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### **Community Options to Develop Employment Program in Phoenix for People with Disabilities**

Phoenix, Arizona — Community Options, Inc., the leading national nonprofit organization supporting 5,000 people with disabilities, will receive a \$3 million grant through the Arizona Governor’s Office to establish a new program in the greater Phoenix area to provide job training and employment for people with disabilities.

“Arizona is proud to invest in programs such as Community Options, which provides job training and employment for Arizonans with disabilities,” said Governor Doug Ducey. “It has been our goal to ensure every Arizonan has the opportunity to find a good, high-paying job. Through similar programs across the country, Community Options has helped thousands of people with disabilities overcome barriers to employment by providing them with the necessary skills and resources to succeed.”

Through this program, Community Options leases affordable office space to small businesses while providing on-the-job training to people with disabilities. Office tenants have access to business services and amenities provided in large part by employees with disabilities. When employees meet their job training goals, Community Options will help them pursue career opportunities in the community. Community Options anticipates at least 20 people with disabilities will be employed each year, ultimately training and placing hundreds of people with disabilities in sustainable jobs over time.

“This entrepreneurial enterprise is a proven model that benefits the entire community,” said Robert Stack, President and CEO of Community Options. “It provides a great opportunity for employers to see the value brought by people with disabilities in the workplace. Thank you to Governor Ducey for choosing to invest in the success of people with disabilities.”

The State’s investment is funded by American Rescue Plan Act and will support the program’s initial operating expenses. In addition, Community Options will invest over \$5 million in capital expenses for the project.

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About Community Options, Inc.:

For over 30 years, Community Options has developed housing and employment supports for people with disabilities – serving thousands of people from over 50 offices across 11 states. Community Options provides advocacy assistance to empower people with disabilities because all people – regardless of ability level – should live and work in the community with dignity, choice and self-determination. For more information, please visit our website: [www.comop.org](http://www.comop.org) and to follow along with the #AllItTakes campaign, search #AllItTakes on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.