



Library Project

Verde Valley Online Database Access

THE NEED

The Verde Valley is made up of 5 incorporated rural municipalities and unincorporated communities in Yavapai County. There are over four hundred non profit corporations in the area. The closest public library with an online database access is Flagstaff, over 50 miles away. It was very expensive and time consuming to travel to the library once much less multiple times to gather information.

STEP BY STEP PROCESS

A project team was formed to poll the local public libraries to determine if there were any plans to obtain an online database and gauge the need for such a service. After deciding that an online database was needed and wanted we had to determine where to locate the service.

Partners were identified, City of Cottonwood Public Library, Carol Abraham a private citizen, two Cocopai Council members, and the Coordinator made up the team.

The team developed a project plan and wrote a grant from that document.

Funding sources were discovered with the use of an online database. Before the grant applications were sent out informal discussions had taken place locally and Wayne Latham Realty, a local businessman looked at the grant and decided to fund the entire project for two years. At the same time a representative from Salt River Project (SRP), a water & power quasi government agency in Arizona decided to provide one half the funding.

The online database was located at the Cottonwood Public Library and the librarian had a dedicated computer for the project as well as several staff trained in the use of an online database. Some additional water resource reference materials were purchased with some of the money from SRP.

At the formal announcement of the project at the library there was a turnout of 40 non profits to hear about how to access the online database.

The community has been very supportive of the project.

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