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Organization:	Santa Fe Civic Housing Authority
Project Name:	Santa Fe Civic Housing Authority Public Computer Labs
Project Type:	Public Computer Center
State(s):	New Mexico
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ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Santa Fe Civic Housing Authority's Public Computer Labs project plans to expand the capacity of one public computer center and create an additional public computer center at two public housing sites, offering broadband access and computer training to low-income families, minorities, disadvantaged youth as well as disabled and elderly Santa Fe residents. The project expects to add 13 new broadband workstations and replace 7 others, enabling the centers to increase the number of users served per week from 27 to 135. Broadband capabilities and training offered at each center will promote job creation, education, healthcare, and improve the quality of life for some of the neediest Santa Fe residents.

The Santa Fe Civic Housing Authority's Public Computer Labs project also proposes to:

- Upgrade existing broadband speeds at each center to 10 Mbps.
- Partner with Santa Fe Community College and Santa Fe Workforce Connection, the local workforce development agency, to provide training for job seekers.
- Provide academic support for local youth through after-school programs and homework help.
- Offer English as a Second Language coursework, and General Equivalency Diploma courses.

ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY

The Santa Fe Civic Housing Authority (SFCHA), a local government entity, partners with more than 20 social service and private agencies to operate housing programs throughout the city, and provides services and assistance to residents through its Public Computer Labs. SFCHA's partners are known for their work in education, workforce readiness, job placement, nutrition education, health literacy surveys, dropout prevention, medical care, and Head Start programming. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development consistently designates SFCHA a High Performing Agency. SFCHA also partnered with one minority-owned business to perform project technical support.

PROJECT PARTNERS

- Boys and Girls Club
- City of Santa Fe
- Presbyterian Medical Services
- Santa Fe Community College
- Santa Fe County Extension Office of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics
- Santa Fe Regional Telecommunications Coalition
- The Santa Fe Workforce Connection
- SER Jobs for Progress
- YouthWorks

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