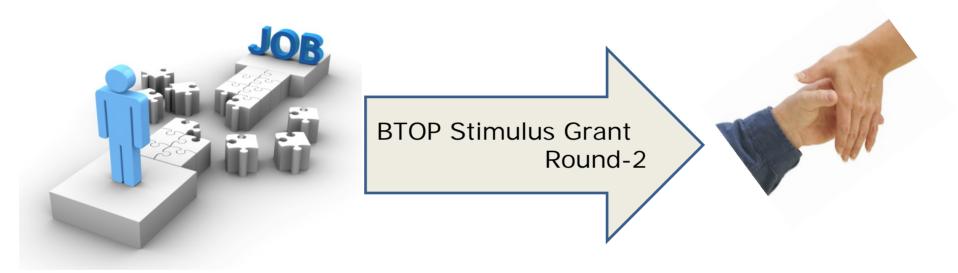*Arizona Governor's Office of Economic Recovery
and
Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records*

"Our 18 public access computers are in constant use from the time we open in the morning until closing. ..many businesses insist that applications MUST be submitted online. Job seekers facing economic challenges simply cannot afford a PC or an internet connection. These members of our community want to help themselves and their families. They do not want a handout. They simply have no other place to turn to but the public library in order to even submit an application for employment." -- **David Gunkel, Director, Sierra Vista Public Library**.

The Recession Hits Arizona

- 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.

Impact on Libraries

- Demand for Job Help assistance
- computers and high speed Broadband access
- Dwindling library resources - staff time, training, computers, budgets
- Need for specialized assistance and training
- Need for online resources like: Skills assessment, resume writing, workforce and government information and business related software and tutorials

Project Overview

This project addresses the 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.

What will the Libraries receive from the grant ?

- Dedicated space for program materials on jobs resources/classes

- One dedicated Workforce Station with PC, fax/ scanner/printer

- Computers reserved for job-seekers--10 laptops/desktops with software

- 40 hours of employment-related/computer classes in each county

- Structured classes for resume building and online job searching

- Training for staff to triage enquiries and point users to information

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.
MCLD- 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

The 28 Job Help Hubs

200 Virtual Workforce Workstation

1. A dedicated desktop with secure, virtual access to OSSC resources.
2. A printer/fax/scanner for scanning and uploading resumes
3. A display unit

Patrons will be able to access One- stop:
Core services: **job search and placement assistance**
Intensive services: **targeted help**, **comprehensive skill assessments**, **individual training plans employment plans**, **one-on-one counseling** and **career planning** face to face or through video conferencing.

The network of Virtual Workforce Workstations will cover the state, ensuring that every Arizonan has access to the online employment resources.

- AZ Governor's Office of Economic Recovery
- AZ State Library
- AZ Public Libraries
- AZ Workforce Connection
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- AZ Dept of Adult Education
- AZ Small Business Development Center
- Community Colleges

Budget and Match

Overall cost of the project is **$2,352,766**.

➢ The amount requested is **$1,646,936** = 70%
➢ The cash match is **$705,830** = 30%
  ▪ Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
  ▪ State Library
  ▪ County Libraries