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AK	Lisa Murkowski, Dan Sullivan	Don Young (At Large)	Yukon-Koyukuk School District	\$672,371	This Rural Development investment will be used to link 10 remote village schools in interior Alaska and connect them with the district offices in Fairbanks and outside resources, offering improved educational outcomes, cultural and linguistic preservation and unity. All of the schools are Title 1A and Economically Disadvantaged. This endeavor will be overseen by Connecting Remote Alaskan Villages Effectively (CRAVE), a Distance Learning project by the Yukon-Koyukuk School District.
AK	Lisa Murkowski, Dan Sullivan	Don Young (At Large)	Cordova City School District	\$597,954	This Rural Development investment will be used to assist Cordova School District with their distance learning project using interactive video conferencing. The goal of the project is to develop both distance learning and telemedicine capacity, with a focus on Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) distance learning. The project will impact 350 rural residents from the town of Cordova, Alaska.
AK	Lisa Murkowski, Dan Sullivan	Don Young (At Large)	Southcentral Foundation	\$865,408	This Rural Development investment will be used to help Southcentral Foundation to expand, enhance, upgrade, and secure access to telehealth and telepharmacy services for residents of 13 rural communities. The project will increase the availability, quality and sustainability of health care services through telehealth and telepharmacy service delivery. Removing the barrier to health and wellness will ensure access to health care services regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. It will also improve clinic customer safety and increase rural provider time to direct patient care by reducing administrative burden through automation and additional hub department support.
AK	Lisa Murkowski, Dan Sullivan	Don Young (At Large)	Aleutians East Borough School District	\$287,297	This Rural Development investment will be used to build a Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) ready school population by improving elementary education through live, interactive experiences and teaching, beginning at the earliest levels. The district is so widely spread with such small populations, in-person delivery is not feasible. Aleutians East Borough School District (AEBSD) will also expand professional development to district personnel, improving teacher qualifications to teach dual enrollment courses, expand recertification options, and train and credential paraprofessionals. AEBSD will serve residents of the very remote communities of the Aleutian Islands. The AEBSD lies along the far southwestern portion of Alaska making up the "tail" of Alaska, while the eastern portion of the Aleutians chain stretches almost into Russia.
AK	Lisa Murkowski, Dan Sullivan	Don Young (At Large)	Northwest Arctic Borough School District	\$936,499	This Rural Development investment will be used to help fund the Northwest Arctic Borough School District Distance Learning project, which will serve 12 villages in one of the most remote regions of Alaska. The project will link 12 village schools together and connect them with the district offices in Kotzebue and outside resources, offering improved educational outcomes, cultural and linguistic preservation and unity. All the schools are Title 1A and Economically Disadvantaged. The only opportunity most NWABSD students have to become educated and secure a living wage is through distance learning technology.
AK	Lisa Murkowski, Dan Sullivan	Don Young (At Large)	Lower Yukon School District	\$1,000,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to assist the Lower Yukon School District with the purchase of interactive video conferencing equipment needed to deliver distance learning to residents of Anchorage and Kusilvak Census Area. The project seeks to build on past efforts and develop a distance learning curriculum that includes Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) courses and opportunities, as well as other necessary courses. These new programs will provide students with new learning opportunities and will teach them skill sets that they may bring back to their villages.

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AL	Richard Shelby, Doug Jones	Mike Rogers (03)	Clay County School District	\$304,801	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish a distance learning network connecting the Clay County Hospital and Clay County Board of Education. Clay County Schools will utilize this project to bolster Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) input through the addition of distance learning Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Enrollment courses. Clay County Hospital will use this partnership to connect to teletherapy providers for mental health and drug counseling services, thereby increasing the culpability of school district, hospital, and community. This project will raise the educational outcomes for all students providing much necessary STEM course offerings in the project sites and stimulate growth in the project community by increasing practitioner involvement in all areas of STEM education and health services, including real-world connections to our current curricula and the opportunity to integrate tele-education in areas not currently served through our health services programs.
AL	Richard Shelby, Doug Jones	Mo Brooks (05)	Central North Alabama Health Services	\$173,818	This Rural Development investment will be used to help deliver an interactive digital audio-visual communication platform across five health centers in northern Alabama. Distance learning will be focused on a health and wellness curriculum including concentrations in nursing assistant and opiate substance treatment and counseling. Equipment will include interactive tele-health carts that feature video codec, display, audio system and camera installed on a rolling base that contains an external battery; some will contain peripheral examination equipment. A large conference monitor will also be placed at all sites for group conferencing.
AL	Richard Shelby, Doug Jones	Martha Roby (02)	Dale County Board Of Education	\$716,114	This Rural Development investment will be used to allow the Dale County Board of Education to launch a new Distance Learning project that will serve seven schools, a career and technical campus, and an alternative school in rural Dale County. Interactive video conferencing will be used to deliver Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM)-focused, synchronous educational content to participating end users.
AL	Richard Shelby, Doug Jones	Mo Brooks (05)	Madison County Board Of Education	\$775,058	This Rural Development investment will be used to allow the Madison County School District to expand Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) education augmented curriculum, and virtual field trip opportunities using distance learning technology. This expansion will help to enhance career and college readiness for every school within the district. Twenty-eight sites will connect with each other to share curriculum and improve learning and engagement for their students. This project will help to provide equal access to educational opportunities throughout the schools served within Madison County.
AL	Richard Shelby, Doug Jones	Mike Rogers (03)	Macon County School District	\$469,859	This Rural Development investment will be used to assist the Macon County School District to purchase interactive video conferencing equipment. The equipment will provide distance learning services for high school and middle school students. This project will enable the district to deliver new courses at Macon's high schools and middle school by connecting and sharing teachers across schools. This will position the District to provide more electives, more core courses, and more opportunities for advanced courses for middle school students.

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AL	Richard Shelby, Doug Jones	Bradley Byrne (01), Martha Roby (02), Terri Sewell (07)	Franklin Primary Health Center	\$610,927	This Rural Development investment will be used to connect health center hubs located in Mobile, AL with rural end-user medical and dental sites. The new connectivity will provide real-time audio and visual interactions with expert medical and behavioral specialists for the care of rural patients. The services will include the treatment of substance abuse disorders. The project will deploy interactive video conferencing equipment required for medical consultations and provide training in the use of other project equipment. This, along with telehealth carts with integrated codec, camera, microphone, monitors, and peripheral patient examination devices, will assist specialists to provide real-time interactive telehealth visits.
AZ	Krysten Sinema, Martha McSally	Tom O'Halleran (01), Paul A. Gosar (04)	Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center	\$744,452	This Rural Development investment will be used to help the Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center (CVRMC) develop a telemedicine network through its medical centers covering the rural communities of Globe, Kearny, Superior, Young and Tonto Basin, in addition to its main campus as the hub. Telemedicine capability would be added to emergency medical services (EMS) within the Gila and Pinal counties to better serve the healthcare needs of the more than 44,500 residents. The proposed telemedicine network will enable CVRMC to will maximize scarce health care resources available in this rural service region to deliver high quality stroke care, chronic care management, preventive care services, opioid and other drug treatment, and health education.
AZ	Krysten Sinema, Martha McSally	Ann Kirkpatrick (02)	Cochise Technology District	\$155,407	This Rural Development investment will be used to help fund the Cochise Technology District Mental and Social Health Distance Learning Project for rural Cochise County and eastern Santa Cruz County Schools. The project will provide students with the technology to access college-level mental and social health courses.
AZ	Krysten Sinema, Martha McSally	Tom O'Halleran (01), Ann Kirkpatrick (02)	Benson Hospital	\$377,494	This Rural Development investment will be used to allow Benson Hospital to launch a new telemedicine project in Cochise, Graham, and Greenlee counties. Interactive TeleHealth stations will be deployed at 11 sites to remotely provide tele-medicine services to rural residents within the service area.
CA	Dianne Feinstein, Kamala Harris	Doris O. Matsui (06), Devin Nunes (22) Pete Aguilar (31), Juan Vargas (51)	California Rural Water Association	\$157,825	This Rural Development investment will be used to help the California Rural Water Association (CRWA) purchase four video teleconferencing kits located in four locations across California. The project will include CRWA's Sacramento headquarters as the Hub, connecting to end-user sites in the Fresno, San Bernardino and Imperial Valley regions. The equipment will be used to implement an innovative, centralized remote distance learning model for CRWA to teach students participating in their Water/Wastewater Specialist Apprenticeship Program. This program serves as a pathway for workers employed in the utilities industry to upgrade and enhance their technical, managerial, and financial knowledge and skills in the operation and management of their local utilities.
CA	Dianne Feinstein, Kamala Harris	Juan Vargas (51)	Imperial County	\$102,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy an interactive video conferencing network to help address the need for mental health service. The network will link residents of two rural communities in Imperial County to mental health professionals. These professionals will provide mental health assessments, psychiatric assessment, medication support services, psychotherapy, case management and crisis intervention.

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CA	Dianne Feinstein, Kamala Harris	Tom McClintock (04)	Mariposa County	\$799,083	This Rural Development investment will be used to help fund the Mariposa County Health & Human Services 2020 Telehealth Project, which will provide telehealth services from three rural hub and end user sites to four end-user fixed sites by providing Telehealth Evaluation carts at the fixed primary hub and end user sites to connect county residents to remote medical services. Seventy laptops will be made available to providers from the primary fixed Hub and End-User site county to serve residents for remote medical evaluations. Laptops will be equipped with the AGNES Connect Software Module. AGNES Connect is a telemedicine platform that enables remote clinical healthcare providers to capture and share medical device data, exchange documents and medical images in real-time, and participate in a live video conference.
CA	Dianne Feinstein, Kamala Harris	Juan Vargas (51)	Imperial County Office of Education	\$1,000,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to implement synchronous technologies to improve access to education programs addressing substance use disorders, including opioids, expand access to Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) education and improve workforce readiness, and improve community sustainability/resilience during national disasters. The Imperial County Office of Education is working in partnership with the El Centro Regional Medical Center, the Imperial County Behavioral Health Services, the Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program and seven local school districts. This project will serve 22 school sites in eight economically distressed and isolated communities in Imperial County, California.
CO	Cory Gardner, Michael Bennet	Diana DeGette (01), Scott Tipton (03), Ken Buck (04), Doug Lamborn (05), Ed Perlmutter (07)	Colorado Department of Corrections	\$985,455	The Rural Development investment will be used to provide telemedicine services to 17 correction facilities in 12 counties. The project will provide medical assessments, wellness visits, treatment follow-up, remote patient monitoring, mental health screenings, case management services, advanced care planning, and health risk assessment. Telemedicine will allow Colorado Department of Corrections to improve health care by providing access to more health care, preventive medicine, and access medical specialists, while reducing prisoner transport and related security management costs. The project will provide specialty health care usually not available to inmates to include: telepsychiatry, mental health, neurology, cardiology, renal care, cardiovascular, dialysis, gynecological, obstetrics, ophthalmology, orthopedic, oncology, rheumatology, hematology, tele speech, telehealth physical therapy, and opioid and substance abuse prevention.
FL	Marco Rubio, Rick Scott	Ted Yoho (03)	School District of Putnam County Florida	\$340,465	This Rural Development investment will be used to help the School District of Putnam County launch its Better Educational Access for Middle Schools (BEAM) distance learning project. The project will serve rural communities by creating distance learning end-user /hubs in eight middle school classrooms. The classrooms are setup with equipment to allow Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) instruction for students. The equipment will also allow professional development for teachers to be delivered virtually in remote rural areas that currently do not have access to quality STEM instruction.
FL	Marco Rubio, Rick Scott	Matt Gaetz (01), Neal Dunn (02)	PanCare of Florida, Inc.	\$431,283	This Rural Development investment will be used to help PanCare of Florida, Inc. purchase of telemedicine equipment. The new equipment will improve access to primary care and behavioral health services. It will also expand opioid and substance use disorder counseling and education. This telemedicine network will serve children and youth in five Florida counties.

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FL	Marco Rubio, Rick Scott	Neal Dunn (02), Al Lawson (05)	Doctors' Memorial Hospital, Inc.	\$239,824	This Rural Development investment will be used to fund the creation of a telemedicine network providing neurovascular services and specialty physician consult services for rural residents living in seven counties. The network will use 11 additional telemedicine clinical "robots" to provide specialty care consulting services between specialists and rural primary physicians. This will provide inpatient care at the six rural hospitals and at five primary care clinics located in the communities of Steinhatchee, Mayo, Perry, Apalachicola and Carrabelle. These specialty consults will provide rural physicians with local access to specialty care neurology, cardiology, psychiatry, pulmonology, nutrition, and transitional care physicians located in urban areas.
GA	David Perdue, Kelly Loeffler	Sanford D. Bishop Jr. (02), Jody Hice (10), Rick Allen (12)	Augusta University	\$576,035	This Rural Development investment will be used to assist primary care providers in rural clinics in transmitting images of patient lesions to dermatologists at hub sites in 15 Georgia counties. This improved capability will expand access to quality healthcare and serve to expedite diagnosis and treatment plans.
GA	David Perdue, Kelly Loeffler	Sanford D. Bishop Jr. (02), Austin Scott (08)	Taylor County Board Of Education	\$570,050	This Rural Development investment will be used to allow the Taylor County Board of Education to equip interactive distance learning rooms at eight different schools in both Taylor and Cook counties. This new capability will provide student access to additional course offerings in language and math, virtual field trips, and increased access to counselors and advisors in order to prepare students for a high-tech future.
GA	David Perdue, Kelly Loeffler	Sanford D. Bishop Jr. (02), Austin Scott (08) Jody Hice (10)	University Of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc.	\$866,030	This Rural Development investment will be used to improve the management of chronic health conditions in rural residents of nine counties in Central Georgia through partnership between the University of Georgia, Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (IMA), and Georgia Union Missionary Baptist Association (GUMBA). Faculty members and students will have access to videoconferencing technology to provide patient counseling, wellness checks, healthcare education, and outreach to underserved communities.
GA	David Perdue, Kelly Loeffler	Robert Woodall (07), Doug Collins (09), Jody Hice (10)	The Medical Center Foundation, Inc.	\$794,881	This Rural Development investment will be used to expand medical services provided by The Medical Foundation, Inc. dba Northeast Georgia Health System (NGHS) Foundation physicians to patients living in eight rural counties of northeast Georgia. These rural residents are often located hours away from primary, urgent, and specialty care. NGHS Foundation will purchase Telehealth carts which will be equipped to enable video and audio communication that will allow doctors, that would otherwise be unavailable, to connect with remote patients in real time for consultation visits. This will result in an increase in workflow and increase in access and timeliness to care.

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IA	Chuck Grassley, Joni Ernst	Steve King (04)	Iowa Specialty Hospital-Clarion	\$614,723	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase telemedicine equipment to connect health care providers in six Iowa counties. This project will be used to connect local schools and rural patients to the main hospital locations so that a doctor is always available to patients without them having to drive. The schools will be connected through telemedicine carts at each school location. Equipment will be added to the hospitals that will enable patients to use their personal devices and complete appointments with doctors without leaving their homes. In response to increased patient need, equipment will also be purchased to allow providers to practice through telemedicine if the diagnosis allows it. These services will directly benefit patients by bringing the care closer to home and reducing travel burden on patients and their families. The school services will be available to approximately 1,100 students per year in those districts. The physician access portion of the project is available to all patients, estimated at 500 patients per week in times of high need.
ID	Mike Crapo, James Risch (ID); Ron Wyden, Jeff Merkley (OR)	Russ Fulcher (ID 01), Mike Simpson (ID 02), Greg Walden (OR 02)	Idaho Primary Care Association Inc	\$574,786	This Rural Development investment will be used to build capacity for telemedicine services to better meet the medical and behavioral health care needs of low-income and underserved patients. The project will consist of three hubs and 30 health center sites across 17 counties in Idaho and one county in Oregon. Idaho Primary Care Association (IPCA) will provide training and technical assistance to increase the use and functionality of telemedicine and distance learning within participating project sites. This project will accomplish several things including an increase in access to primary care services for rural and frontier communities. It will expand Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) to address the opioid epidemic. It will increase access to behavioral health in primary care settings. And, it will also provide ongoing staff support to retain physicians and advance practice clinicians in rural and frontier communities and offer high-quality continuing education for rural providers.
IL	Richard Durbin, Tammy Duckworth	Mike Bost (12), Rodney Davis (13), Lauren Underwood (14), John Shimkus (15), Aaron Schock (18)	Taylorville Community Unit School District 3	\$859,962	This Rural Development investment will be used to help the Taylorville School District provide interactive videoconferencing distance learning classrooms to 14 rural schools across central Illinois, connecting them to the Rural Illinois Shared Education Network. Through this project, districts will share Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) classes and labs, electives, low-density classes, dual credit courses, and nine Advance Placement (AP) courses. The expansion will also add additional classroom space for Chestnut Health so they can meet increasing demand for opioid and substance abuse educational opportunities.
IL	Richard Durbin, Tammy Duckworth	Rodney Davis (13)	HSHS St. John's Hospital	\$977,429	This Rural Development investment will be used to fund a distance learning and telemedicine project that will help address the problems of rural health professional shortages, including opioid and substance use disorder (OUD/SUD) medical assisted treatment (MAT)-waivered providers, educators, clinicians and behavioral health specialists. The project will also address the problems of a lack of patient access to acute hospital (critical and emergency department) and non-acute (outpatient) clinical care.

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IL	Richard Durbin, Tammy Duckworth	Rodney Davis (13)	Blackburn University	\$915,194	This Rural Development investment will be used to enable Blackburn College, along with 12 other school districts in rural Macoupin and Montgomery counties in Illinois, to complete a distance learning project. The project will expand educational opportunities, increase the availability of Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) learning opportunities, increase dual credit courses, and provide teacher professional development. Additionally, equipment that enables interactive video conferencing will be deployed at all sites. The project will serve 3,697 students in sixth through 12th grade. This distance learning project will be within two Opportunity Zones; one in Gillespie, Ill., and one in Hillsboro, Ill.
IL	Richard Durbin, Tammy Duckworth	Rodney Davis (13), Adam Kinzinger (16), Darin LaHood (18)	Regional Office Of Education #17	\$608,944	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish synchronous distance learning among rural high schools. The network will utilize interactive video conferencing equipment, thus allowing them to share resources, classes (including Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM)), and professional development using distance learning. The project will improve issues related to faculty retention and student access to educational services relevant to college and career goals.
IL	Richard Durbin, Tammy Duckworth	Mike Bost (12), John Shimkus (15)	Shawnee Community College District	\$450,545	This Rural Development investment will be used to help purchase and provide distance learning equipment, technologies, and connectivity to students and teachers at the twelve partnering high schools residing within the Shawnee Community College (SCC) District. This network will serve faculty and district residents at the SCC's four extension centers and main campus. High school students and teachers, college students and faculty, and district residents will be offered opportunities to attend a variety of educational, workforce training and/or health education programs through this distance learning project.
KS	Jerry Moran, Pat Roberts	Roger Marshall (01)	Paradise Unified School District # 399	\$791,638	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase monitors, video and audio conferencing equipment, wiring and software licenses for distance learning upgrades for Paradise Unified School District Number 399. The project will expand educational opportunities for rural residents within the district.
KS	Jerry Moran, Pat Roberts	Roger Marshall (01), Ron Estes (04)	Educational Services and Staff Development Association of Central Kansas	\$658,894	This Rural Development investment will be used to help fund the Redesign of Virtual Learning project, which is designed to provide high quality virtual learning to students, educators, and community members served by the collaborating 11 school districts within a 10-county area. This project will help address the inequity of educational experiences, resources, and career exploration opportunities in the rural schools of Kansas.
KS	Jerry Moran, Pat Roberts	Steve Watkins (02)	Unified School District #506 Labette County	\$501,956	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide interactive video conferencing equipment to the Labette County Unified School District 506. The equipment enables the distribution of high-quality curricular instruction allowing access for students in rural Kansas.
KS	Jerry Moran, Pat Roberts	Roger Marshall (01), Steve Watkins (02), Sharice Davids (03), Ron Estes (04)	Kansas State University	\$387,459	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) related courses in 20 schools in 13 Kansas counties. The Rural Education Center (REC) at Kansas State University College of Education (KSUCOE) will serve as the hub site to provide training, curriculum, instructors and resources to support STEM in the rural partner schools. The project will also engage rural schools in STE- related extracurricular activities and events.

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KS	Jerry Moran, Pat Roberts	Roger Marshall (01)	Pawnee Mental Health Services, Inc.	\$832,505	This Rural Development investment will be used to enhance the existing infrastructure and create partnerships with the Clay and Republic County Health Departments. The new partnerships will help to provide expanded services and enhanced hours of operation. This project will provide community members in Clay, Cloud, Marshall, Pottawatomie and Republic Counties significantly expanded services in their area. This includes a vastly expanded range of days and times that service is available, plus training and educational opportunities not previously offered. Those who need psychiatric medication treatment will be able to receive this service locally.
KS	Jerry Moran, Pat Roberts	Roger Marshall (01), Ron Estes (04)	Barton County	\$781,127	This Rural Development investment will be used to help establish telehealth programs that connect vulnerable populations across four rural counties to vital services that address public health needs and the treatment of opioid, methamphetamine and substance use disorder. The project will use interactive equipment to connect county jails to critical nursing services through telemedicine technologies. Clients of the health departments will be able to access public health services remotely. Community corrections and juvenile services will be able to provide vital counseling, treatment and educational programs that address substance use disorder. The program will create regional access to public health that is not currently available due to geographical barriers and personnel shortages. Equipment will be installed in two jails, four county health departments and at the district location of community corrections and juvenile services. The project will improve outreach with public health and treatment services through professional consultation, medical diagnoses, medical treatment, and by providing essential public health programs.
KY	Mitch McConnell, Rand Paul	James Comer (01)	Kentucky Community & Technical College System	\$141,250	This Rural Development investment will be used to deliver synchronous, interactive dual credit instruction to juniors and seniors at Crittenden County High School (CCHS) in Marion, Kentucky through Madisonville Community College (MCC). MCC's Senior Academy is a dual credit program that allows high school students in the college's service area to complete general education coursework that is transferable to any public community college or university in Kentucky. MCC will also offer evening programming to adults in Crittenden County via the distance learning arrangement.
KY	Mitch McConnell, Rand Paul	Brett S. Guthrie (02), Thomas Massie (04), Harold Rogers (05), Garland Andy Barr (06)	Mountain Comp Care Center, Inc.	\$1,000,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to upgrade Mountain Comprehensive Care Center's (MCCC) existing network infrastructure and will replace aging software and hardware, to upgrade to a new Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliant video and audio-conferencing system. This project will take place in 20 counties across 36 sites in eastern, central and western Kentucky that are either owned or leased by MCCC. Each site can serve as both a hub and end-user site. Sites without adequate screens and software in their conference rooms will be provided the necessary equipment that is compatible with the new system. Sites will also receive upgraded telephones and laptop setups that will integrate within the new system. Both end-user prescribers and clinicians will utilize the new conferencing equipment.

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KY	Mitch McConnell, Rand Paul	Brett S. Guthrie (02), Harold Rogers (05), Garland Andy Barr (06)	Cafca Cares, Inc.	\$207,083	The Rural Development investment will be used to provide interactive video conferencing equipment and telemedicine carts to support mental health services. The services will include the treatment of opioid substance disorders to patients, and professional development to staff. The project will benefit residents in five Kentucky counties.
KY	Mitch McConnell, Rand Paul	Harold Rogers (05)	Kentucky Rural Health Information Technology Network Inc.	\$689,222	This Rural Development investment will be used to increase access to substance use disorder (SUD) and opioid use disorder (OUD) services in Whitley, Laurel, Knox and Clay counties. Deploying telehealth options is critical to extend services to address the continuous challenge of substance use that many rural communities face. When the three-year project is complete, it will have created a telehealth infrastructure across all four of the sites in southeastern Kentucky. This will be valuable in the effort to reduce barriers to accessing care and improving outcomes for the SUD/OUD patient population.
KY	Mitch McConnell, Rand Paul	James Comer (01), Brett S. Guthrie, (02), Harold Rogers (05)	Cumberland Family Medical Center, Inc.	\$785,791	This Rural Development investment will be used to assist Cumberland Family Medical Center, Inc. with delivering telemedicine services in 14 counties in Kentucky. Cumberland Family Medical Center, Inc has 67 school-based clinics and 21 primary care facilities. The project will aid in the delivery of health care services through use of technology. Utilizing technology will help to eliminate the transportation barrier, reduce or eliminate the cost of travel, and reduce the added anxiety that often accompanies patients into the exam room.
KY	Mitch McConnell, Rand Paul	Harold Rogers (05), Garland Andy Barr (06)	Bluegrass Care Navigators	\$468,483	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish a regional telemedicine network with a Hub site at Bluegrass Care Navigators headquarters in Lexington, Kentucky. Three hub/end-user sites will be established also, to more effectively and efficiently meet the needs of seriously and terminally ill patients across 16 counties in southeastern Kentucky. The regional telemedicine hub/end-user sites will serve two primary functions. As end-user sites, the facilities contain designated virtual conference rooms to facilitate critically important continuing education and professional development for clinicians. This will ensure the adoption of best clinical practices. In addition, the regional Hub sites will provide clinicians with a specialized workspace and telemedicine equipment for conducting important high-quality virtual visits.
KY	Mitch McConnell, Rand Paul	Harold Rogers (05)	Grace Community Health Center, Inc.	\$790,400	This Rural Development investment will be used to increase services, including care for substance use disorder and opioid use disorder, to pregnant women served by the regional Women's Care Center via telehealth in order to improve health outcomes for newborns. The project will also offer tele-radiology services to patients using portable radiology equipment with an emphasis on serving high-risk nursing home patients.
LA	Bill Cassidy, John Neely Kennedy	Garret Graves (06)	Louisiana Rural Ambulance Alliance	\$997,627	This Rural Development investment will be used to assist the Rural Access to Education (RATE) to provide training and education through a distance learning network. The project aims to address the opioid epidemic decimating 12 parishes in rural Louisiana.

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LA	Bill Cassidy, John Neely Kennedy	Mike Johnson (04)	Sabine Parish School Board	\$864,581	This Rural Development investment will be used to enable the Sabine Parish School District to provide one-to-one Chromebooks for students in grades 3-8 for the purpose of making real time connections to educational experiences related to Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) courses. The project will support supplementing classroom instruction by connecting students to outside experts, promoting cultural interaction and comparisons, enable collaborative student projects at a distance, and virtual field trips. It will also provide remote support for students with special needs and pathways through distance learning to nine rural schools and one professional development center. This investment is designed to make distance learning experiences and other technologies readily accessible to elementary and middle school students and teachers. The investment will also provide opportunities to high-quality STEM courses and programs for Sabine Parish 3-8 elementary and middle school students. Additionally, it will increase the number of educators prepared to teach STEM courses through new and expanded educator preparation, training, and professional development. This project will impact 1920 students and approximately 125 teachers in two counties in Louisiana.
LA	Bill Cassidy, John Neely Kennedy	Steve Scalise (01), Cedric Richmond (02), Mike Johnson (04), Ralph Abraham (05), Garret Graves (06)	Access Health Louisiana	\$426,194	This Rural Development investment will be used to expand a telecommunications system for seven rural Louisiana parishes, including both distance learning education and telemedicine services provided to patients of all ages with the highest connectivity currently available. The focus is also on opioid treatment and needed to provide expanded primary care and behavioral health access and services to predominantly low-income patients. The providers are the frontline first responders of the health care delivery system and opioid epidemic in Louisiana.
LA	Bill Cassidy, John Neely Kennedy	Ralph Abraham (05)	Care Tec Pediatric Center, LLC	\$113,727	This Rural Development investment will be used to expand a telecommunications system for seven rural Louisiana parishes, including both distance learning education and telemedicine services provided to patients of all ages with the highest connectivity currently available. The focus is also on opioid treatment and needed to provide expanded primary care and behavioral health access and services to predominantly low-income patients. The providers are the frontline first responders of the health care delivery system and opioid epidemic in Louisiana.
LA	Bill Cassidy, John Neely Kennedy	Steve Scalise (01), Ralph Abraham (05), Garret Graves (06)	Southeastern Louisiana University	\$173,920	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide telehealth and distance learning services via synchronous audio and visual technology across five rural Louisiana parishes. Through this grant, Southeastern Louisiana University (SLU) will establish telehealth clinics/training centers at four Northshore Technical Community College campuses as well as a telehealth clinic/training center at North Oaks Hospital Wellness Clinic.

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LA	Bill Cassidy, John Neely Kennedy	Mike Johnson (04)	Council For Advance	\$253,961	This Rural Development investment will be used to expand mental health, opioid use disorder and substance use disorder services in six rural Louisiana parishes. A telecommunications system including both distance learning education and telemedicine services will be provided to patients and clients of all ages with the highest connectivity currently available. The project will focus on opioid use and substance use disorder treatment. The project will serve northwest Louisiana rural areas and provide increased primary care and behavioral health access and services to predominantly low-income patients. Providers are the frontline first responders of the healthcare delivery system and opioid epidemic in Louisiana.
LA	Bill Cassidy, John Neely Kennedy	Ralph Abraham (05)	Louisiana Delta Community College	\$501,917	This Rural Development investment will be used to assist Louisiana Delta Community College (LDCC) to expand distance learning by offering Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) courses in six rural Louisiana parishes. LDCC plans to purchase equipment and provide training necessary to establish a distance learning network, capable of video collaboration, connecting five rural campuses. LDCC is a two-year college within the Louisiana Community and Technical College System. It serves a 12-parish service area located in rural northeast Louisiana.
LA	Bill Cassidy, John Neely Kennedy	Mike Johnson (04)	Sabine Parish School Board	\$835,204	This Rural Development investment will be used to enable the Sabine Parish School District to provide Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) courses and pathways through distance learning to seven rural schools and one professional development center located within Sabine Parish in west central Louisiana. The project will make distance learning and other technologies readily available to students and teachers while providing access to high-quality STEM courses and programs for high school students in grades 9-12. It will also increase the number of educators prepared to teach STEM courses, including Advanced Placement (AP), dual credit coursework, and approved STEM JumpStart pathways. This will be made possible through new and expanded educator preparation, training, and professional development. The project will also increase participation among groups traditionally underrepresented in STEM including minorities and female students. This will help them overcome barriers and provide rigorous and engaging learning experiences in STEM. More than 1,200 students and approximately 100 teachers in Sabine Parish and Natchitoches Parish will be served through this distance learning network.
LA	Bill Cassidy, John Neely Kennedy	Mike Johnson (04), Ralph Abraham (05)	Natchitoches Parish Hospital Services District	\$290,439	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish a telehealth network for medical diagnoses and services. The services will be delivered by interactive video conferencing to rural patients in three Louisiana parishes. This telemedicine project will expand quality health care to affected communities including some located in Opportunity Zones. The primary technology proposed is video conferencing equipment used in conjunction with telemedicine carts to allow physicians to diagnose patients.

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MD and WV	Benjamin Cardin, Chris Van Hollen (MD); Joe Manchin, Shelley Capito (WV)	David Trone (MD 06), David McKinley (WV 01)	Garrett Regional Medical Center	\$430,124	This Rural Development investment will be used to help to establish a Virtual Cancer Care and Chronic Disease Telemedicine Program in three rural counties. The program will allow both end-user hospitals to consult with oncology and chronic disease specialists located at the hub location, GRMC, in Oakland, MD. Medical providers will be able to provide consultations on patient conditions and diagnoses without having to transport the patient to the larger medical center. The Virtual Cancer Care and Chronic Disease Telemedicine Program will enable medical and ancillary care staff at Potomac Valley Hospital (PVH) and Grant Memorial Hospital (GMH) to increase collaboration with medical specialists who are not onsite. It will also increase medical and ancillary care staff knowledge regarding patient diagnoses and conditions and improve the quality of care provided in the small, rural hospitals that are the end-users. The Virtual Cancer Care and Chronic Disease Telemedicine Program will enable patients at all sites (hub and end-users) to receive care in their own communities, in their own homes, cutting down on the need for patients lacking transportation to travel for medical care. The proposed technology will enhance the medical care available in the GRMC as well as the PVH and GMH service areas and will allow patients to be monitored at home. The technology will provide the opportunity to have daily checks of patient vital signs. It will also allow for check-ups and appointments to be conducted in the patient's home, using technology that provides for a virtual complete physical exam.
ME and NH	Susan Collins, Angus King (ME); Jeanne Shaheen, Maggie Hassan (NH)	Chellie Pingree (ME 01), Jared Golden (ME 02), Chris Pappas (NH 01)	MaineHealth	\$999,573	This Rural Development investment will be used to establish telehealth carts to provide "eConsults" to clinicians across MaineHealth's rural hospitals and practices, especially as they respond to COVID-19. Rural clinicians will use telehealth carts and peripherals to connect with tertiary care specialists, using a "toolkit" enabling full documentation and ongoing co-management and videoconferencing, all of which will eventually be embedded within the Epic Shared Electronic Health Record. This project will increase access across MaineHealth's vast rural service area to cardiology specialty care from Maine Medical Center, the state's largest tertiary care teaching hospital. This project will drastically reduce the rural patient's wait for a cardiology appointment and the clinicians travel time. The project will increase the number of cardiology specialist visits available to rural patients located in 10 counties in Maine and one county in New Hampshire.
MI	Debbie Stabenow, Gary Peters	Jack Bergman (01), Bill Huizenga (02), Justin Amash (03), John Moolenaar (04)	Ferris State University	\$669,216	This Rural Development investment will be used to enable Ferris State University to create a system of hubs and end-users that establishes virtual reality (VR) equipped classrooms in seventeen rural high schools and three career and technical education centers throughout 11 counties. Additionally, related professional development and training will be developed and provided. These classrooms will allow students to participate in synchronous online Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) based dual enrollment courses with immersive VR technology.
MO	Roy Blunt, Josh Hawley	Jason T. Smith (08)	Texas County Memorial Hospital	\$168,399	This Rural Development investment will be used to enable Texas County Memorial Hospital (TCMH) to acquire monitors/defibrillators for five ambulances. The high-tech monitors will provide telemedicine services by allowing emergency medical services (EMS) personnel to transmit vital health data on patients during the transportation process to the TCMH Emergency Department. This will allow the emergency department medical staff to be better prepared to efficiently diagnose and treat patients upon arrival at the hospital.

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MO and IL	Roy Blunt, Josh Hawley (MO); Richard Durbin, Tammy Duckworth (IL)	William Clay Jr. (MO 01), Rodney Davis (IL 13)	Jersey Community Hospital District	\$357,070	This Rural Development investment will be used to assist Jersey Community Hospital District with the purchase of new telemedicine equipment with simulcast and licensing. Jersey Community Hospital will establish a telemedicine program for pediatric patients in the Emergency Department and high-risk pregnancies.
MO and KS	Roy Blunt, Josh Hawley (MO); Jerry Moran, Pat Roberts (KS)	Sam Graves (MO 06), Steve Watkins (KS 02)	Farm & Home Cooperative	\$943,163	This Rural Development investment will be used to extend science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, (STEM) classes to underserved areas of Allen and Woodson Counties in rural Southeast Kansas. It will also enable Neosho County Community College to create new STEM distance learning capabilities in Chanute and Ottawa, Kansas to serve surrounding rural areas including Franklin County, KS and Neosho County, KS schools especially with increased allied health courses needed to improve residents' health and to decrease out-migration.
MO and KS	Roy Blunt, Josh Hawley (MO); Jerry Moran, Pat Roberts (KS)	Vicky Hartzler (MO 04), Emanuel Cleaver (MO 03), Sharice Davids (KS 03)	Golden Valley Memorial Hospital District	\$800,369	This Rural Development investment will be used to add new specialty services for three rural counties in Missouri and expand mental health services, emergency services, and specialty services. This project brings additional services via telemedicine to Golden Valley Memorial Hospital's rural hospital, emergency department, rehab clinic and behavioral health clinic that were not previously available. Neonatology, maternal-fetal medicine, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) exams, and orthopedic follow up care will now all be available via telemedicine to GVMH's rural communities. The project will reach more than 50,000 rural Missourians within GVMH's primary service area.
MS	Roger Wicker, Cindy Hyde-Smith	Bennie G. Thompson (02)	Coahoma Community College	\$943,884	This Rural Development investment will be used to assist Coahoma Community College with distance learning by deploying synchronous video conferencing between high schools and the college. This will provide access to college-level science and math instructors. This interactive video conferencing and virtual reality network will benefit students and residents in three rural Mississippi counties.
MS	Roger Wicker, Cindy Hyde-Smith	Bennie G. Thompson (02)	Greenwood Leflore Hospital	\$996,871	This Rural Development investment will be used to implement telehealth consultations between the HUB hospital and five clinics to assist rural residents in accessing care who otherwise would not be able to. The project will provide medical services, which include consults with primary care physicians and specialists, explanation of care protocols, education on specific health conditions and other medical services as needed. Greenwood Leflore Hospital will also offer remote patient monitoring for rural residents, allowing patients to transmit vital medical data to their provider such as diabetes and cardiovascular monitoring data, fluid and food intake data and other medical data. The project will impact residents in five counties in Mississippi.
MS	Roger Wicker, Cindy Hyde-Smith	Bennie G. Thompson (02)	Delta Health Center, Inc.	\$1,000,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to allow Delta Health Center (DHC) to provide access to the full range of healthcare services through telemedicine visits with patients throughout the service area from its 10 Hub/End User sites located in DHC clinics across its five county service area in the Mississippi Delta. While emphasis will be placed on substance use and behavioral health services, DHC will increase effective communication and consultation among providers both internally and externally, while providing learning opportunities for medical residency students, improved engagement with faculty in team huddles, and improved coordination and communication regarding medical residency clinical rotations.

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MS	Roger Wicker, Cindy Hyde-Smith	Bennie G. Thompson (02), Michael Guest (03)	Copiah-Lincoln Community College	\$247,523	This Rural Development investment will be used to include the installation of interactive telecommunications equipment on each of the three campuses of the Copiah-Lincoln Community College system. The system has a campus in each of three Mississippi counties: Copiah, Adams, and Simpson. This Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) focused distance learning project will facilitate interactive synchronous classes, trainings, and meetings for 20,239 rural residents and students.
MS	Roger Wicker, Cindy Hyde-Smith	Bennie G. Thompson (02), Steven Palazzo (04)	Pearl River County School District	\$288,692	This Rural Development investment will be used to bring distance learning technologies to rural Mississippi schools and communities. These districts serve some of the largest counties in the state with great distance between sites, making delivery of education and services costly and difficult. By providing distance learning technologies in rural schools, the need for expanded access to content and instruction, particularly in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) areas, will be addressed. This project will also address educational inequalities and help create college and career-ready students.
MT, MN, NE, IA, SD, ND, KS and WY	Steve Daines, John Tester (MT); Amy Klobuchar, Tina Smith (MN); Ben Sasse, Deb Fischer (NE); Charles Grassley, Joni Ernst (IA); John Thune, Mike Rounds (SD); John Hoeven, Kevin Cramer (ND); Michael Enzi, John Barrasso (WY); Pat Roberts, Jerry Moran (KS)	Kelly Armstrong (ND At Large), Steve King (IA 04), Dusty Johnson (SD At Large), Steve Watkins (KS 02), Roger Marshall (KS 01), Collin C. Peterson (MN 07), Jeff Fortenberry (NE 01), Liz Cheney (WY At Large), Adrian Smith (NE 03), David Loeb sack (IA 02), Jim Hagedom (MN 01), Greg Gianforte, (MT At Large), Abby Finkenauer (IA 01), Cindy Axne (IA 03), Pete Stauber (MN 08)	Avera Health	\$985,399	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide telemedicine software and equipment to ensure equitable health care access at rural, sparsely-staffed medical facilities in a seven-state, 66 county area in the Upper Midwest through the Emergency Telemedicine Project. It will provide a more streamlined process for caring for patients by focusing on direct patient care delivered via telemedicine through eEmergency. The project brings interactive video and computer equipment that will be used for telehealth consultations with specialty care providers.
NC	Thom Tillis, Richard Burr	G.K. Butterfield (01)	Edgecombe County Schools	\$567,047	This Rural Development investment will purchase and deploy mobile video-conferencing equipment for Edgecombe County Public Schools. The distance learning project will facilitate the delivery of Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM)-focused courses to students at six county schools. This distance learning network will also enable the delivery of professional development courses and opportunities for faculty and staff.

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NC	Thom Tillis, Richard Burr	Gregory Francis Murphy (03)	Carteret Community College	\$960,546	This Rural Development investment will be used to enhance the College's existing distance learning program to expand course offerings to include virtual substance abuse certificate programs, suicide prevention and opioid awareness training and increased professional development opportunities to the geographically isolated communities of the North Carolina coast. This opportunity will aid the communities served by allowing for continuing education and professional development opportunities to current substance abuse and suicide prevention paraprofessionals. It will also allow access to train new paraprofessionals to help with the growing issues of substance abuse and suicide in the county. Equipment purchased will teach virtual classes in other subject areas, such as Information Technology and Photography.
NC	Thom Tillis, Richard Burr	Mark Walker (06)	Alamance Community College	\$644,911	This Rural Development investment will be used to link, for the first time, all Alamance County fire stations and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) with the education and training services of Alamance Community College. The goal is to develop highly-skilled professionals in the Nursing and EMS programs through immersive simulation learning experiences and to share these simulations as professional development opportunities for EMS professionals. The equipment and technology purchased will provide instructors access to immersive simulation technology to develop instructional materials and professional development opportunities for county EMS professionals. Through collaboration from the Nursing and EMS departments, students will have the benefit of seeing the full circle of patient care through modules that follow the patient from the first point of contact.
NC	Thom Tillis, Richard Burr	Richard Hudson (08) Dan Bishop (09)	Cumberland County Hospital System, Inc.	\$451,001	This Rural Development investment will be used to enable Cumberland County Hospital System, Inc., operating as Cape Fear Valley Health System, (CFVHS) to establish the Cape Fear Valley Telemedicine Network (CFVTN), which will extend specialty care services to rural communities in Bladen, Harnett, Hoke, Sampson, Robeson and Cumberland counties of North Carolina. CFVHS is a non-profit network of hospitals and clinics based in Fayetteville, North Carolina that serves a largely rural six county region of southeastern North Carolina.
NC	Thom Tillis, Richard Burr	G.K. Butterfield (01)	Granville County Schools	\$679,814	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide video endpoints within schools to create opportunities for videoconferencing that will allow for career exploration, teacher share of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) courses and professional development. The project includes four main technology combinations: A dual-panel mobile codec system with two large displays on trolleys; a single-panel codec system with an interactive TV; a codec system with camera and soundbar; and, a large room system for gyms or auditoriums that includes an audio system, projector and large projector screen.
NC	Thom Tillis, Richard Burr	Gregory Francis Murphy (03)	Beaufort County Community College	\$329,893	This Rural Development investment will be used to assist Beaufort County Community College (BCCC) with their "Increased Access to Distance Learning in Eastern North Carolina" Project. BCCC will purchase equipment to create two distance learning classrooms on the main campus as well as place a telecommunication cart at each of the six end-user site schools. This equipment will allow BCCC instruction to extend to new off-site locations in order to provide greater access and opportunity.

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NC	Thom Tillis, Richard Burr	G.K. Butterfield (01)	North Carolina Central University	\$573,243	This Rural Development investment will be used to help North Carolina Central University (NCCU), along with its partnering end-user sites, build upon their success from previous funding by expanding services to an additional 10 rural sites for law education services, as well as services and clinics for mental health education. NCCU will be partnering with Johnson C. Smith University to provide additional educational services and clinics related to digital literacy and cybersecurity. These courses are specifically tailored to address issues experienced by rural communities.
ND	John Hoeven, Kevin Cramer	Kelly Armstrong (At Large)	Maddock Public School	\$83,955	This Rural Development investment will be used to help Maddock Public Schools purchase equipment that will allow them to deliver curriculum through distance learning to 809 students in Benson County.
NH	Jeanne Shaheen, Maggie Hassan	Chris Pappas (01)	University of New Hampshire	\$181,400	This Rural Development investment will be used to expand connectivity using health-related technologies to create a telehealth network through the University of New Hampshire. The project will connect the University in order to offer programs and services to help strengthen the state's prison system, jails, and recovery network by helping to address substance use disorder issues and provide parenting support to incarcerated individuals.
NV	Catherine Cortez Masto, Jacky Rosen	Mark Amodei (02)	Nevada System of Higher Education	\$464,583	This Rural Development investment will be used to help fund Western Nevada College's (WNC) Rural Remote Learning Project (WNC RRLP), which will be essential to providing quality education to students located in WNC's 18,000 square mile rural service area. WNC seeks to update outdated video conferencing equipment that will expand distance learning capabilities and offerings in order to better serve the rural communities within WNC's service area.
NV	Catherine Cortez Masto, Jacky Rosen	Mark Amodei (02), Susan Lee (03), Steven Horsford (04)	Nevada System Of Higher Education	\$513,706	This Rural Development investment will be used to upgrade infrastructure to increase capacity and will provide equipment to 18 end-user sites in 12 counties in the state of Nevada. All 18 sites will receive network equipment upgrades, and 17 will receive high-definition codecs that will allow video, audio, and interactive content collaboration. The project will overcome the identified challenges by providing rural residents with additional educational opportunities addressing critical community needs through training, classes, and workshops that would otherwise be unavailable in these communities.

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NY	Charles Schumer, Kirsten Gillibrand	Antonio Delgado (19), Anthony Brindisi (22)	Board of Cooperative Educational Service	\$683,692	This Rural Development investment will be used to help Otsego Northern Catskills Board of Cooperative Educational Services (ONC BOCES) schools provide access to Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) courses that include a schedule of rigorous curriculum for public school students applying to college and/or preparing to enter the workforce. A secondary benefit will be remote training in opioid addiction and overdose prevention for community members, school staff, and emergency personnel. Distance learning will allow students in Delaware, Otsego, Sullivan, Schoharie, Madison, and Chenango rural counties in New York to connect with instructors, students, scientists and other subject matter experts and institutions around the globe, including museums and zoos. Through this program, students may now be more aware of the careers that exist in the STEM field. Additionally, those who complete advanced STEM or college-level courses may increase their chances of being accepted into their preferred colleges while those who are directly entering the workforce may be better prepared to have a higher-wage job.
NY	Charles Schumer, Kirsten Gillibrand	Tom Reed (23)	Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming Boces	\$486,510	This Rural Development investment will be used to increase distance learning at Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming Board of Cooperative Educational Services (CA BOCES) partner school districts by implementing the Improving Math Scores Through Distance Learning (IMSTDLE) program. The IMSTDLE program will provide students with additional math learning opportunities through distance learning and increase access to professional development for teachers. The program outcomes will be student mastery of math using qualified teachers and enhancement to the delivery of instruction through distance learning. IMSTDLE will lead to higher student retention, improved educational success, increased graduation rates and more students seeking postsecondary education that allows them to successfully transition to adulthood. This program will connect 7,135 students and their teachers at 17 different rural school sites from 16 different districts.
NY	Charles Schumer, Kirsten Gillibrand	Elise Stefanik (21)	Community Health Center	\$223,144	This Rural Development investment will be used to help Community Health Center of North Country provide telemedicine services at four rural clinics and distance learning services at three Individualized Residential Alternatives (IRA's) locations. The project sites are located across St. Lawrence and Franklin counties in New York. The telemedicine services that will be available under this project are substance use disorder treatments and counseling services. At the IRA's, the project will provide training to people with developmental disabilities.
NY	Charles Schumer, Kirsten Gillibrand	Elise Stefanik (21), Anthony Brindisi (22), Tom Reed (23)	Southern Tier Health Care System, Inc.	\$218,557	This Rural Development investment will be used to help fund the Southern Tier Health Care System Emergency SUD/ODU Response project, which will provide education and training for opioid and substance abuse services in rural New York. The new project, which will consist of 15 sites, will increase access to a multi-site network with access to even greater system supports for synchronous training. The project goal is to reduce the human loss of life related to the opioid overdose epidemic, and improve emergency response, training and education to our rural southern tier region. The equipment is live-feed instructor-led, multidisciplinary distance technology (live tele-video, audio, and recording) at the Hub.

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OH	Rob Portman, Sherrod Brown	Bill Johnson (06)	Holzer Health System	\$172,358	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide students and staff from Gallia County Schools with primary and preventative care through the Appalachian Primary Care Telemedicine Program. Healthcare services will be transmitted from hub sites at Holzer Health System to several primary and secondary schools through technical equipment purchased through this project. The project will create real-time access to necessary medical care for the children and school faculty in six communities. The goal of this project is to provide students and faculty access to quality healthcare which is currently unavailable. Increased access will lead to better overall health while creating a more conducive environment for learning and growth. Delivering timely, accurate care will benefit the students and staff in the rural areas served by this project.
OH	Rob Portman, Sherrod Brown	Jim Jordan (04), Bob Gibbs (07), Anthony Gonzalez (16)	New London Local School District	\$999,524	This Rural Development investment will be used to expand Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) resource access to the New London Local School District students in Pre-kindergarten through sixth grade across four Ohio counties. By partnering with other STEM-designated schools in Ohio, the New London School District will create an enhanced STEM curriculum for elementary school students. The New London School District will also partner with Lorraine County Community College to provide additional STEM resources and opportunities for their students. STEM courses will be delivered via a fully synchronous distance learning network to 3,600 students.
OR	Ron Wyden, Jeff Merkley	Greg Walden (02)	Baker Technical Institute	\$147,203	This Rural Development investment will be used to increase access to health care training for rural students in remote and frontier areas of eastern Oregon. Baker Technical Institute will establish a state-of-the-art distance learning system that will enable students to participate in health care classes remotely at four sites across eastern Oregon, including the Blue Mountain Hospital in John Day, Harney District Hospital in Burns, Morrow County Health District in Heppner, and Wallowa Memorial Hospital in Enterprise. This distance learning program will provide access to a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program and courses in phlebotomy, medical assistant training, emergency medicine, and medical terminology.
PA	Robert Casey, Patrick Toomey	Glenn Thompson (15)	Riverview Intermediate Unit	\$1,000,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to allow Riverview Intermediate Unit 6 to improve its infrastructure and delivery of therapies and teacher related special education services to students. The improved telecommunications will result in increased efficiencies, providing new options that will allow the unit to continue to meet students' needs for intervention services. The Riverview Intermediate Unit service region spans nearly 3,200 square miles in the rural Pennsylvania counties of Clarion, Venango, Crawford, Clearfield and Forest. They are committed to responding to community, school, and student needs, assisting districts in meeting state and federally mandated programs, as well as developing and coordinating regional programs to increase the capacity of the region in education.



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PA	Robert Casey, Patrick Toomey	Fred Keller (12), Glenn Thompson (15)	Central Intermediate Unit 10	\$994,832	This Rural Development investment will be used to deliver interactive Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) distance learning training to rural Appalachian elementary and middle schools along with one high school, spread across five counties covering 5,600 square miles of mountainous terrain in Pennsylvania. The Central Intermediate Unit 10, in partnership with the Seneca Highlands Intermediate Unit 9, will be providing video conferencing, interactive STEM equipment, computers and networking equipment to 25 elementary schools, 13 middle schools and one high school which will serve 14,149 students. Five hubs sites at the intermediate units will also utilize funds to purchase distance learning delivery room networking equipment, video conferencing software and servers. Program activities will include teacher training workshops, embedded live coaching to the classroom, development of a professional STEM learning network, live interactive STEM competitions between the rural elementary and middle school students, STEM curriculum designed for special education students and career development presentations from industry leaders.
PA	Robert Casey, Patrick Toomey	Glenn Thompson (15), Mike Kelly (16)	UPMC Kane	\$448,800	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide synchronous specialty and emergency medical care services to rural end-user sites through the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) Hamot-Erie and UPMC Kane hubs. The project will deploy equipment to provide on-site live-feed medical services facilitating real time communication among the project sites, using telehealth carts and peripherals that are able to provide information regarding a patient's condition to an emergency or specialty care physician at the hub and hub/end-user site. The goal is to provide greater access to medical care while decreasing the overall costs of that care. The project will benefit a population of 109,726 in four Pennsylvania counties. The end-user site located in the city of Bradford is within an Opportunity Zone.
PA	Robert Casey, Patrick Toomey	Glenn Thompson (15)	Youngsville Television Corporation	\$354,552	This Rural Development investment will be used to help fund the deployment of telemedicine infrastructure connecting medical responders to provide opioid dependency support to local and regional communities. In conjunction with participating medical centers, six volunteer fire departments within the region will receive teleconferencing equipment to be installed within their facilities, providing access to opioid response and support training. The training provides first responders the needed tools to identify, respond, and support opioid incidents within their communities. The teleconferencing equipment will also serve the ongoing training and support requirements of the first responders, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), and paramedics within each department.

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PR		Jennifer Gonzalez-Colon	The Puerto Rico Science, Technology & Research Trust	\$998,076	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide a telecommunications link to end user sites to deliver educational programs, instruction and information to students and teachers who are located in rural areas. Some of Puerto Rico's most remote communities suffered the greatest mortality and health-related crises following the recent hurricanes, earthquakes and COVID-19 Pandemic. This project will also improve healthcare to remote communities and reduce costs but will also decrease the negative impact on health in anticipation of future natural disasters. Telemedicine connectivity will facilitate provision of clinical services by Board Certified Physicians to improve quality-of-care and timely access to medical specialists in remote areas. As Puerto Rico rebuilds, striving to exceed pre-hurricane conditions, distance learning and telemedicine services can improve remote community resilience and access to specialized care. Future plans include improving sustainability of the communications infrastructure to have back-up options for emergency power and satellite-based internet. This will ensure access to critical medical guidance even if storm damage to transportation infrastructure were to isolate residents from specialist care.
PR		Jennifer Gonzalez-Colon	Migrant Health Center Western Region, Incorporated	\$869,565	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide substance use disorder treatment, mental health counseling and primary care services through telemedicine between 11 service branches. This project will change how telecommunications services can be delivered for rural and vulnerable communities in Puerto Rico. All systems will be in accordance with all regulatory standards. The Center will electronically link medical professionals at separate sites and exchange health care information in audio, video, graphic or other format for the purpose of providing improved health care services, mental health and substance abuse disorder primarily to residents of rural areas. This strategy will also deliver education through training and workshops to health providers and patients regarding mental and primary health conditions, substance use disorder, and self-management strategies.
SC	Lindsey Graham, Tim Scott	Jeff Duncan (03), William Timmons (04), Ralph Norman (05), James E. Clyburn (06) Tom Rice (07)	South Carolina Department Of Corrections	\$995,129	This Rural Development investment will be used to facilitate the delivery of health services including substance abuse treatment and mental health treatment to a prison inmate population via secure interactive video conferencing. The inmates will access these videoconferences through either a medical cart, a laptop in their housing unit, or in a meeting room with a videoconferencing system and large video display. The project will provide benefits to 15,120 people located in 16 counties in South Carolina.
SC	Lindsey Graham, Tim Scott	Jeff Duncan (03), Ralph Norman, Jr., (05), James E. Clyburn (06)	University of South Carolina	\$431,278	This Rural Development investment will be used to assist the University of South Carolina to replace and upgrade obsolete equipment now being used to deliver distance learning. The new equipment will allow the college to effectively and reliably deliver instruction with a distance and two-way learning network encompassing six rural counties in South Carolina.

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SC	Lindsey Graham, Tim Scott	Tom Rice (07)	Northeastern Technical College	\$750,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to upgrade the distance learning network in the South Carolina counties of Chesterfield, Marlboro, and Dillon. The funding will allow Northeastern Technical College (NETC) to purchase and install interactive videoconferencing equipment at four rural Hub / End User campuses and one correctional institution in the college's service area. The college sites will each be equipped with five distance learning rooms while Evans Correctional Institution will receive four video and virtual reality equipped rooms. The interactive videoconferencing systems will provide virtual connections between NETC and the correctional institution classrooms at the same time. With the additional rooms the college will be able provide complete college and technical programs to prepare inmates for careers after their release from incarceration with the goal of reducing recidivism. The system includes high-definition equipment to provide several connections, cameras that automatically track teachers and students, large high-definition monitors, and high-resolution audio.
SC	Lindsey Graham, Tim Scott	Tom Rice (07)	Northeastern Technical College	\$850,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a system upgrade to Northeastern Technical College's Distance Learning network in three counties. Interactive video-conferencing equipment will be installed at four college campus sites, eight high schools and one applied technology center. This fully synchronous Distance Learning network will serve students in the College's service area.
TN	Lamar Alexander, Marsha Blackburn	Mark Green (07)	American Health Companies Inc.	\$402,793	This Rural Development investment will be used to help fund the installation of telehealth equipment at five rural skilled nursing facilities. The new computers and video collaboration system will improve the hiring process for potential employees resulting in lower staff vacancies. The Certified Nursing Assistant program will use the computerized training system. The new equipment will also support the Relias learning system by giving staff access to the educational programs. The participating hubs/end-user sites are all skilled nursing homes that are Medicare and Medicaid certified, providing long-term care and short-term rehabilitation for residents of the rural communities.
TN	Lamar Alexander, Marsha Blackburn	David Kustoff (08)	Tipton County School District	\$976,742	This Rural Development investment will be used to help the Tipton County School District deploy an interactive distance learning network to students living in Tipton County. The network will allow real-time connection to teachers, special educators, counselors, remote classrooms, post-secondary institutions, as well as educational and cultural venues offering virtual field trip opportunities.
TN	Lamar Alexander, Marsha Blackburn	Mark Green (07), David Kustoff (08)	Carey Counseling Center, Inc.	\$328,433	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide mental health services in eight locations within six rural counties of northwest Tennessee. The project will enable residents of rural northwest Tennessee to see their mental health professional even if they are not located in their local office that day. This opens more appointment times since the practitioner can see clients from other locations.
TN	Lamar Alexander, Marsha Blackburn	David Kustoff (08)	Carroll County Schools	\$297,439	This Rural Development investment will be used to enable Carrol County Schools to bring distance learning for alternative school environments, dual credit and dual enrollment course offerings from colleges and universities. It will also provide quality educators if there is a shortage of qualified teachers. Additionally, it will provide telemedicine for the school nurse to properly diagnose illnesses and support low-income families.

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TX	Ted Cruz, John Cornyn	Jodey Arrington (19)	Education Service Center, Region 17	\$1,000,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to allow Region 17 Education Service Center to help participating school districts address access issues for both distance learning and telemedicine applications. Providing support for both areas has been identified as necessary to enrich the educational resources available to school populations in rural areas within Region 17. The project will increase e-Connectivity for rural students, support a rural workforce, and improve quality of life through telemedicine services, and provide support for treatment for general health and behavioral health areas.
TX	Ted Cruz, John Cornyn	Michael Cloud (27)	Palacios Community Medical Center	\$812,500	This Rural Development investment will be used to connect rural residents with virtual access to health care in a clinic, institution (Emergency Room/inpatient) and/or home setting. Through this connectivity, rural residents will have virtual access to their hometown providers in "real-time" via a telecom connection provided by Palacios Community Medical Center.
TX	Ted Cruz, John Cornyn	Michael K. Conaway (11), Jodey Arrington (19)	LCHD Foundation	\$585,388	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy interactive telemedicine carts and equipment to 20 sites across Lynn, Garza, Borden, Lubbock and Dawson counties. This project will provide health services to at-risk populations, including substance use disorder (SUD) individuals and patients that live in very remote locations.
TX	Ted Cruz, John Cornyn	Ron Wright (06)	Navarro College	\$132,800	The Rural Development investment will be used to involve three strategies to improve distance learning for the residents in rural communities located in five counties. Strategies include implementing video conferencing for dual credit students at rural high schools, establishing the Navarro College Mexia Campus as a hub for rural students to participate in distance learning programs, and installing a laptop kiosk at the Mexia State Supported Living Center to increase access for employees of the facility to Navarro College courses and programs.
TX and OK	Ted Cruz, John Cornyn (TX); James Inhofe, James Lankford (OK)	Ron Wright (TX 06), Kevin Brady (TX 08), Michael K. Conaway (TX 11), Randy Weber (TX 14), Michael Burgess (TX 26), Kevin Hern (OK 01), Markwayne Mullin (OK 02), Frank Lucas (OK 03), Tom Cole (OK 04), Kendra Horn (OK 05)	Epic Charter School	\$969,327	This Rural Development investment will be used to link urban schools in Oklahoma and Texas with rural schools, students, and community partners in both states to provide Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) learning, Career and Technical Education (CTE) certifications, Advance Placement (AP)/concurrent college courses, professional development, and opioid education service delivery. Interactive video conferencing equipment will be installed, including Video Codecs as shareable mobile cart systems or large-scale dedicated classrooms.

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VA	Mark Warner, Tim Kaine	Morgan Griffith (09)	Lee County School District	\$752,857	This Rural Development investment will be used to connect students and teachers at elementary, middle, and high schools to each other and to the Lee County Central Office and Career and Technical Center. The goals are to provide Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) courses and resources such as robotics competitions and meetups with in-the-field STEM professionals, provide students in alternative education programs the opportunity to attend their classes in real time, enable teachers to access quality professional development synchronously without incurring travel and time costs, and provide access for students as well as for the area community to tele counseling services and preventative substance abuse education. In addition, partnerships with local town councils and the Board of Supervisors will create opportunities to utilize the project equipment, consisting of interactive video conferencing technology, for local community meetings and forums. The project will benefit a total of 4,590 people and includes Jonesville, Va. which is in an Opportunity Zone.
VA	Mark Warner, Tim Kaine	Robert J. Wittman (01), Elaine Luria (02), Robert C. Scott (03), Donald McEachin (04)	Retina And Vitreous Center, P.C.	\$887,525	The Rural Development investment will be used to purchase telehealth equipment required to provide diagnostic and treatment services to patients with diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, eye tumors and ocular oncology, among other specialties. The system in each clinic will include live interactive videoconferencing hardware and software, a digital stethoscope, a specialized hand-held exam and diagnostics camera, and a variety of lens options. Images, data, and content would be presented during a live, interactive connection with a specialist supporting the clinician and patient at the remote location.
VA	Mark Warner, Tim Kaine	Denver Riggleman (05), Ben Cline (06), Morgan Griffith (09)	Carilion Medical Center	\$947,983	This Rural Development investment will be used to increase patient access to high-quality primary and specialty care services in 14 counties and six independent cities located in western Virginia through the expansion and optimization of an existing telemedicine network. Project equipment will include telemedicine carts (for the provision of teleneurology), peripherals to facilitate physical examinations of patients by transmitting audio visual information to remote physicians (for use in the proposed virtual care centers) and portable examination and vital sign devices.
VA and TN	Mark Warner, Tim Kaine (VA); Lamar Alexander, Marsha Blackburn (TN)	Phil Roe (TN 01), Morgan Griffith (VA 09)	Mountain States Health Alliance	\$313,361	This Rural Development investment will be used to help fund a "School-Based Telemedicine Virtual Health Clinic" that will improve the availability of health care to under-served children across eight counties in Tennessee and Virginia. Quality health care is provided right in the school setting without the need for transportation by parents/guardians. The program improves access to acute sick care for school children and faculty, and removes transportation as an obstacle to care.
VI		Stacey Plaskett	Government Of The Virgin Islands	\$723,048	This Rural Development investment will be used to expand access to vital resources for end user schools who were hard hit and have not yet fully recovered from recent hurricanes. This project will provide course work and services accessible through distance learning technology. It will equip elementary and primary schools to ensure all students will have access to the same quality instruction, Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) course work. It will also serve to increase opportunity and professional development for teachers and faculty. Through this project, students will be able to share the limited number of STEM qualified teachers, ensuring they are better prepared for academic success.

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VT	Patrick Leahy, Bernard Sanders	Peter Welch (At Large)	Vermont State Colleges	\$465,697	This Rural Development investment will be used to help fund the Northern Vermont University (NVU) Distance Learning Initiative, a partnership between NVU-Johnson and over 25 participating sites in Vermont. They include the Howard Center, Rutland Mental Health Services and Washington County Mental Health Services, among others. The partnership's mission is to expand distance learning and telemedicine services throughout the state. NVU-Johnson and the Howard Center are serving as fixed site hubs, each with diverse and different functions: The former will provide leadership, technical expertise and content delivery to participating project partners using the existing distance learning equipment; the latter will supply a wealth of online training and preventative resources aimed at treating substance-use-disorder, mental-health conditions, and other intellectual and developmental disorders. User sites across the state in nine counties will receive equipment to expand their telepresence to offer these resources.
WA and MT	Patty Murray, Maria Cantwell (WA); Jon Tester, Steve Daines (MT)	Dan Newhouse (WA 04), Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA 05), Pramila Jayapal (WA 07), Greg Gianforte (MT At Large)	University of Washington	\$1,000,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to allow the University of Washington's School of Dentistry to install interactive video conferencing equipment at rural clinical sites in six Washington State counties and five Montana counties. This Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM)-focused project will aid in the clinical education of the dentistry students in addition to facilitating the provision of dental services to a rural population.
WI	Ron Johnson, Tammy Baldwin	Ron Kind (03), Tom Tiffany (07)	Cooperative Ed. Service Agency 10	\$1,000,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to enable Cooperative Educational Service Agency 10 to implement a distance learning technology upgrade. The Achieving Wisconsin Equity Project will allow for cloud-based bridging and provide videoconferencing endpoints at 39 school districts in 14 counties in west central Wisconsin. Expanding schools' capabilities will provide the resources to help overcome disparities experienced by these rural school districts.
WI and MI	Ron Johnson, Tammy Baldwin (WI); Debbie Stabenow, Gary Peters (MI)	Ron Kind (WI 03), Tom Tiffany (WI 07), Mike Gallagher (WI 08), Jack Bergman (MI 01)	St. Vincent Hospital of the Hospital Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis	\$996,281	This Rural Development investment will be used to address the problems of rural health professional shortages, particularly opioid and substance use disorder (OUD/SUD) clinicians and behavioral health specialists, lack of patient access to acute hospital (critical and emergency department) and non-acute (outpatient clinic) care. The 13 hub/end user sites will provide emergency and treatment services for opioid/substance use disorders across 10 counties in western and eastern Wisconsin and two counties in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.
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