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FREE PUBLIC WI-FI AT GREENLEAF CITY HALL

(Greenleaf, Idaho) Free, public wireless (Wi-Fi) internet access is now available at Greenleaf City Hall, located at 20523 Whittier Drive, in Greenleaf, Idaho.

The City was awarded an Idaho Department of Commerce 2020 Broadband Grant utilizing Federal CARES Act funds. Grant requirements included provision of 1,000 mega-bytes per second (Mbps) symmetrical fiber-optic internet service to a designated government facility and public Wi-Fi access supporting 100 connections at the FCC defined minimum broadband speeds of 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload.

The project met CARES Act criteria for public health and safety by improving opportunities to tele-work, facilitate distance learning, and improve public safety through providing robust broadband internet access.

City of Greenleaf Mayor Brad Holton commented that, "It's a great Wi-Fi signal, and the system provides a public internet 'lifeline' for the community. The Wi-Fi connection tested strong both inside and outside the City Hall, including all parking and grassy areas. Initial Wi-Fi testing didn't lose connectivity until the technician walked a quarter mile from the building."

The City partnered with Syringa Networks for fiber-optic installation and internet service provider (ISP) services, and with FlexTechs LLC for information technology (IT) services to install the Wi-Fi network. FlexTechs LLC sub-contracted to Black Hat LLC for low-voltage cabling and antenna installation.

Grant writing and grant administration assistance was provided by the Western Alliance for Economic Development (www.westernallianceed.org), a 501.c (4) organization devoted to the improvement of business conditions, serving rural Canyon County and Gem County.

The City of Greenleaf is located in Canyon County, Idaho on State Highway 19, five miles west of I-84 at Caldwell, Idaho, and 5 miles east of US-95 at Wilder, Idaho.

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