



TOWN OF HUACHUCA CITY

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HIGH SPEED INTERNET COMING TO HUACHUCA CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Huachuca City, AZ – Patrons of the Huachuca City Public Library will soon have access to high-speed internet thanks to the Federal Communication Commission’s E-Rate program and the Arizona Broadband Initiative.

Last spring, the library accepted a bid from Century Link to bring leased-lit fiber to the library and filed for E-Rate funding. The Town was notified on January 11th that the project had been approved and funded.

As a result, construction costs of the fiber project, \$154,000, will be fully funded by the FCC and the Arizona Corporation Commission. The new fiber will provide a 500 Mbps internet connection to the library which is 42x faster than the library’s current 12 Mbps connection to the World Wide Web (WWW). That is a whopping 4067% increase.

The new service will have a tremendous impact on the library and its patrons. The increased speed has the potential to transform the kinds of services offered to the public. It will bring our library into the 21st Century and allow us to offer internet access at speeds not readily available outside of larger cities. The increased bandwidth will enable the library to provide better quality programs to the public--General Education Development (GED) testing, distance learning, video conferencing and more.

Matthew Williams, the Town Manager, is excited about the project stating that “This project will drastically improve the level of internet speed for the library. We are also

hopeful that the service provider will consider extending this utility throughout the community. This is a huge step forward in Huachuca City's growth and development."

The success of this E-Rate funding would not have been possible without the support of Mr. Frank Vander Horst, the E-Rate consultant who assisted the town through the process. Mr. Vander Horst is E-Rate Manager for the Yavapai County Education Service Agency, the largest and only not-for-profit E-Rate consultancy in Arizona.

In a statement he emailed, Mr. Vander Horst said, "It has been a real pleasure to work with Suzanne Harvey and Matthew Williams on this important project to bring high speed internet to the Huachuca City Library. Their vision and hard work is paying great dividends to the citizens of Huachuca City. Not only is 100% of the construction costs paid for by the FCC and the Arizona Corporation Commission, but 80% of the monthly service cost will also be covered by the FCC."

E-Rate is a program of the FCC that helps fund technology costs for K-12 schools and libraries.

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