

## Visionary Broadband Brings High-Speed Fiber Internet Access to Lake City

Project leveraged to create full community access to future-proof fiber



Visionary Broadband team members finish completing an installation in Lake City.
(L to R: Matt Hess, Nick Juelfs, Skyler Coorough and Nate Coffee)

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**GUNNISON, Colo. (Oct. 21, 2024)** – People living in the Town of Lake City now have access to reliable fiber internet from Visionary Broadband, which brings vastly improved download speeds and reliability on par with major metro areas for the first time.

Visionary Broadband has been instrumental in bringing high-speed internet to rural communities across Colorado, making substantial investments in fiber networks to provide reliable service where it's needed most.

"Families, businesses and governments in the area can now get data 10 to 20 times faster than before," said Visionary Broadband CEO Brian Worthen. "We have always believed people in rural areas deserve modern access to online services, and this project brings Colorado one step closer."

Having access to gigabit speeds benefits personal use, public safety and economic development, he said. Gigabit speeds provides Lake City with the most future-proof broadband option.

The Department of Local Affairs grant that Region 10 received in 2022 provided funding for Region 10 to acquire a long-term capital lease, which created connectivity to community resources in Lake City. This included the public library, public health center, government facilities and a power substation.

With the grant, Region 10 paid for the fiber lease to facilitate the connection to these vital operations to the Region 10 high-speed broadband network.

In addition to providing fiber connectivity to Region 10, Visionary Broadband made a significant additional capital investment of its own funds to make the fiber network available to residents and businesses of Lake City.

The service first came online Oct. 21, 2023, to serve 344 homes and 81 businesses. Last month, the company finished the build to the power substation.

"This is a game-changer for our community," said Commissioner Greg Levine. "Reliable, high-speed internet access is essential for our residents, businesses and public services. This opens new opportunities for economic growth, enhances public safety and improves the overall quality of life. We're grateful for the Visionary Broadband for making this a reality for Lake City."

Lake City residents can learn more about service availability at <u>vcn.com</u> or by contacting the Gunnison office at 888-682-1884.

## **About Visionary Broadband**

Visionary Broadband was founded in 1994 in a rural community in Wyoming. It is a homegrown company that has developed technical abilities with a focus on reliability. Today, the rural internet provider serves five states and has a proven track record of connecting the most rural communities, bringing a commitment of efficiency, reliability, and affordability to its customers. To learn more visit, vcn.com.

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