

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$3,000,000

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: OR/Benton

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Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to construct an approximately 40-mile Fiber-to-the-Premises system to benefit 670 in the rural Lane County, Oregon service area. Subscribers will have access to service up to 1 Gbps, expanding access to economic, educational, health care, and public safety opportunities. A Community Center will be provided in a portable building placed as part of the project where residents can access the Internet free of charge for at least two years.

People Who Will Benefit: 670

Additional Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$700,554.00

Total Project Cost: \$3,700,554.00

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