

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$2,374,598.00

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: MD/Garrett

Congressman: Delaney, John (MD 06)

Senators: Cardin, Benjamin (MD), Van Hollen, Chris (MD)

Recipient: Declaration Networks Group, Inc.

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Project Description: Declaration Networks Group, Inc. will use grant funds provided by Rural Development to construct a fixed wireless network in Garrett County, Maryland. Equipment operating in the 5 GHz and TV White Space frequency bands will ensure service offerings of up to 20Mbps/10Mbps to the 1,1319 households and 96 businesses within the proposed service area. A Community Center will be co-located in a Garrett County Community Action Committee facility in the area, where residents will be able to access computer terminals and WiFi 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, and the improved economic development, education, health care, and public safety access that allows.

People Who Will Benefit: 3,445

Additional Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$356,190.00

Total Project Cost: \$2,730,788.00

RUS ID: VA1412-A23

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$806,897.00

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: MD/Talbot

Congressman: Harris, Andy (MD 01)

Senators: Cardin, Benjamin (MD), Van Hollen, Chris (MD)

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Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a 17-mile Fiber-to-the-Premises system to benefit 130 residents and 1 business in the Talbot County, Maryland 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 pre-fabricated building placed as part of this project where residents can access the Internet free of charge for at least two years.

People Who Will Benefit: 130

Additional Funding: Talbot County, MD Contribution: \$142,394.00

Total Project Cost: \$949,291.00

RUS ID: MD1402-A23