

# Federal grant may increase Internet speed in El Dorado County

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Hopes of establishing fiber optic Internet service in rural areas of El Dorado County got a boost Friday with the announcement of a \$46.6 million grant to a Central Valley project.

The grant, part of federal stimulus funds, went to the Central Valley Independent Network of Fresno to establish what is known as a “middle mile network” that will establish an ultra-reliable, super-high-speed fiber trunk line up California’s Central Valley and along much of Highway 49.

The project will allow improved Internet connections in underserved rural areas.

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