

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY SEVENTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-26-66 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Joaquín Baca, Brook Bassan, Nichole Rogers, by request

1 RESOLUTION

2 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS
3 FROM THE NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF BROADBAND ACCESS AND
4 EXPANSION FOR THE ARPA COMMUNITY WI-FI PARKS PROJECT; AND
5 APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY AND
6 INNOVATION.

7 WHEREAS, access to reliable, high-speed internet service is increasingly
8 necessary for residents to obtain educational resources, employment
9 opportunities, government services, health information, emergency
10 communications, and other essential online services; and

11 WHEREAS, free public Wi-Fi at City parks and public gathering places can
12 reduce barriers to internet access, support digital inclusion, and provide
13 residents and visitors with dependable connectivity without requiring a paid
14 subscription or cellular data plan; and

15 WHEREAS, City Council Resolution R-26-28 establishes a Fiscal Year 2027
16 objective to complete the increase from thirty percent to thirty-two percent in
17 City Wi-Fi coverage that is within a ten-minute walk in order to create a more
18 inclusive digital infrastructure across the City; and

19 WHEREAS, the New Mexico Office of Broadband Access and Expansion
20 ("OBAE") administers the ARPA Community Wi-Fi Project grant program to
21 support the rapid deployment or expansion of public Wi-Fi and digital
22 connectivity infrastructure in New Mexico communities; and

23 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque, through the Department of
24 Technology and Innovation, applied for and was awarded grant funds through
25 the OBAE ARPA Community Wi-Fi Project grant program for the ARPA
26 Community Wi-Fi Parks Project; and

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Technology and Innovation proposes the
2 ARPA Community Wi-Fi Parks Project to design, acquire, install, configure,
3 and place into service public Wi-Fi and supporting broadband infrastructure at
4 Phil Chacon Park, Tiguex Park, Old Town Plaza, Mesa Verde Park, and North
5 Domingo Baca Park; and

6 WHEREAS, the proposed project may include wireless access points,
7 network and security equipment, broadband backhaul, fiber or other
8 communications circuits, electrical service, enclosures, poles or mounting
9 infrastructure, cabling, solar or backup power where appropriate, engineering,
10 permitting, installation, testing, project management, and other eligible costs
11 necessary to provide reliable public Wi-Fi service; and

12 WHEREAS, the project will expand access to free internet connectivity at
13 geographically diverse City parks, support equitable access to digital
14 resources, improve the ability of residents and visitors to connect to City and
15 community information, and advance the City's broader digital inclusion
16 objectives; and

17 WHEREAS, the grant funding, as awarded, will provide \$927,485.13 to the
18 City for the ARPA Community Wi-Fi Parks Project, and the City desires to
19 accept, appropriate, and expend the grant funds in accordance with the grant
20 agreement and applicable federal, state, and City requirements.

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
22 ALBUQUERQUE:

23 Section 1. That Council hereby approves and authorizes the Department of
24 Technology and Innovation to accept the OBAE ARPA Community Wi-Fi
25 Project grant in the amount of \$927,485.13 for the ARPA Community Wi-Fi
26 Parks Project, and its acceptance and filing with the appropriate official or
27 office of OBAE is in all respects approved.

28 Section 2. That grant funds in the amount of \$927,485.13 from OBAE are
29 hereby appropriated to the Department of Technology and Innovation in the
30 Capital Acquisition Fund (305) for Fiscal Year 2027 for the design, acquisition,
31 installation, implementation, testing, and related eligible costs of the ARPA
32 Community Wi-Fi Parks Project. No matching funds are required.

1 Section 3. The Department of Technology and Innovation shall administer
2 the project in accordance with applicable cybersecurity, privacy, procurement,
3 accessibility, records, financial reporting, and grant compliance requirements
4 and shall coordinate with the Parks and Recreation Department and other City
5 departments as necessary for site access, construction, installation,
6 operation, and maintenance.

7 Section 4. If the final grant award or reimbursable amount is less than
8 anticipated, the Department of Technology and Innovation may adjust the
9 project scope, sequencing, or site-specific improvements to remain within
10 available funding, while prioritizing the deployment of functional and
11 sustainable public Wi-Fi service at the project locations.

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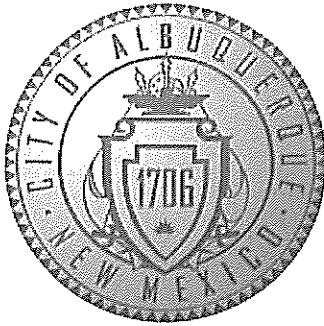
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CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Office of the Mayor

Mayor Timothy M. Keller

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

August 6, 2026

TO: Klarissa J. Peña, President, City Council

FROM: Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

SUBJECT: APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF BROADBAND ACCESS AND EXPANSION FOR THE ARPA COMMUNITY WI-FI PARKS PROJECT; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

The Department of Technology and Innovation is submitting an application to the Office of Broadband Access and Expansion (OBAB) for the ARPA Community Wi-Fi Parks Project. The project includes public broadband improvements at Phil Chacon Park, Tiguex Park, Old Town Plaza, Mesa Verde Park, and North Domingo Baca Park. The requested grant amount is \$927,485.13.

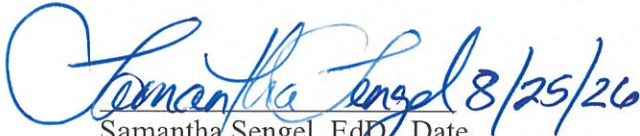
This legislation authorizes the acceptance of grant funds for the project and makes an appropriation to the Department of Technology and Innovation in the Capital Acquisition Fund (305) for Fiscal Year 2027.

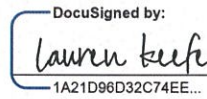
The project scope is to expand public broadband access through the installation of reliable public Wi-Fi infrastructure and supporting network, electrical, backhaul, and technology improvements. The project will provide residents and park visitors with free, dependable internet access and help reduce barriers to connectivity, digital services, education, workforce resources, and community information.

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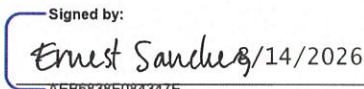
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Chief Administrative Officer

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Cover Analysis

1. What is it?

A resolution approving and authorizing the filing of a grant application with the Office of Broadband Access and Expansion (OBAE), authorizing the acceptance of any resulting grant award for the ARPA Community Wi-Fi Parks Project, and appropriating the grant funds to Department of Technology and Innovation in the Capital Acquisition Fund (305).

2. What will this piece of legislation do?

This legislation will authorize the Department of Technology and Innovation to submit the grant application, accept any resulting grant award, and administer the funding in accordance with the grant requirements and applicable City procedures. The funding will support the design, installation, and implementation of public broadband infrastructure at the five identified parks.

3. Why is this project needed?

The project is needed to expand equitable access to reliable, free public internet service at City parks. The proposed improvements will help residents and visitors access educational resources, employment services, government information, emergency communications, digital services, and other online resources.

The project will also establish the supporting infrastructure needed to provide sustainable public Wi-Fi service at Phil Chacon Park, Tiguex Park, Old Town Plaza, Mesa Verde Park, and North Domingo Baca Park.

4. How much will it cost and what is the funding source?

The total estimated project cost is \$927,485.13.

The City is seeking \$927,485.13 from the Office of Broadband Access and Expansion through the ARPA Community Wi-Fi Project grant program.

5. Is there a revenue source associated with this contract? If so, what level of income is projected?

There is no recurring revenue or income projected from the project.

6. What will happen if the project is not approved?

If the proposed resolution is not approved, the Department of Technology and Innovation may be unable to submit the grant application or accept the resulting award. The City could lose access to available grant funding, and the planned public broadband improvements at the five parks could be delayed, reduced in scope, or require another funding source.

7. Is this service already provided by another entity?

No. The proposed project is a City-operated public broadband initiative intended to provide free Wi-Fi service at the five identified City parks. Although private internet and cellular services may be available in portions of these areas, those services do not provide the same free, publicly accessible, City-supported Wi-Fi service contemplated by this project.

FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

TITLE: Community Wi-Fi Digital Connectivity Technology Project for North Domingo Baca, Mesa Verde, Tiguex, Phil Chacon, & Old Town parks R: FUND: 305 O: DEPT: DTI

- [X] No measurable fiscal impact is anticipated, i.e., no impact on fund balance over and above existing appropriations.
- [] (If Applicable) The estimated fiscal impact (defined as impact over and above existing appropriations) of this legislation is as follows:

		Fiscal Years			Total
		2027	2028	2029	
Base Salary/Wages		\$ 41,100			\$ 41,100
Fringe Benefits at 50.00%		\$ 20,550	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,550
Subtotal Personnel		\$ 61,650	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61,650
Operating Expenses		\$ 1,032,995	\$ -		\$ 1,032,995
Property					\$ -
City In-kind Match		\$ -			
Indirect Costs at 0.00%		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses		\$ 1,094,645	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,094,645
[] Estimated revenues not affected					
[x] Estimated revenue impact					
Amount of Grant		\$ 1,094,645	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,094,645
City Cash Match		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
City In-kind Match					
City IDOH		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenue		\$ 1,094,645	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,094,645

These estimates do not include any adjustment for inflation.
 * Range if not easily quantifiable.

Number of Positions continues to cover

COMMENTS:

Grant serves to render assistance in the development of a hazardous materials and radiological response program.

COMMENTS ON NON-MONETARY IMPACTS TO COMMUNITY/CITY GOVERNMENT:

REVIEWED BY:

Signed by: Michael Fatabery 8/14/2026 | 8:45 AM MDT
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 BUDGET OFFICER (date)

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 CITY ECONOMIST (date)