

Total Project Investment:

\$174,810

Award Amount:

\$87,405

In Partnership With:



ABOUT THE NEED

Residents of rural Norwich, an economically disadvantaged and unserved area in Kingman County will be recipients of improved broadband services as Haviland Broadband (HBB) plans to extend its current network with the Broadband Acceleration Grant award. Haviland Broadband plans to extend upon its current broadband network in rural Norwich with the Broadband Acceleration Grant. This expansion will provide Fiber-To-The-Premise broadband to 17 locations in Haviland's existing territory, approximately 3 miles southwest of the city of Norwich, that cannot currently receive 25/3 speeds from DSL or wireless. Increased broadband services will benefit economic viability for citizens in Kingman County. Immediate benefits of access include students, remote workers, rural agriculturally based businesses and entrepreneurs looking to increase online sales. Long-term, fiber expansion into rural Norwich will assist the county in marketing itself as a viable option for retention, expansion and attraction of businesses and residents.



ABOUT HAVILAND BROADBAND

Since Haviland Telephone Company, now Haviland Broadband, was acquired by the Ellis family 71 years ago, many improvements, expansions and enhanced services have been added bringing the total subscribers to over 2600. Haviland Broadband currently serves the following communities: Haviland, Nashville, Argonia, Conway Springs, Norwich, Mullinville, Sawyer, Wilmore, Isabel, Riverdale, Coats and Cullison, Greensburg and Coldwater. Haviland was also a Connectivity Emergency Response Grant recipient and will use both grants to provide better connectivity to rural Norwich and citizens residing in the Kingman County area.

The Kansas Office of Broadband Development was established in 2020 to help ensure that all Kansans have the opportunity to live, work, learn and compete in a global economy by improving universal access to quality, affordable and reliable broadband. The Office is housed within the Community Development Division of the Kansas Department of Commerce. As the state's lead economic development agency, Commerce strives to empower individuals, businesses and communities to achieve prosperity in Kansas.