

## MEETING SCHEDULE

The Mayor's Commission on Disability Issues meets bimonthly at 4:15 p.m. on the third Wednesday at Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington St., West Conference Room. The meetings are open to the public. For meeting times, visit [phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/notices](http://phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/notices).

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership applications are available at [boards.phoenix.gov](http://boards.phoenix.gov) or by calling the Equal Opportunity Department at 602-262-7716.

## THE ROLE OF A COMMISSIONER

- Represent the interests and concerns of the community pertaining to disabilities and provide information to the City Council and city departments.
- Advise the city on policy and potential solutions to enhance city government's responsiveness to residents on disability-related matters.



The Mayor's Commission on Disability Issues is staffed by the city's Equal Opportunity Department. For additional information or to request this publication in an alternate format, contact the Equal Opportunity Department at 602-262-7716/voice or 602-534-1557/TTY.

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# PHOENIX MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES



City of Phoenix

The Phoenix Mayor's Commission on Disability Issues is comprised of community volunteers, appointed by the mayor and City Council, to promote disability awareness, address disability issues in Phoenix and inform the public about the capabilities of people with disabilities.

## MISSION

The Mayor's Commission on Disability Issues addresses issues affecting people with disabilities in the city of Phoenix.

The commission provides input on accessibility to city facilities and properties, and public transportation needs for people with disabilities. It also assists the city in complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act and coordinates the commission's Employment, Education and Training Grant Program.

The commission provides a forum for the public to identify issues affecting the quality of life for people with disabilities. The MCDI advises public and private entities on those issues.

## SAVE OUR SPACE PARKING ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM



The *Save Our Space* Program is a commission outreach program, administered in partnership with the Phoenix Police Department, to educate the public on the importance of saving accessible parking spaces for people with disabilities.

The program promotes enforcement of the city's disabled parking ordinance and supports the Police Department's ACE (Accessibility Compliance Enforcement) volunteers in issuing citations for accessible parking violations.



The program is nationally recognized and cities throughout the country continue to request information to implement similar programs in their jurisdictions.

## MCDI EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM

The Education, Employment and Training Grant Program helps Phoenix residents with disabilities to reach their employment goals through training, higher education and employment-related funding assistance.

Phoenix residents with disabilities who need financial assistance for education, training or other employment needs are eligible to apply for the grant. Grant awards range from \$500 to \$3,000 with a lifetime maximum of two grant awards, not to exceed \$6,000 per applicant. Grants are awarded semi-annually in February and July. The following requirements apply to the program:

- Grant applicants must be a Phoenix resident, at least a senior in high school and 18 years of age.
- Applicants must submit an application with an explanation of why they need the grant.
- Grant applications are reviewed by a committee comprised of commission members.

The city provides payment directly to educational institutions for tuition and to vendors/service organizations for job-related services.

