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Phoenix Bond Approvals Could Accelerate Economic Development

Voters' recent approval of four city of Phoenix general obligation bond requests totaling \$500 million could fuel economic development efforts around Rio Salado, downtown and Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.

Approximately \$38 million of the bond funds will be designated for economic development and education efforts in the corridors.

Riverfront development along the Rio Salado is one of Phoenix's top priorities. The bond monies will be added to federal funds dedicated to a plan to revitalize several miles along the Gila and Salt rivers. Phoenix plans to use \$23.5 million over five years to acquire 20 acres along the river to prepare sites for future development. The eventual projects could yield up to \$100 million in future private investment and up to 350,000 square feet of retail and hospitality space.

Another \$12 million is bond money will go for public building improvements and infrastructure in support of the planned Arizona State University medical school downtown.

Phoenix also plans to spend approximately \$2.5 million to purchase between 15 and 50 properties around Sky Harbor to build up land for future development. Those properties and others the city has acquired over several decades could be put together in larger assemblages. The area south of Jefferson Street between Seventh and 16th streets could eventually see new service and cultural centers, sports and entertainment outlets and retail and hospitality developments.

In October, the City Council approved a development agreement in the same so-called "spark area" with Exact Sciences Corporation that will create a 250,000-square-foot "Center of Excellence" for cancer detection that will be built on 17 acres west of the airport.

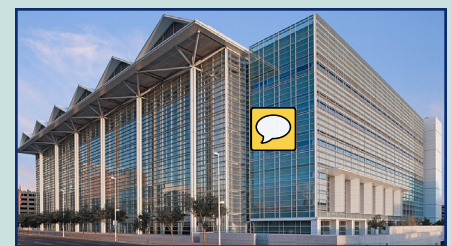
Along with the direct economic development possibilities, Phoenix intends to spend \$60 million in general obligation bond money to address homelessness and improve housing and human services. ([Source](#))



How to Grow your Gratitude Garden



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Insights for Busy Entrepreneurs

How to Grow your Gratitude Garden

November is a time to embrace gratitude, especially with Thanksgiving around the corner. Despite the busyness of the season, taking a moment each day to appreciate meaningful things can significantly improve your outlook and mood.

Gratitude not only shifts your focus from negativity to positivity but also releases serotonin and dopamine, promoting happiness and reducing stress. This practice, in the long run, can create lasting changes in your brain, making you more inclined to be grateful in the future.

Here are four methods and several suggestions for each to improve your attitude of gratitude:

1. Mind

- o Meditate on gratitude and focus on the positive aspects of your situation.
- o Plan to be grateful in advance for the opportunities and challenges you will face.
- o Challenge yourself to be grateful in difficult circumstances and learn from them.
- o Think of three things you are grateful for each day. You might choose something that is a constant in your life, something specific to that day or something as simple as the sun shining.
- o Take time to recognize the unique things that make you special. Consider what you have accomplished (big or small), your talents and people who you may have helped because you stayed true to yourself. Once you can appreciate yourself, your ability to see things more positively will grow.

2. Eyes

- o Notice, savor and appreciate the good things in your life.
- o Get inspired by others' gratitude and share your own with them.
- o Search "gratitude" on [Pinterest](#) and appreciate the quotes and images. Spread gratitude and share them in emails and texts so others can enjoy their power.

3. Hands

- o Make a list of all the ways you are blessed. Do not leave the blessings in your head – actually write and count them. Start with the big things and work toward smaller things.
- o Write down what you are grateful for and place the notes in a jar. Look at them on special days, or when you need a positive boost.
- o Start a daily journal to keep track of all the things you are grateful for. During tough times, go back and read through your previous entries and focus on the blessings you indeed have.
- o Download a gratitude app. Search "gratitude journal app" and you will find dozens of apps available for mobile devices. Use your preferred choice daily to jot down famous quotes, thoughts, prayers and inspirations. Share them with family, friends and colleagues.

4. Mouth

- o Express your gratitude to yourself or others verbally. Say "thank you" at least 10 times each day to family, friends and service providers. Remember to say "please," too.
- o Smile. Look in the mirror and see your resting face. Smile just a little so the corners of your mouth go upward. Practice this positive resting face position so it becomes natural and helps remind the rest of your body to be open and appreciative of your surroundings.
- o Use the A-B-Cs: if you are struggling to think of things you are thankful for use the alphabet as a guide. Go down each letter and come up with a blessing for each one. For example, A is for animals, B is for babies. Keep going through the entire alphabet. This is a great family or team attitude booster.
- o Sing your favorite songs out loud in the shower or the car.

You do not have to wait until the month of November or the Thanksgiving holiday to acknowledge your gratefulness. Use these tips every day to improve your attitude. It is good for your health and well-being and rubs off on those around you.



Gila River Indian Community Advancing Solar Canal Project

The Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have signed an agreement to start construction on the first phase of what is to be the country's first solar-over-canal development.

Looking to address both water conservation and energy production, the initial phase of the Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project Renewal Energy Pilot Project will install solar panels over part of the Community's Interstate 10 Top Level canal, which will generate power for the reservation, reduce water evaporation in the canal and minimize water use needed for power production.

The first phase will cover more than 1,000 feet of canal with solar panels, generating up to 1 million watts of renewable energy and saving approximately 200 acre-feet of water per year.

GRIC has more than 150 miles of canal that could eventually be topped with panels, according to project representatives. ([Source](#))



Photo courtesy of the Gila River Indian Community

Federal Courthouse to Get \$10.1 Million for Window Replacement

The Sandra Day O'Connor U.S. Courthouse in Phoenix has been allocated \$10.1 million by the U.S. General Services Administration for low-embodied carbon materials to replace its roof skylight windows.

The project is one of more than 150 low-embodied carbon materials to be funded under the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

The courthouse project will cover removing and replacing glass, gaskets and sealants that are failing on its roof skylight. The failing items will be replaced with low-embodied carbon glazing to reduce overall energy use and extend the building's useful life.

The IRA includes \$3.4 billion in GSA funding for market research and development for materials and to create more cost-efficient and high-performing facilities. ([Source](#))



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ADOT/BECO Other Associations

****ATTENTION TO ALL FIRMS****

Need help preparing DBE affidavits?
Please see our tutorial video below:

["Preparing DBE Affidavits"](#)



DECEMBER

1 **ABA: Twas the Golfers Night BeFORE Christmas Golf Tournament**
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Location: Talking Stick Resort
9800 Talking Stick Way, Scottsdale

2 **AMCA: AMCA'S Day of Celebration Howdy Hoedown**
5 - 10 p.m.
Location: Rawhide Western Town
5700 W. North Loop Road, Chandler

5 **ASBA: Virtual Coffee Connect with ASBA**
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Location: Virtual

6 **AZ Water Association: Customer Service Professionals - Jingle, Jingle - Mix & Mingle Quarterly Meeting**
9 - 11 a.m.
Location: Mesa City Council Chambers
57 E. First St., Mesa

6 **LAI: Park Central Project Tour and Mixer**
4 - 6 p.m.
Location: Park Central
3121 N. Third Ave., Phoenix

7 **ABA: ABA 30th Annual Leadership Membership Lunch**
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Location: Camelback Inn
5402 E. Lincoln Dr., Scottsdale

14 **AZ Water Association: So. Arizona Technical Luncheon Committee - Tucson Social**
TBD
Location: TBD



Featured Federal-Aid Projects

CURRENT OPEN SOLICITATIONS

Due Date	Project Valuation	DBE Goal	Solicitation / Project Number	Type	Project Owner and Description	Contact
12/01/23 11:00 a.m. MST	\$2.55 million	5.3%	MMO-0(225)T; T027301C	IFB	ADOT - Roadway Construction, Mountain View Road from Sterling to Gardner and Aztec to Camp Mohave, Mohave County. The work consists of roadway and drainage improvements, box culvert and drainage pipe installation, pavement marking, signing, and other related work.	Iqbal Hossain, Group Manager of Contracts and Specifications, at ihossain@azdot.gov .
12/08/23 11:00 a.m. MST	\$2.7 million	7.29%	079-A(213)T ;F051801C	IFB	ADOT - System Preservation, Oracle Junction to Florence Highway (SR 79) from Fannin-McFarland Aqueduct to Jason Lopez Circle, Pinal County. The work consists of milling the existing friction course and replacing it with a bonded wearing course.	Iqbal Hossain, Group Manager of Contracts and Specifications, at ihossain@azdot.gov .
12/08/23 11:00 a.m. MST	\$11.6 million	8.58%	017-B(237)T; F036201C	IFB	ADOT - Bridge Replacement, Airport Road TI Up from Cordes Junction to Flagstaff Hwy (I-17). The work consists of replacing the Airport Road TI UP Bridge including the reconstruction of the approach roadway on JW Powell Blvd within the interchange to match the new bridge section, shoulder widening on JW Powell Blvd east of the interchange, modifications to a roundabout, shoulder restoration on I-17, installation of guardrail, pavement marking, signing, seeding, and other related work.	Iqbal Hossain, Group Manager of Contracts and Specifications, at ihossain@azdot.gov .

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- [ADOT Public-Private Partnership Initiatives](#)
- [ADOT Advertised Alternative Delivery Projects](#)
- [Bidding Opportunities Around the State](#)

DBE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM

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I-17, ANTHEM WAY TI TO JCT. SR 69 (CORDES JUNCTION)



PROJECT OWNER
Arizona Department of Transportation

PROJECT NAME
I-17, Anthem Way TI to Jct. SR 69
(Cordes Junction)
Phoenix – Cordes Junction Highway

Public-Private Partnership
Design-Build-Operate-Maintain
Agreement

PROJECT NUMBER
17 MA 229 H6800 01C / NHPP-017-
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DBE participation goal
established for this project:

10.16%
for Professional Services

10.88%
for Construction Work

OUR TEAM

The Kiewit-Fann Joint Venture (KFJV) is a strategic partnership between two trusted Arizona firms that have extensive experience working in rural environments, delivering highway projects. KFJV team members have an extensive history together on successful design-build and CMAR projects and have long-standing relationships with ADOT, local jurisdictions, and the community.

POTENTIAL SUBCONTRACT OPPORTUNITIES

KFJV is seeking diverse and local firms interested in pursuing multiple scopes of work on the I-17 Anthem Way project. The following scopes are open for solicitation:

- Buy PVC & CIP Wall Embeds
- De-lead Existing Bridge Bearings
- Handrail
- Bridge Deck Grooving
- Nursery Stock Trees
- Rock Bolt Walls
- Install Rock Anchors/Shotcrete
- Remove Ground Mounted Signs
- Routine Maintenance - Damaged Sign F&I
- Weld Bearing Replacements
- Slipform & CIP Concrete Barrier
- Flatwork

Attachments: Wage Decision No. AZ20210008 Mod No. 0 - Dated 01/01/2021

TAKE THE FIRST STEPS

Head to <https://www.kiewit.com/business-with-us/opportunities/i-17-anthem-way-project/> to complete the Subcontractor Questionnaire and create an account with Building Connected, or for additional information and future event dates.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

Contact us to learn about anticipated subcontract opportunities on the I-17 Anthem Way project at Flex.Outreach@kiewit.com.

KFJV is committed to meeting or exceeding stated project participation requirements upon award of ongoing and upcoming Arizona Department of Transportation projects; assisting interested DBEs in obtaining bonding, lines of credit or insurance; providing interested DBEs information related to the plans, specifications and requirements for work to be subcontracted or supplied by these DBEs; assisting interested DBEs in obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials or related assistance or services; sub-dividing bid items into economically feasible work units to DBEs every advantage to quoting the project.

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