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ARIZONA AWARDED \$8.3 MILLION FOR METH RECOVERY GRANT
Funds to be Used to Increase Methamphetamine Treatment Services Statewide

PHOENIX – Governor Janet Napolitano announced that Arizona is the recipient of an \$8.3 million Access to Recovery Grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

“Methamphetamine abuse is a problem we can’t stop fighting,” said Governor Napolitano. “This grant award will support efforts at the local level to reduce the impact of meth using innovative and evidence-based strategies.”

The Access to Recovery Grant will be distributed over the course of three years by the Governor’s Office for Children, Youth and Families – Division for Substance Abuse Policy and is designed to support the expansion and enhancement of methamphetamine treatment and recovery services through drug courts. Drug courts have been proven to help break the cycle of substance abuse, addiction and crime by quickly identifying substance abuse offenders and placing them under close court monitoring, coupled with effective, long-term treatment service.

Grant funding will be used to offer adult drug court participants more options among eligible substance abuse treatment and recovery service providers, including faith-based treatment services. Twelve drug courts representing urban and rural areas as well as two tribal communities have been identified by the state to participate in the grant.

The Governor’s Methamphetamine Task Force, chaired by Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall, recognized the need to increase the number of drug courts and included the expansion of drug courts as one of their top priority recommendations in their report *A Plan for Action: Addressing the Methamphetamine Crisis in Arizona*. The Access to Recovery Grant award is one of many outcomes already achieved by the Methamphetamine Task Force since the release of their strategic plan in May.

The grant program will provide more opportunities for county and tribal drug courts, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Governor’s Office for Children, Youth and Families – Division for Substance Abuse Policy, the Department of Health Services and numerous faith-based organizations to continue to work together to provide services in Arizona.

For more information of what the Governor’s Office is doing in the fight against meth please visit www.gocyf.az.gov. For more information about the Office of the Governor, please visit www.azgovernor.gov.