



## **AZSTA Workshops Reach out to Youth Sports Grant Applicants**

*Sessions designed to help Valley groups seeking \$2.25 million in awards*

GLENDALE, Ariz. (Apr. 19, 2007) – Representatives from Valley schools, non-profits and municipalities attended two workshops this month designed to help them tap into funds for youth and amateur sports projects.

More than 150 people attended the workshops Apr. 9 and 12 put on by the Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority (AZSTA) which is awarding \$2.25 million in grants this year.

“We offered the free workshops for groups interested in learning how to apply for grants for developing and improving youth and amateur sports facilities throughout the Valley,” said Chuck Foley, AZSTA’s chief financial officer.

Foley said AZSTA has provided workshops, town hall meetings and even a major youth sports summit as ways to better serve the stakeholders in the youth and recreational sports areas.

The workshops provided an overview of AZSTA’s Biennial Grant and Quick Grant Programs, eligibility requirements for qualified entities and a timetable for the 2007 award cycle.

The deadline for this year's applications is June 1 and AZSTA expects to make the awards in the fall. Information on the Biennial Grant Program and a list of Frequently Asked Questions are available on the AZSTA Web site at: [www.az-sta.com/yas\\_grantcycle.htm](http://www.az-sta.com/yas_grantcycle.htm).

AZSTA has already made \$8.2 million in awards to more than 30 major youth and amateur sports projects throughout the metropolitan Phoenix area. AZSTA receives revenue through the collection of a one percent hotel bed tax and a 3.25 percent rental car surcharge in Maricopa County. The Authority also owns and operates the University of Phoenix Stadium, provides funding for tourism promotion, and provides funding for the building and improvement of Cactus League stadiums. For more information on AZSTA, go to [www.az-sta.com](http://www.az-sta.com).

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