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Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans						
AZ	Tom O'Halleran (01)	John McCain, Jeff Flake	Hopi Telecommunications Incorporated	\$5,820,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to construct fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) systems in the Keams Canyon, Kykotsmovi and Polacca exchanges and make additional system improvements. It is expected that approximately 650 customers will be placed on the FTTP system. Customers who remain on the copper system or wireless system will all be able to access speeds of at least 10 megabits per second (Mbps) upload and 1 Mbps download.
IA	Rod Blum (01)	Chuck Grassley, Joni Ernst	Andrew Telephone Company, Incorporated	\$2,748,000		This Rural Development investment will help construct a full fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) system. The company will replace all of its copper loops with fiber-optic lines. It will deploy 71 route miles of buried and underground fiber optic facilities, and install new, active FTTP electronics in the Andrew central office. Approximately 230 residential and business subscribers in and around the town of Andrew will benefit from enhanced services such as internet protocol television and higher-speed broadband internet. The applicant's contribution will go toward outside plant construction.
MN	Collin C. Peterson (07)	Amy Klobuchar, Tina Smith	Garden Valley Telephone Company	\$20,360,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to make system improvements in Polk, Clearwater, Pennington, Marshall and Red Lake counties, and in the vacation resort areas of Maple Lake and Union Lake. The borrower proposes to construct 295.1 miles of fiber-optic facilities and construct fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) facilities. These improvements will enable Garden Valley to enhance services and provide voice, video and higher broadband speeds for subscribers.
MO	Sam Graves (06)	Roy Blunt, Claire McCaskill	Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company	\$13,659,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to convert six exchanges from copper plant to fiber-to-the-premises. Nearly 500 route miles of fiber plant will be constructed. Northeast Missouri expects to improve service to 1,063 subscribers.
NV	Mark Amodei (02)	Catherine Cortez-Masto, Dean Heller	Lincoln County Telephone System, Inc.	\$6,944,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to expand Lincoln County's fixed-wireless broadband system, establish a fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) network in a greenfield development, upgrade segments of a FTTP network, upgrade segments of a legacy copper network, convert portions of a legacy copper network to FTTP and make other system improvements to serve 2,038 access lines.
SD	Kristi Noem (At Large)	Mike Rounds, John Thune	RC Technologies	\$17,000,000		This Rural Development investment will provide voice, video and data services to more than 1,300 households, businesses and key community organizations. These services will create the potential for business growth, increased employment, better public services and public safety, and a higher quality of life for subscribers in Roberts and Marshall counties in South Dakota, and Richland County in North Dakota.

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WI	Sean P. Duffy (07)	Ron Johnson, Tammy Baldwin	Chibardun Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	\$21,438,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to expand plants in four (Almena, Cameron, Dallas and Ridgeland) of Chibardun's six exchanges. The company will construct 675 miles of fiber-to-the-premises and install associated electronics. It plans to build a fiber-to-the-home network capable of sustaining customer demands in broadband connectivity for the foreseeable future. Chibardun serves Barron and Dunn counties. Approximately 2,700 subscribers will receive improved service as a result of this loan.
Community Connect Grants						
ID	Raul Labrador (01)	Michael Crapo, Jim Risch	Inland Cellular, LLC		\$389,589	This Rural Development investment will be used to implement a fixed wireless LTE network in the 3.65 GHz spectrum to provide service in Pierce, in Clearwater County. A 6 GHz licensed microwave link will be placed to connect to Inland Cellular's network. The system will cover 266 households and 34 businesses, providing service offerings of up to 15 megabits per second (Mbps) download and 3 Mbps upload. A community center with six computer access points and Wi-Fi will be established. Free service will be offered to the Pierce City Hall, Pierce Library and the Idaho Youth Challenge Academy. Through this investment, residents and businesses in this unserved rural area will gain access to the economic, educational, health care and public safety opportunities that high-quality broadband access provides.
MD and VA	John Delaney (MD 6); Gerald Connolly (VA 11)	Ben Cardin, Chris Van Hollen (MD); Mark Warner, Tim Kaine (VA)	Declaration Networks Group, Inc.		\$2,374,598	This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a fixed wireless network in Garrett County, Md. The equipment will operate in the 5 GHz and TV white space frequency bands, providing service offerings of up to 20 Megabits per second (Mbps) download and 10 Mbps upload to the 1,319 households and 96 businesses within the proposed service area. A community center will be co-located in a Garrett County Community Action Committee facility, where residents will be able to access computer terminals and Wi-Fi internet access free of charge for at least two years. Through this grant, this unserved area will receive access to high-quality broadband internet service. It will also help promote economic development and improve access to educational, health care and public safety services.
OK	Jim Bridenstine (01)	James Lankford, James Inhofe	Osage Innovative Solutions, LLC		\$2,724,000	The Rural Development investment will be used to construct a hybrid fiber-to-the-premises and fixed wireless system to an unserved portion of the Osage Nation in Osage County. The awardee will offer speeds at up to 100 megabits per second to 139 households and 22 businesses in an economically depressed portion of the Osage Nation. This project will provide customers with access to high-quality telecommunications services that will help provide improved economic, educational and health care opportunities. It also will provide a community center where residents can access the internet free of charge.

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OK	Markwayne Mullin (02)	James Lankford, James Inhofe	Cherokee Telephone Company		\$2,507,984	This Rural Development investment will be used to build a fiber route to an unserved area in Pushmataha County to construct a communications tower and to deploy a fixed wireless system operating in both the 900 MHz and 5 GHz unlicensed bands. This project will provide service of at least 10 megabits per second (Mbps) download and 1 Mbps upload for the 66 households within the service area. A community center will also be established where residents can access the internet free of charge for at least two years.
WY	Liz Cheney (At Large)	Michael Enzi, John Barrasso	Millennium Networks, LLC		\$1,309,394	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide broadband access to a 143 households and 44 businesses in Buffalo Valley in rural, western Wyoming. This area encompasses approximately 4,030 acres. The community will benefit from broadband speeds ranging from a minimum of 10 megabits per second (Mbps) up to 1 gigabyte per second. Creating a high-speed, reliable broadband network will provide unrestricted access to educational and medical services and economic opportunities. This will contribute to a higher quality of life and improve the health, safety, educational and economic opportunities of the entire community. A community center will be provided where residents can access the internet free of charge for at least two years.
TOTAL				\$87,969,000	\$9,305,565	