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Walmart Foundation awards grant to Maricopa Community Colleges



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Maricopa Community Colleges has received a \$233,333 grant from the Walmart Foundation.

The funding is part of a \$3.5 million grant given to 11 other community colleges and districts nationwide as part of the Walmart Brighter Future 2.0 Project. The money will be used across the country to help train 9,000 lower-income, lower-skill adults so they can transition to higher skill and better paying jobs over the next two-and-a-half years.

The money was given to the 10-college system in Maricopa County through the League for Innovation in the Community College. About 350 people are expected to be trained in the Valley, but as many as 700 can be served with the grant.

Maricopa Community Colleges Chancellor [Rufus Glasper](#) said Rio Salado College, South Mountain Community College, Maricopa Skill Center and Southwest Skill Center will work together to train workers to help them toward financial self sufficiency.

Each participant will be taught how to conduct a proper job search, write a resume and prepare for interviews.

Other community colleges funded nationwide include Anne Arundel Community College, Md.; Central Piedmont Community College, N.C.; Cuyahoga Community College, Ohio; Delta College, Mich.; El Centro College, the Dallas County Community College District, Texas; Kirkwood Community College, Iowa; Miami Dade College, Fla.; Moraine Valley Community College, Ill.; Santa Fe College, Fla.; Seattle Community Colleges, Wash.; and, Sincir Community College, Ohio.

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