



# **FLAGSTAFF TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT**

Arizona Commerce Authority



# ARIZONA COMMERCE AUTHORITY

- The Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) is the state's leading economic development organization with a streamlined mission to grow and strengthen Arizona's economy.
- Economic/Rural Development Division at the ACA
  - Diversify and strengthen the economic base of rural regions within the state to create a higher standard of living and generate quality jobs and earnings opportunities for Arizona's residents.



# ARIZONA TRANSPORTATION

- Arizona is in global competition for quality jobs, economic growth and prosperity. A strong base industry, supported by effective transportation connections to major markets, positions Arizona to compete successfully.
- Major transportation infrastructure upgrades improve the effectiveness of the transportation system to move goods and serves to grow base industry.
- When the infrastructure is not adequate enough to move goods and services, base industry does not grow.



# STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION ASSETS

- Arizona features 7,000 miles of state roads and U.S. highways, including more than 1,400 miles of Interstate highways.
- The state's highway system is connected to 21 Ports of Entry along the Arizona-Mexico border and the California, Nevada, Utah and New Mexico state lines. The ports facilitate interstate and global commerce between ocean ports in Southern California, the Intermountain West and Mexico.
- Two Class I railroads (BNSF and Union Pacific) and six international airports serve the state.
- Interstate 11 (I-11) and Intermountain West Corridor Study





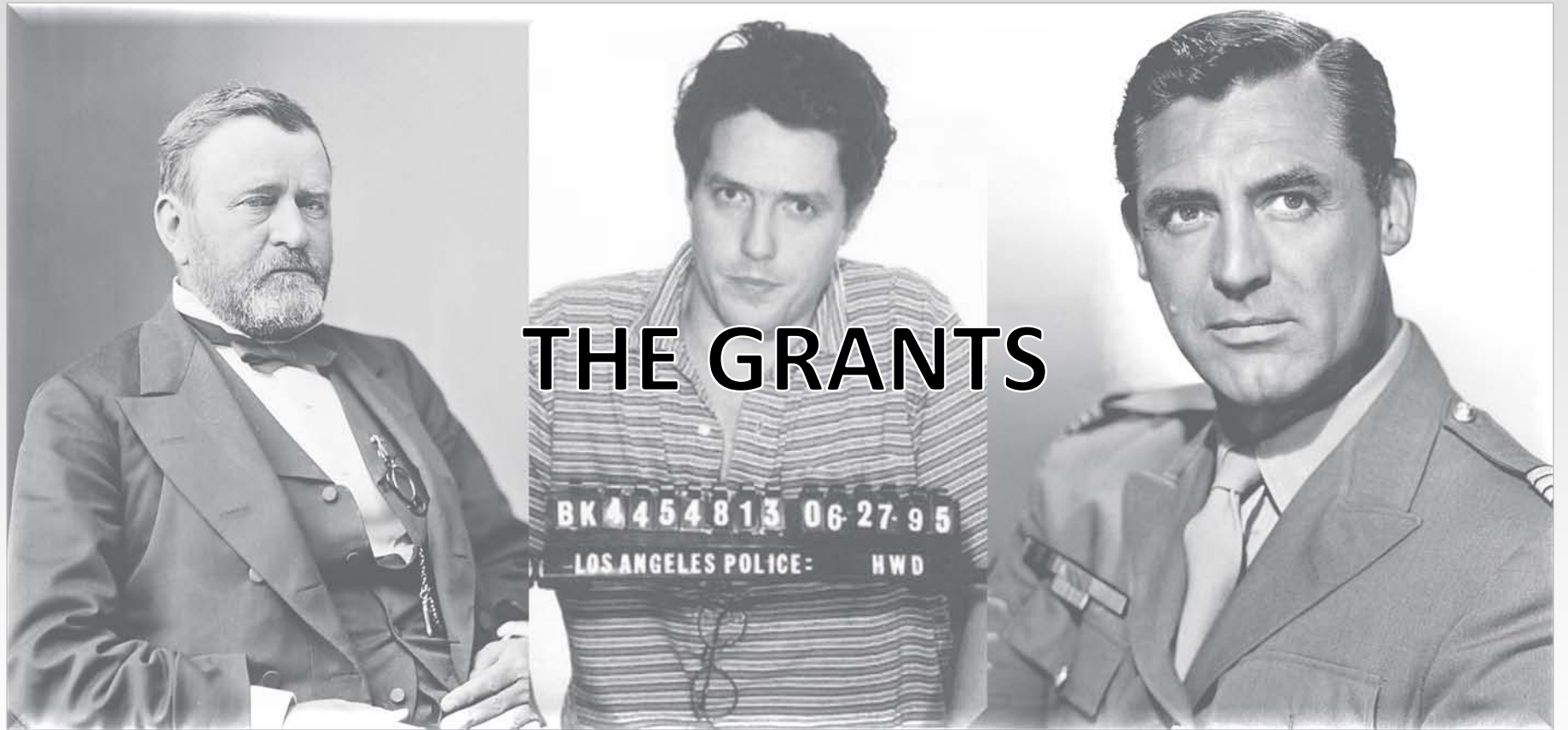
• **ARIZONA CERTIFIED SITES**



# ARIZONA CERTIFIED SITES PROGRAM

- Arizona's 1<sup>st</sup> Statewide “Shovel Ready” Certification Program.
- Dual Purpose Design
  - *Provides Economic Development Organization's a formalized method to inventory and identify gold standard properties in their area.*
  - *Provides external customers an easy to use tool for exploring properties in Rural Arizona.*
- Rural Arizona communities may contribute Sites and/or Buildings for certification.





# RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT

- The ACA's Economic/Rural Development business unit administers the Rural Economic Development Grant (REDG) that is designed to help rural Arizona communities develop infrastructure that strengthens their capacity and competitiveness for economic growth, and thereby ultimately improves economic conditions and quality of life in rural Arizona.
- The REDG is offered to complement the ACA's Arizona Certified Sites program
- Eligibility
  - Incorporated cities and towns under 150,000 population (US Census)
  - Counties under 750,000 population (US Census)
  - 10% of eligible project costs must be paid by the grantee





# RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT CONT.

- 2 Funding Rounds: \$1MM each round
  - Round 1 = Awarded \$966,000
  - Round 2 = Estimated January Release Date
- Grant Awards of up to \$250,000
- Round 1 Awardees:
  - City of Maricopa – Road Infrastructure
  - Town of Chino Valley – Water/Sewer Infrastructure Improvements
  - City of Kingman – Industrial Park Improvements
  - Town of Wickenburg – Water Infrastructure Improvements



# ESP GRANT

- The ESP program was established to encourage economic development by funding infrastructure projects, **with road/highway components**, associated with either the relocation or expansion of a business in rural areas of the State.
- A dedicated stream of funding is allocated to the Arizona Department of Transportation through the Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) to support granting activities under the ESP program. Annual revenue for the ESP program averages approximately \$1 million.
- **Estimated Release Date: February 15, 2015**

