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Town Receives Grant to Create a One-Stop Biz Hub at Town Hall

The Town of Sahuarita has been awarded a \$92,100 grant by the Freeport-McMoRan Foundation to launch the "The Biz Hub @ Town Hall". The Biz Hub will be a centralized one-stop business connection center that supports entrepreneurs, home-based businesses, as well as, microenterprises that will provide technical assistance, mentoring, business workshops, meeting space to promote connections and sharing among Biz Hub participants and other community assets and organizations.

Rightly so, the Biz Hub will meet the needs of the business community by establishing a gathering point for mentoring, business workshops, audio/video conferencing technology and connection among other entrepreneurs. Offering this level of support and facility will strengthen businesses management skills to nurture and build the needed resources for entrepreneurs, home-based business and microenterprises that will lead to economic growth in the form of jobs, increased revenues for businesses and will promote a vibrant local business climate in the near future. Currently there is no one-stop business connection center available to business operators in Sahuarita.

"We will reach out to the new and existing businesses through the newly created Biz Hub. By having a 'Grow Your Own' focus, our small businesses today will be our major employers tomorrow."

The Media Room and sections of the Town Hall lobby will be repurposed through use of furniture and technology in order for the space to become user friendly and multifunctional. The grant will also provide funding for programming (workshop and networking activities) as well as marketing of the Biz Hub Center to the Sahuarita entrepreneur community and promoting how the Town's Economic Development can be of assistance.

The Biz Hub is expected to be open and fully functional by first quarter of 2015.

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The Town of Sahuarita, with a \$63.3 million annual budget, is one of Arizona's fastest-growing communities. Incorporated in 1994, Sahuarita's 27,600 citizens enjoy a small town atmosphere, a business-friendly community, outstanding recreational amenities, easy access to Mexico and Tucson, and a rich history with multi-cultural roots. The Town's leadership has a clear vision of the future that includes enhancing community, nurturing economic development, and promoting collaborations of all types. Ten departments and 135 employees deliver a wide array of core services and amenities.