



# News Release

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## Biden-Harris Administration Highlights High-Speed Internet Investments in Arizona and Across the Country

**Ajo, Ariz., Oct. 31, 2024** – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utilities Service Administrator Andy Berke highlighted a nearly \$4 million investment in high-speed internet expansion to Table Top Telephone Company Inc. today while in Arizona. The Administrator pointed to this investment during a roundtable with Table Top executives, business leaders, and government officials. Administrator Berke also announced \$63.8 million in awards through the [Community Connect Program](#) to provide high-speed internet in 12 states.

“The Biden-Harris Administration has given USDA unprecedented funding to provide high-speed internet to rural areas like here in Arizona that have been forgotten or left behind,” Administrator Berke said. “Rural Americans have enormous potential, but it’s very hard to reach your potential if you don’t have high-speed internet. We are completely committed to making sure every person in rural America has high-speed internet so they have new opportunities and a better chance to succeed.”

“This USDA Rural Development Re-Connect investment will support ongoing efforts to bring high-speed internet to communities throughout Arizona,” said Charlene Fernandez, USDA Rural Development State Director for Arizona. “The Biden-Harris Administration is delivering on its promise to connect America to affordable, reliable high-speed internet by 2030. The investments we’re making with Table Top serve as just one example of that commitment to support rural and remote community access to opportunities and to grow our economy where we live.”

USDA [recently announced](#) Table Top Telephone Company is receiving nearly \$4 million through the [ReConnect Program](#) to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises hybrid fixed wireless network to provide high-speed internet to people in northern Yavapai County. In past years, Table Top Telephone Company received a \$3.7 million ReConnect award to connect people in Apache County and the Navajo Nation to high-speed internet, and a \$13.2 million [Telecommunications Infrastructure Program](#) loan to construct a fiber-to-the-home network in Ajo, Arizona.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. Under the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America’s food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate-smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov).