

BACK TO BASICS BUCKS

Award-winning Access Tucson has been given an \$11,700 award to pay for a feasibility study regarding current facilities at 124 E. Broadway Blvd. to see if the site could be expanded to accommodate other like-minded media organizations into a Community Media Center.

Sam Behrend is a founding member of Access Tucson (1984) and executive director since 1987: "Tucson's organizations providing non-commercial, independent, media services to the community could benefit through concepts like operational economies and resource sharing," he says. "We've gotten the survey go-ahead from the city and should see some results by early September. Expanding the use of our facilities could mean a highly synergistic combination of Access Tucson with others like KXCI Radio, Sun Sounds Radio, Tucson 12, Arizona Media Arts Center, TUSD TV, and Pan left Productions."

"We're happy to be involved and don't mind being put under the microscope," says Randy Peterson of KXCI. "We're all hoping something positive comes out of this and moves us closer to a central facility for an independent media center."