

**USDA Rural Development  
Community Connect Grants  
November 6, 2017**

| State | Recipient                                     | Grant       | Project Description   |
|-------|---|-------------|---|
| MN    | Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa    | \$2,109,007 | To construct an FTTP system to provide state-of-the-art broadband services to unserved residents and businesses in the Big Lake area of the Fond du Lac Reservation. A community center will be established where residents may have access to computer terminals and free internet for at least two years.   |
| OK    | Cherokee Telephone Company                    | \$1,838,385 | To build an FTTP system with speeds up to 1 Gbps in an unserved area of southwestern Hughes County. A community center will be established where residents may have access to computer terminals and free internet for at least two years.  |
| OK    | Valliant Telephone Company                    | \$2,049,500 | To construct a hybrid fiber and fixed wireless system with speeds up to 1 Gbps in the Choctaw Nation service area. A community center will be established where residents may have access to computer terminals and free internet for at least two years.   |
| TN    | Ben Lomand Communications, LLC                | \$1,558,148 | To construct state-of-the-art FTTP facilities serving 179 customers in the Pocahontas community in Coffee County. A community center will be established where residents may have access to computer terminals and free internet for at least two years.  |
| TN    | North Central Communications, Inc.            | \$2,836,184 | To construct an FTTP system for 278 unserved households in Trousdale and Smith counties. A community center will be established where residents may have access to computer terminals and free internet for at least two years.   |
| VA    | iGo Technology, Inc.                          | \$3,000,000 | To construct an FTTP system serving 676 establishments in an unserved portion of Buchanan County. A community center will be established where residents may have access to computer terminals and free internet for at least two years.  |
| VA    | Scott County Telephone Company                | \$3,000,000 | To construct an FTTP system with speeds up to 1 Gbps for 603 locations in the Big Ridge community and surrounding areas in Dickenson County. A community center will be established where residents may have access to computer terminals and free internet for at least two years.   |
| WA    | Hood Canal Telephone Company, Inc.            | \$2,346,378 | To extend broadband service to the Upper Lake Cushman area of Mason County. A community center will be established where residents may have access to computer terminals and free internet for at least two years.  |
| WV    | Central West Virginia Development Association | \$3,000,000 | To provide wireless broadband service to more than 3,600 households, businesses and critical community facilities in Barbour, Randolph and Upshur counties. This grant will help foster economic growth and deliver enhanced educational, health care and public safety services to North-Central West Virginia. A community center will be established where residents may have access to computer terminals and free internet for at least two years. |

**USDA Rural Development  
Farm Bill and Telecommunications Loans  
November 6, 2017**

| State | Recipient                                  | Loan         | Project Description   |
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| IL    | Wabash Telephone Cooperative               | \$9,413,000  | To construct 264 miles of a fiber to-the-premises (FTTP) broadband network in the Orchardville and Xenia, Ill., service areas. The network upgrade will increase broadband speeds and make fiber available to all subscribers.  |
| IA    | Western Iowa Telephone Association         | \$24,898,000 | To convert a copper system to an FTTP network to provide voice, video and data services for subscribers in and around Bronson, Castana, Climbing Hill, Hornick, Lawton, Merville, Oto and Smithland.  |
| KS    | Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc.       | \$59,775,000 | to construct 1,170 miles of fiber-optic plant and implement FTTP in 13 exchanges. System improvements will enable the company to enhance voice, DSL and internet television services, and increase broadband speeds.  |
| SD    | James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company | \$16,000,000 | To install more than 200 miles of fiber-optic cable. The FTTP network will serve more than 2,600 establishments and provide better telecommunications services and faster broadband speeds.   |
| TN    | Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative Corp.        | \$7,855,000  | To provide broadband fiber service to nearly 2,000 subscribers in and around Dunlap and Pikeville. The upgrades will improve traffic routing, overall functionality and network security.   |
| TN    | Twin Lakes Telephone Cooperative Corp.     | \$15,827,000 | To convert portions of a legacy copper network to an FTTP system and to delploy broadband infrastructure for further expansion. Approximatley 590 miles of copper lines will be replaced with fiber, allowing Twin Lakes to provide nearly 30,000 customers with enhanced broadband and voice services. |
| UT    | Beehive Telephone Co. Inc.                 | \$16,687,000 | To make system improvements in 11 of its 12 exchanges. Approximately 368 miles of fiber-optic facilities will be deployed to provide FTTP service in seven exchanges. These improvements will enable the company to enhance services and provide subscribers with faster broadband sneeds.              |
| VA    | Declaration Networks Group                 | \$8,700,000  | To build a wireless broadband system in Accomack and Northhampton counties in Virginia, and in Garrett County, Md. The company will offer data and Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) services.  |
| WI    | Chequamegon Communications Cooperative     | \$14,075,000 | To consturct 208 miles of broadband infrastructure to convert the remainder of the Barnes and Iron River exchanges to FTTP. The upgrade will all Chequamegon to provide 1 Gbps service to all subscribers.  |
| WI    | West Wisconsin Telecom Cooperative Inc.    | \$12,124,000 | To construct fiber infrastructure to support the FTTP network and to make system improvements. Software and equipment upgrades will support new features and continued subscriber growth.   |