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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
OFFICE OF PARTNERSHIPS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

## Arizona Community Prosperity Virtual Summit

Collaborative Partnership Opportunities  
with local, county, statewide, and regional stakeholders

Thursday, September 3, 2020

- 9:00 A.M. Welcome and About the Host  
by Dr. Robert Robbins (President, The University of Arizona),  
Dr. Elizabeth Cantwell (Senior Vice President for Research and Innovation, The University of Arizona),  
and Dr. Jeffrey Silvertooth (Associate Dean and Director, Economic Development & Extension)
- 9:10 A.M. Greetings and Remarks  
by Mike Beatty (Director, USDA-OPPE)
- Snapshots by Arizona State Food and Agriculture Council – SFAC
- Jack Smith (Arizona State Director, USDA-RD)
  - Keisha Tatem (Arizona State Conservationist, USDA-NRCS)
  - James Mago (Arizona State Executive Director, USDA-FSA)
- 9:45 A.M. Overview of K-12, 2-Year, and 4-Year USDA-NIFA Pipeline Grants  
by Dr. Irma Lawrence (National Program Leader, USDA-NIFA)
- USDA-NIFA Women and Minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Fields Grants Program (WAMS)
  - USDA-NIFA HSI Education Grants Program
  - USDA-NIFA Secondary Education, Two-Year Postsecondary Education, and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants Program (SPECA)
  - USDA-NIFA Higher Education Challenge Grants Program (HEC)
  - USDA-NIFA Food and Agriculture Service Learning Grants Program
  - USDA-NIFA Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Grants Program (MSP)
- USDA Lincoln Leaders Fellowship Program  
by Dan Wueste (Program Lead, USDA-HSI)
- 10:15 A.M. Federal Agencies: SBA/EDA/HUD Programs, Services, and Resources
- U.S. Small Business Administration  
by Stephen Hart (Senior Area Manager, District Office, SBA)
  - U.S. Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration  
by Cindi Ptak (Economic Development Representative, Regional Office, EDA)
  - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
by Stephanie Smelnick (Director, Field Office, HUD)
- 10:40 A.M. Break
- 10:45 A.M. Pima Community College District  
by Dr. Ian Roark (Vice President of Workforce Development and Strategic Partnerships)
- 10:55 A.M. Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity - Arizona Commerce Authority  
by Ashley Wilhelm (Workforce Arizona Council Manager, Arizona@Work)
- Arizona Department of Agriculture  
by Lisa James (Grant Program Manager, Specialty Crop Block Grant Program by USDA-AMS)
- 11:15 A.M. Break
- 11:25 A.M. Local First Arizona Foundation  
by Kimber Lanning (Executive Director)
- Arizona Department of Economic Security  
by Leah Landrum Taylor (Assistant Director of Community Engagement)

- 11:40 A.M. Collaborative Partnership Thinking & Community Prosperity: Locally-Driven, Bottom-Up Approach  
Asset-based Mapping: Conversations/Discussions and Group Insights
- 12:40 P.M. Collaborative Partnership Opportunities and Next Steps
- 1:00 P.M. Closing and Adjourn

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USDA's Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE) develops and maintains partnerships focused on solutions to challenges facing rural and underserved communities in the United States, and connects those communities to the education, tools, and resources available to them through U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs and initiatives.

The Community Prosperity Training Summit is an event designed to foster hope and opportunity, asset building, and wealth creation in communities with a bottom-up locally driven effort that leverage best practices, models, existing resources, programs and initiatives to empower and assist communities in addressing specific needs and capacity-building opportunities. The summit will convene local, state, federal, Hispanic Serving Institutions, land-grant colleges and universities, non-profit organizations, faith-based leaders, veterans, youth organizations, and other strategic partners to:

- Assist communities in the development of local prosperity councils, create wealth and build assets
- Illustrate successful practices for developing key partnerships
- Connect attendees to USDA and other relevant federal programs
- Model success for communities and future generations of communities

This convening event aligns with the framework of the Agriculture and Rural Prosperity Report:

<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/rural-prosperity-report.pdf>