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ARIZONA STATE LIBRARY, ARCHIVES & PUBLIC RECORDS

Wi-Fi Hotspot Lending

This application is part of a competitive sub-grant to receive funds to purchase mobile wi-fi hotspot devices and data service for the purpose of starting or maintaining a hotspot lending program.

A hotspot is an area where users can access the Internet using wi-fi from a small device with a cell phone data plan. In areas with limited Internet availability or lack of affordable home Internet, mobile hotspot lending can provide people with free, 24/7 access to the Internet, allowing people to meet their information needs in new ways.

Wi-Fi hotspot lending allows libraries to support a variety of programming which can include:

- * Closing the homework gap by offering home Internet service for families with school-aged children
- * Allowing patrons to participate in online courses such as GED classes
- * Offering access to online telehealth services for the homebound and elderly
- * Supporting workforce development and job skills trainings

Selected applicants will receive \$4,000.00 towards the purchase of wi-fi hotspot devices and data service. Additional information is available in the document *Wi-Fi Hotspot Lending Program Description*.

Applications are due by 5:00pm on Friday, November 9, 2018.

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| 1. Library Name | | Cochise County Library District | |
| 2. Applicant Name | | Jenny Davis | |
| 3. Position/Title | | Administrative Manager | |
| 4. Contact Information | | | |
| Address | P. O. Drawer AK | | |
| City | Bisbee, AZ | Zip Code | 85603 |
| E-mail | jrDavis@cochise.az.gov | Phone # | 520-432-8934 |
| 5. Does your library currently offer any device lending (i.e. laptops, tablets, e-readers, wi-fi hotspots)? | | | Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. What type of hotspot lending program will be implemented at your library? | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General circulation <input type="checkbox"/> Library program <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

7. Which vendor will you select? See page 2 in Program Description for guidance.

T-Mobile
 Verizon
 Sprint
 Mobile Beacon (Sprint network)
Other: _____

8. Describe how the wi-fi hotspot lending program or service will be implemented in your library.

The Wi-Fi Hotspot Lending Program will be implemented at our Sunsites, Elfrida and possibly Sunizona branch libraries.

We will establish a lending policy based on the sample policies provided by the State Library, and the policies of area libraries (Bisbee, Douglas, Huachuca City) which have already implemented hotspot lending programs. Specifically, patrons will be able to take advantage of a Wi-Fi Hotspot Lending Program with a library card in good standing. To checkout a WiFi Hotspot, a patron must be at least 18 years old and the use policy must be read and signed. Parents/guardians are responsible for hotspots used by underage patrons. A patron must not already have internet access at home. The Library District reserves the right to refuse service to patrons who abuse equipment or who are repeatedly late in returning electronic devices. The checkout period will be two weeks, with the option of renewal if no one else is waiting. The hotspot will be disabled the day following the due date if it has not been returned. Hotspots must be returned in person to the circulation desk. If damage to the device is discovered by library staff, replacement costs will be added to the patron's account. If the hotspot is not returned, the borrower will be charged a \$65 replacement fee. Patrons will also be asked to complete a brief survey regarding the Wi-Fi Hotspot Lending Program.

9. How will this programming impact or benefit your community?

Rural areas in Cochise County have very limited access to fast internet service. The areas surrounding the Sunsites, Elfrida, and Sunizona are notably underserved, with one vendor (or none) offering broadband internet service. Even in areas where service is available, the cost is prohibitive for many residents. Cochise County has a higher poverty rate than the Arizona average, and the median household income of \$45,383 is nearly 12% less than the statewide comparison (\$51,340).*

Offering access to wi-fi hotspots through the branch libraries will benefit students, job seekers, and library users seeking access to the library's digital resources, as well as access to the wider internet.

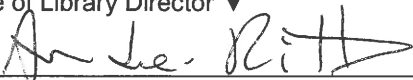
*The comparative income statistics are from the Arizona Demographics Viewer presented by the Maricopa Association of Governments, <https://geo.azmag.gov/maps/azdemographics>, accessed October 18, 2018.

10. Please list all library staff that will be involved in the wi-fi hotspot lending program.

Jenny Davis
Sharon Arthur
Stephanie Fulton
Marian Baker-Gierlach
Larry Sritchfield
Amadee Ricketts

I certify this application to be true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. On behalf of all organizations participating in this application, I hereby assure and certify that I will comply with all regulations, policies, guidelines and requirements pertinent to the application and Program Description and to the use of award funds. If our library is selected for this award, we agree to implement a hotspot lending program and complete the evaluation by October 4, 2019.

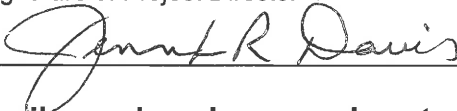
Signature of Library Director ▼



Date Signed

10/19/18

Signature of Project Director ▼



Date Signed

10/19/18

Email one signed copy and postmark one signed copy by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 9, 2018 to Nicole Umayam at numayam@azlibrary.gov and:

**Arizona State Library
ATTN: Nicole Umayam
1919 W Jefferson St.
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The application needs to be signed by both the project director and the library director.