

GRANTEE: Arizona Women's Education and Employment, Inc. (AWEE)
(Name of Project: Paths to Living Free)

ADDRESS: 640 N. 1st Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85003

AMOUNT: First Year: \$660,000 (Federal Direct) + \$66,962 (Non-Federal Match) =
\$726,962 (Total)
Second Year: \$653,150 (Federal Direct)

DURATION: 24 months

POPULATION SERVED/RECRUITMENT: Arizona Women's Education and Employment (AWEE) will serve 400 male and female ex-offenders returning to Maricopa County, AZ in the first two years. AWEE will partner with the Arizona Department of Corrections and Perryville Prison to actively recruit clients and provide pre/post release services.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: AWEE's "*Paths to Living Free*" program will offer intensive work readiness training and placement classes in both English and Spanish, where participants are eligible to receive credits from local community colleges, including Rio Salado Community College, Maricopa Skill Center, and the University of Advancing Computer Technologies. Participants will also receive GED preparation and testing services, transitional employment, career development, substance abuse counseling, emergency and housing assistance, health care services, family reunification services, substance abuse counseling and mentoring services.

NON-FEDERAL MATCH: Non-Federal resources of \$51,400 in state revenue and \$15,562 in local revenue will be leveraged for this initiative.

PARTNERS: Father Matters; AZ Fathers and Families Coalition; Fresh Start Community Services; Women in New Recovery; Prison Fellowship; Community Legal Services; Southwest Human Development; Valle Del Sol (Bilingual Family and Reunification Counseling); New Arizona Family, Inc.; University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Educational Opportunity Center, and HeartLove Place.

SUB-GRANTEE: None

OUTCOMES:

- **Enrollment:** As of May 11, 2007, 239 participants have been enrolled.
- **Services:** As of May 11, 2007, 1099 services have been provided to participants.
- **Employment:** As of May 11, 2007, 91 participants have been placed in initial jobs.
- **Recidivism:** Currently, the grant has a 9% recidivism rate.

GEOGRAPHIC AREA TO BE SERVED: The City of Phoenix, including Maricopa County

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