

Cities Award Winners

Bardstown

As the world becomes more and more dependent on computers and the Internet, many Kentucky cities find themselves unable to provide the technological services their residents need to enter the computer age.

The city of Bardstown knew their citizens needed to be connected and so plans went underway to construct a local fiber-optic network that would upgrade the previous High-Speed Internet Service (CATV). This new system not only provides Internet service at a reliable and affordable rate but also puts Bardstown on the map as one of the first rural communities to offer this service to its residents.

The response from the community has been astounding. In a mere sixty days after the new CATV went operational, 150 customers requested service. This means that in three months the program was halfway to its first year goal of 300 customers with CATV service.



Bowling Green

The city of Bowling Green has developed the **Select Neighborhood Action Program (SNAP)** which enables citizens to effectively come together to address the problems and concerns of their neighborhoods. SNAP provides both funding and educational programming to organizations that wish to improve their neighborhoods.

With five project categories, groups can receive SNAP grants ranging from purchasing playground equipment and organizing block parties, to beautification efforts, block watch groups, and youth programs.

Aside from meeting financial needs, the program offers Neighborhood Mastery Development training. This free service provides Bowling Green residents with the tools and resources they need to organize, plan, problem-solve, and access various services provided by the city of Bowling Green for their own neighborhood projects.

Since its inception in March 1999, SNAP has assisted with the completion of projects such as the historic district signage, preservation of a Kentucky designated historic tree, landscaping and neighborhood signage, a street tree planting, and the complete renovation of an elementary school playground.

