



## **Community Connect Awards - Colorado**

### **2008 Grant Awards:**

**PC Telcorp, Inc. Sedgwick, Colorado**

**Grant Amount: \$402,666**

**Contact: Vince Kropp (970) 854-2201**

**County: Sedgwick; 4th Congressional District**

PC Telcorp, Inc. will use Rural Utilities Service funds to provide broadband services to rural Sedgwick, Colorado. Hybrid fiber coaxial technology will be used to accomplish this goal. In cooperation with the Platte Valley Elementary School and the Platte Valley School District, a community center will be constructed on school grounds. The center will offer free Internet access to the school and community for two years. The Town of Sedgwick and the volunteer fire department will also receive free broadband access for two years.

### **2007 Grant Awards:**

**Southeast Colorado Power Association, Inc. La Junta, Colorado**

**Grant Amount: \$743,281**

**Contact: Richard Wilson, (719) 384-7320**

**County: n/a**

Rural Development funding will be providing Southeast Colorado Power Association, Inc. the ability to provide wireless service to the residents and businesses in Aguilar, Colorado. The computers will be housed in the current Library/Community Center. It is centrally located in downtown Aguilar, and is the central hub for social activity in the town. The Aguilar Public Schools, library, and the fire department will all be receiving two years of free broadband access. There is currently no bank in the town, so residents may start to enjoy quick easy online banking access!

### **2004 Grant Awards:**

**Sunflower Telephone Company Sheridan Lake, Colorado**

**Grant Amount: \$299,944**

**Contact: Patrick Morse; 620-227-4400**

**County: Kiowa; Congressional District: CO-04**

Sheridan Lake leaders and residents see high-speed access as an engine for economic growth. Broadband Internet access means that agricultural scientists and farmers in this community of 66 residents will be able to track weather patterns, and research or plan accordingly. Sheridan Lake's students gain the advantage of enriched curricula including multimedia interactions that will improve their educational standing. Local businesses and government will be able to reduce expenses and increase efficiency in operations with an Internet connection with significant data transfer speeds. Sunflower Telephone will deploy a relative simple, though very long, broadband network employing existing central offices and telecommunications backbone, and adding one new fiber optic cable transport facility and one new carrier serving area.