



White Pine County Welcomes Comprehensive Technology Plan

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White Pine County proclaims commitment to economic development and quality of life with Connected community technology plan

Ely, NV – White Pine County now has an action plan to make way for greater technology use across the community and pave the way for a brighter economic future. The [Technology Action Plan](#) was recently unveiled as part of White Pine County’s participation in the [Connected Community Engagement Program](#) through the Connect Nevada initiative. Fourteen Nevada communities are currently involved in some stage of the Connected program.

“White Pine County has many outlined areas without affordable broadband service. The completed Technology Action Plan is a tool that will be utilized to seek grant funding to address priority areas of need,” said White Pine County Community and Economic Development Director Jim Garza. “As we transition into the Action Plan from the Assessment Plan, we look forward to utilizing this tool to help develop affordable broadband alternatives across our county.”

Participating in the Connected program means White Pine County has gone through an extensive assessment of its overall broadband and technology landscape. The Technology Action Plan sets general community-wide broadband connectivity requirements to be worked toward that will support economic development and residential quality of life. White Pine County’s top goals from the new plan are to offer download speeds up to 6 Mbps for every business and residence in the town of Lund through a newly available service tower, redevelop the White Pine County website, expand mobile broadband access to the town of Baker, and support the development of the Eastern Nevada Food Bank using technology as a catalyst.

“This Connected Technology Action Plan is an outline for the future success and prosperity of White Pine County,” said Connect Nevada State Program Manager Lindsey Niedzielski. “Community leaders are working to ensure White Pine County is ready to benefit from all the economic and lifestyle opportunities that the digital age provides. It’s all part of Nevada’s solid plans for future growth.”

The Connected program is part of the Connect Nevada initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce NTIA State Broadband Initiative (SBI) program. Connect Nevada is working to facilitate the access, adoption, and use of technology throughout the state to create a better business environment, more effective community and economic development, improved healthcare, more efficient government, enhanced education, and improved quality of life. Residents are encouraged to get involved by joining their local Connected technology team and using the free [Every Community Online](#) program offered by Connect Nevada to get training in computer and Internet skills which makes them eligible for discounted computers.

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About Connect Nevada: The Governor's Office and the Nevada Broadband Task Force are leading the initiative to increase broadband Internet access, adoption, and use across the state. Connect Nevada is a nonprofit organization that was commissioned by the state to work with all Nevada broadband providers, create detailed maps of current broadband coverage, and coordinate efforts with other Federal grant award recipients in the state. Connect Nevada is now supporting the development of a statewide plan for the deployment and adoption of broadband. The goal is to spread high-speed Internet across the state and make sure all Nevada residents have access to its life-changing benefits. For more information visit: www.connectnv.org.

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Connected Nation developed the Connected Community Engagement Program to help guide a community through an assessment of its overall broadband and technology status. Connected Certified Communities have measurably demonstrated their proficiency for effective Access, Adoption, and Use of broadband supported technologies. Connected Nation through its partners provides a national platform for recognizing those communities that excel across these important benchmarks. Funded by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), this effort is part of the State Broadband Initiative. <http://www.connectednation.org/get-connected>