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**Digital Inclusion
Week Oct 2-6**

The Office of Broadband Access and Expansion (OBAE) spearheaded the seventh annual Digital Inclusion Week by hosting a Digital Equity Summit in collaboration with the Connect New Mexico Council at UNM Taos. Jennifer Nevarez, Digital Equity Advisor for OBAE, expressed, “This summit provides an excellent opportunity for organizations and policymakers working with underserved populations to strategize and explore ways to bridge the digital gap in their community.”

**Initial Proposal
Volume 1
Is Now Open for
Public Comment
through
November 10!**

Across the state we encourage residents, community organizations, businesses, and local authorities, to participate in the public comment period for Volume 1 of the Initial Proposal. The document adheres to NTIA guidelines and includes a description of each requirement along with attachments, available for public inspection and comments.

OBAE will use your input to update the Initial Proposal Volume 1, which focuses on existing funding, unserved and underserved locations, community anchor institutions (CAI), and a challenge process that will follow the approval of this plan. A second volume of the Initial Proposal will be released at a later date to address other NTIA requirements such as the sub-grantee selection process.

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Website**

ACP sign-up event:

OBAE, The City of Albuquerque, and the New Mexico Black Leadership Council (NMBLC) are partnering to host an Affordable Connectivity sign-up event.



**AFFORDABLE
CONNECTIVITY
PROGRAM**

COMMUNITY SIGN-UP





SAT NOV 4TH 10AM-NOON

SOUTH VALLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY
3904 ISLETA BLVD SW

Details:
Date: November 4th
Time: 10am - 12pm
Location: South Valley Library
[REGISTER HERE](#)

Can't make it November 4th?
We will be hosting a second event on November 18th at the Tramway Lomas Library from 3-5 pm

GRANT AVAILABLE

What is the Grant Writing, Engineering, and Planning (GWEP) Grant:

- The Office of Broadband Access and Expansion will award financial assistance grants to aid Tribal governments and local governmental units in procuring grant writing, engineering, and/or planning assistance to help identify community broadband needs and to support applying for other funding sources for broadband-related projects.

Who may apply:

- Tribal governments
- Local governmental units (federal government, state government, local/municipal governments, public or municipal organizations that are government owned and operated, units of a state university system)

What kind of funding is available?

- Maximum grant award is \$100,000
- Grant funds are limited; application will remain open until all funds are obligated.
- Matching funds are not required.

APPLY TODAY

The Future of Transportation in New Mexico

While they might seem unrelated at first glance, there are several ways in which they can intersect and benefit communities. One key relation is economic development. The presence of EV charging stations can attract businesses, tourists, and residents. Broadband access becomes vital for businesses operating near these stations, supporting online transactions, marketing, and customer interactions. A holistic approach that includes both EV infrastructure and reliable internet services can enhance economic development in local areas.



Aquiles Trujillo, Jose Bentancourt, Drew Lovelace of OBAE and John Williamson of PNM.

Historic investments in EV charging infrastructure will put the United States on a path to a nationwide network of 500,000 EV chargers by 2030 and ensure an equitable charging experience for all users.

Through an executive order, Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham stated that all state government agencies will move their fleets to "100% electric" by 2035. She also said her office plans to promote legislation next session aimed at offering robust electric vehicle tax credits in the state.

Halloween Fun at the Governor's Mansion!

In the News:

1. **What's Up With Broadband In Los Alamos?**
 2. **New Mexico Office Of Broadband Access And Expansion Participates In National Cybersecurity Awareness Month**
 3. **OBAE Celebrates Digital Inclusion Week**
 4. **New Mexico Senator announces \$9.2 million for broadband deployment in Doña Ana County**
 5. **Why is it taking so long to get broadband across New Mexico?**
 6. **New Mexico awards \$11.8M to rural broadband access projects**
 7. **State lacks money and workers to fully connect everyone to good internet**
 8. **New Mexico Senators pushing to extend Affordable Connectivity Program**
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