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PIMA COUNTY, Jan. 16, 2026 – Pima County’s [Office of Digital Inclusion](#) (ODI) has been honored as a [2025 Visionary Digital Inclusion Trailblazer](#) by the [National Digital Inclusion Alliance](#) (NDIA).

ODI’s mission is to close the digital divide by ensuring residents have access to affordable high-speed internet, devices, and digital skills training — resources that are critical

to participating in today's society and unlocking economic, educational, and healthcare opportunities.

Pima County is one of 58 municipal, county, and regional governments recognized by NDIA as Trailblazers for leading efforts to create digitally inclusive communities. Only 37 of the 58 received the more prestigious Visionary status.

"Pima County is invested in providing the tools, skills and resources people need to fully engage in our economy and our society," said ODI Director Michelle Simon. "Striving to be a Trailblazer keeps us focused on the efforts needed to achieve the goal of digital inclusion for our community members."

This is the second consecutive year in which ODI, established in August 2023, has earned Visionary status.

"Nonprofits, libraries, churches, and other community organizations can't reach digital equity on their own. For everyone to thrive in today's digital world, we need all hands on deck," said Angela Siefer, NDIA executive director. "NDIA's Digital Inclusion Trailblazer program exemplifies the key role of local governments in building digital opportunities for all of their residents."

Through its [Connect Pima action plan](#), the Office of Digital Inclusion is prioritizing digital connectivity for County residents through its [digital navigator program](#). The program helps eligible residents access affordable high-speed internet and devices, while also offering digital-skills classes. With support from ODI's community partners, program graduates receive a laptop upon completion of the course.

ODI is also [strengthening broadband infrastructure](#) – including leading a \$30.3 million grant from the NTIA – to build a 134-mile open-access fiberoptic ring around Pima County's urban core. Funded through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the project is expected to be completed by June 2028, enabling Internet Service Providers to deliver high-speed internet to homes in historically underserved areas.

The Trailblazer program identifies seven categories of current best practices. Each applicant's materials are verified for accuracy, assessed for community impact, and [posted in an interactive map and searchable database on NDIA's website](#). By sharing materials with open-sourcing, NDIA provides community advocates and local governments ways to continue learning, connect with trailblazing peers, and plan their own digital inclusion solutions.

The Southern Arizona Heritage and Regional Visitor Center is housed in the Historic Pima County Courthouse. The [Pima County Department of Attractions & Tourism](#) works closely with other Pima County departments and Visit Tucson to enhance the economic welfare of Pima County citizens and businesses by collaborating on tourism-related efforts.

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