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Summer 2021

JobPath Receives American Rescue Plan Act Funds from Pima County

Pima County is increasing their investment in JobPath, the students we serve, and in our community by awarding additional funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

On July 6, 2021 the Pima County Board of Supervisors approved a \$1 million allocation for JobPath under ARPA, the stimulus package passed by Congress on March 11, 2021 to speed up the social and economic recovery from COVID-19.

This funding is in addition to \$750,000 for fiscal year 2022 allocated to JobPath from the General Funds.



“The unanimous approval of the Pima County Board of Supervisors on two high-value contracts is testament both to the need for JobPath’s workforce development skills as well as the County’s confidence in JobPath’s ability to move residents of Pima County into higher-wage jobs,” said Dr. John Moffatt, director of Pima County’s Economic Development Office.

With strong social and economic outcomes, JobPath is a long-time recipient of support from Pima County. Nearly 90% of JobPath participants graduate and 85% get a job in their field within 6 months, earning an average of almost \$50,000. JobPath’s positive outcomes have been sustained even during the pandemic.

The increase in funding from Pima County will allow JobPath to nearly double the number of students served during this next academic year. The impact for these students, their families, and the Pima County economy will be substantial.

Dr. Moffatt adds, “During the Board’s meeting, Pima County Administrator Chuck Huckelberry was clear that he believes JobPath has been a very successful program in elevating the economic status of County residents and that we need the private sector, the City of Tucson and other local governments to also increase their support and continue the expansion of JobPath’s services.”

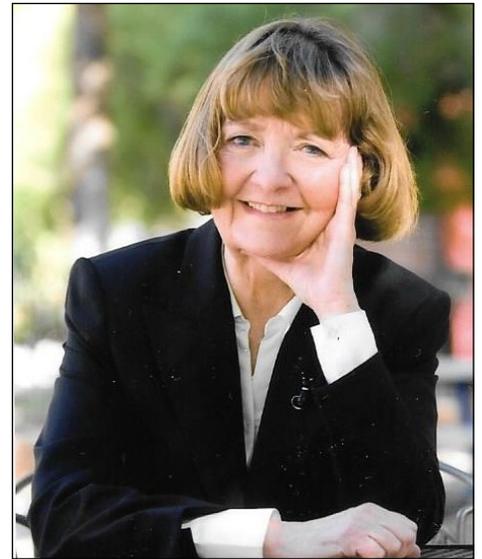
A Message From Board Member, June Webb-Vignery, Ph.D

As the retired Executive Director of the Metropolitan Education Commission (MEC), I am a strong advocate for K-20 public education. This, coupled with an investment in our community through Pima County Interfaith Council (PCIC), I was really excited when a JobPath board membership opportunity materialized, so I could support both.

PCIC has developed and grown JobPath into a mature organization, helping adults succeed in school and move from low-wage jobs to meaningful, well-paying careers.

From my years of working with students throughout Tucson and Pima County, I knew this was (and is) exactly what's needed to address the broader issue of poverty in our community.

I foresee PCIC connections continuing to help JobPath grow locally and eventually into a statewide and national network. It's an honor to serve on JobPath's board of directors.



Looking Forward to Giving Back

Ana is a first-generation college student. As a DACA recipient, her tuition *tripled* in 2019, and she was dropped from a scholarship because of her new “out-of-state” status. Two jobs weren't enough to provide for her family *and* stay in school. She was devastated to think she'd have to drop out.

Luckily, she found JobPath. We helped Ana pay tuition plus housing, utilities, and transportation costs. We also gave her laptop so she could get her homework done off campus.

Ana graduated in 2020 with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Machine Tool Technology. But she didn't stop there! Ana is a current student at Northern Arizona University studying Industrial Management. She's planning to graduate in the spring of 2022.

Ana says, “My goal now is to get as much education as I can to be successful enough to give back.

I'll never forget how wonderful JobPath is and the big heart they have...they hold together all the wonderful, hard-working students who are facing everyday struggles and helping them have a better future. Thanks JobPath!”



Your Support Matters



The County's increased support is an exciting development for JobPath's future.

But individual gifts matter more than ever before!

Your gift to JobPath is what will sustain JobPath programming long after grant funds expire. Be a part of our community's investment in education and vocational training.

Your gift may qualify for the AZ Charitable Tax Credit—reducing what you owe to the State of Arizona with a gift to JobPath – dollar for dollar!

Individuals may receive a credit of up to \$400 and married couples, up to \$800! JobPath's charitable tax credit code is 20195.

Remember, your gift can be matched by the Connie Hillman Family Foundation!

THANK YOU!

Annual Economic Impact Report

Every year, Applied Economics, a third-party evaluator, calculates the economic impact JobPath has on Pima County.

Applied Economics recently published fiscal year 2020's report and found that even during the pandemic, JobPath continued to have a profound effect on our local economy.

We are very encouraged by these outcomes especially given the challenges COVID-19 presented in spring 2020.

This coming fiscal year, JobPath will be a critical resource to Pima County residence in need of job training and continuing education.

Together with Pima County, the City of Tucson, and our amazing community of donors and funders, JobPath is ready to grow and tackle this next year. **We couldn't do it without you! Thank you!**

Fiscal Year 2020 Outcomes

SALARY INCREASE

\$47,400



Average annual post-training salary for JobPath graduates



ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$236.2 m

Based on cumulative wage increases of JobPath graduates (over the last 5 years)



PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

\$6.0 m

Reduced public assistance expenditures by the State of Arizona



GRADUATION RATE

90%

JobPath averages a 90% graduation and retention rate year over year



RETURN ON INVESTMENT

254%

Average return on investment of the JobPath program over the last 5 years



JOB ATTAINMENT RATE

83%

Graduate job attainment rate in the field of study within 6 months





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