The Palo Verde Valley Community Improvement Fund
501 (c) 3
non-profit
economic
development
organization
Created by Palo Verde Irrigation District and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Overview of Blythe

• Rural Community
• Located on the Arizona/California Border
• Population 21,812
• Median Age: 32.4
• 67% Male, 33% Female
• Ethnicity: 32% White, 16% African American and 48% Hispanic
• Unemployment Rate: 18.1%
• Medium Household Income: $37,937
2002-2005
Organization Established
Our Purpose
to mitigate the economic impact of the Palo Verde Valley land fallowing project by...
Facilitating economic growth and development through jobs, training, and other programs to lessen burden of government and promote social welfare.
And by identifying and obtaining other funds and property to boost the economy.
Our Focus

is existing businesses, start-up enterprises, and recruitment of new businesses.
Our Product

financing through debt instruments and grants.
Our Mission

- Economic development
- Community development
- Job creation for displaced workers
- Vocational training to enhance skills
- Seek and disburse other funds
2006-2009 Development
2010-2011 investment
Grant Total $517,153

Blythe Recreation Center
Palo Verde Community Park
Regional Training Center Study
PAL Summer Swim
Bags of Love
Playground Equipment @ Two Schools
Vocational Scholarships
PVC Truck Driving School
PVV Hopeful Start Lawn Care
212° Ministry
In partnership with Palo Verde College we are training and certifying 13 men and women for Truck Driving jobs.
Grants include matching funds
Funding determined by interest earned on investments during previous year
Loans Total

$2,210,000

Four New Businesses
75 jobs created

Four Businesses Assisted
21 jobs created, 136 retained
Our First Client
CIF Partners
USDA-Rural Development
Desert Alliance for Community Empowerment
Palo Verde College
Palo Verde Irrigation District
Police Activity League
Palo Verde Improvement Association
Palo Verde Unified School District
PVV Hopeful Start Foundation
Metropolitan Water District of So Cal
Currently Working With

One Existing Business

Two New Businesses

No Grant Requests
Staffing

• Application Process
• Screening of application
• Business plan development
• Referral to other agencies
• Follow-up monitoring
Investing in
• People
• Jobs
• Business