



[LCWA](#) is a community owned and operated wireless network cooperative that helps get people near the Santa Fe, NM area connected, not only to the internet but also to each other.

Our association is a non-profit, all volunteer wireless network that believes internet access should be available to all people, not just those that are within reach of commercial service providers. We rely on the people in the communities we support to build and maintain our network through shared goals and interests.

LCWA is a non-profit 501(c)(12) cooperative. We are an all volunteer cooperative that was organized in 2003 to deliver broadband wireless internet service to [rural New Mexico communities](#). Our volunteers currently serve over 460 members living in areas from Apache Ridge to Madrid, Lamy to Cañada de Los Alamos. We cover portions of two NM Representative Districts, District 47 with Brian Egolf and District 50 with Matthew McQueen. Our service territory covers portions of two NM Senate Districts, District 39 with Ted Barela and District 25 with Peter Wirth.

In April of 2016, for the first time in 10 years, we increased our monthly fee. We now deliver up to 5 Mbps for \$40 per month with a one-time membership fee of \$50. As of January, 2017 we will have available to share with all our members 1200 Mbps (1.2 Gbps) of wholesale bandwidth. We are instituting a new pricing policy where we hope to offer three tiers of service from 5 Mbps to 20 Mbps for \$40 to \$60 per month.

We are self funded from membership fees. We have not required any bank loans or government funding since we started in 2003.

The LCWA founders lived in Eldorado and a number worked at Los Alamos National Labs. At the Labs they have full access to the internet. Not so at home in Eldorado. As their work entailed setting up fixed wireless networks around the world to support Lab research projects, that experience led to the creation of La Canada Wireless Association.

LCWA relies on the FCC controlled access to the public spectrum, mainly the 900, 2.4 and 5.8 bands. Without that spectrum reserved for public use, we could not exist. The other aspect that keeps LCWA able to deliver our internet service is our volunteers.

We believe that fixed wireless access to the internet is a viable solution to delivering broadband access to the rural residents of New México.

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