

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$2,346,378.00

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: WA/Mason

Congressman: Kilmer, Derek (WA 06)

Senators: Cantwell, Maria (WA), Murray, Patty (WA)

Recipient: Hood Canal Telephone Co., Inc.

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Project Description: The County of Orangeburg will use RUS grant funding to deploy a FTTP broadband system to serve residents and businesses in the Pleasant Branch community. Pleasant Branch is located in the western portion of Orangeburg County and is persistently impoverished. Through the Community Connect project, service at the Broadband Grant Speed of 5 Mbps (upload and download speeds combined) will be provided to all residents and businesses throughout Pleasant Branch. Additionally, service will be provided to all Critical Community Facilities for free for at least two years.

People Who Will Benefit: 364

Additional Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$351,957.00

Total Project Cost: \$2,698,335.00

RUS ID: WA1401-B23

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$3,000,000.00

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: WA/Lewis

Congressman: Herrera Beutler, Jaime (WA 03)

Senators: Cantwell, Maria (WA), Murray, Patty (WA)

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Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to construct an approximately 70-mile Fiber-to-the-Premises system to benefit 870 residents and 12 businesses in the Lewis County, Washington service area. The Lewis County PUD will construct the system as an open access network whereby partner organizations will provide the retail service. ToledoTel is partnering to provide the retail service over this open access network. 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 an existing building where residents can access the Internet free of charge for at least two years.

People Who Will Benefit: 870

Additional Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$502,862.00

Total Project Cost: \$3,502,862.00

RUS ID: WA1411-A23

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$1,001,885.00

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: WA/Island

Congressman: DelBene, Susan (WA 01)

Senators: Cantwell, Maria (WA), Murray, Patty (WA)

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Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to construct an approximately 9-mile Fiber-to-the-Premises system to benefit 358 residents and 3 businesses in the Point Roberts, Whatcom County, Washington 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 mobile facility placed as part of this project where residents can access the Internet free of charge for at least two years.

People Who Will Benefit: 358

Additional Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$150,283.00

Total Project Cost: \$1,152,168.00

RUS ID: WA1410-A23