

**USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$1,320,373.00**

**Program:** Community Connect Grants

**State/County:** ME/Hancock

**Congressman:** Poliquin, Bruce (ME 02)

**Senators:** Collins, Susan (ME), King, Angus (ME)

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**Project Description:** The Town of Cranberry Isles will use funding from the Community Connect Grant to construct a combination fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) and fixed wireless system providing service to the unserved islands of Great Cranberry, Isleford (FTTP service), and Sutton (fixed wireless), Maine. Approximately 141 year-round residents will benefit from the funded system, though in the summer population increases to 1,260. The proposed system will bring increased economic, educational, and health care opportunities to the island. Residents will be able to access a Community Center with internet service for a period of at least two years.

**People Who Will Benefit:** 141

**Additional Funding:** Applicant Contribution: \$233,007.00

**Total Project Cost:** \$1,553,380.00

**RUS ID:** ME1403-A23