

2014 Broadband Grants

The purpose of the Broadband grant cycle is to provide grant funds to public and tribal libraries associated with a Round One or Two ARRA Broadband (NTIA BTOP) awarded to the Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet). Funds will be used to allow the libraries to upgrade or add network hardware and software to take advantage of this enhanced broadband.

Overall funding to support this grant cycle is \$150,000. This grant cycle has a limit of \$10,000 per application.

Grant Number: 14-BB-001 **Award:** \$10,000.00

Organization: Whitman County Library

Title: 2014 Broadband Enhancement Grant

Abstract: We propose using the fiber provided to our 8 of our branch libraries in the ARRA/NTIA/BTOP grant as a high speed backbone for our network. First Step Research has offered an affordable monthly rate for 100mbs libraries included in the grant. We need to update our Network equipment to fully utilize this enhanced bandwidth.

Grant Number: 14-BB-002 **Award:** \$7,355.00

Organization: North Central Regional Library

Title: Improved LAN for the Republic Community Library

Abstract: The proposed project will upgrade older network cabling and equipment that has prevented the Republic Community Library from fully utilizing the faster Internet speeds provided by the installation of NoaNet fiber on August of 2013. Grant funds would be used by the Republic Community library to purchase new network equipment, the installation of Cat5 to existing public access computers and the installation of a wireless access point.