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Summaries of 2007 Community Connect Broadband Grants October 1, 2007

AMERICAN SAMOA

American Samoa Telecommunications Authority IXC Division

Ofu Village, American Samoa

Grant Amount: \$820,343

Contact: Sene Aleki, (684) 633-1121

County: n/a

The Initiative will deploy broadband to the community and to the sole critical facility in the community, The Department of Health Ofu Dispensary. The broadband to the Health facility will enable the medical staff to communicate with the Department's Tutuila main office for training and administrative work. The Department of Health also plans to develop a video teleconferencing facility at the Ofu Dispensary for diagnostic, as well as out-patient follow-up. Access to VTC and computer facilities at the proposed community center will also allow for distance learning and training for the Ofu Dispensary medical staff.

ARIZONA

Smith Bagley, Inc. DBA CellularOne

Red Mesa CDP, Arizona

Grant Amount: \$195,279

Contact: Brian Gilbert, (928) 537-0690

County: Apache

Rural Development funds will be used to build a wireless network in Red Mesa, Arizona. The ten computers will be located in the Red Mesa Chapter House, which currently houses public meetings, the Head Start office, senior center, Division of Social Services, and community service programs. This unique public building will provide residents easy access to high-speed Internet access. Online educational opportunities, public safety notices, and telemedicine opportunities will all be made available through this grant.

ARKANSAS

Nexus Systems, Inc.
Jerome, Arkansas
Grant Amount: \$719,736
Contact: Mark Stevenson, (318) 340-0750
County: Drew

Rural Development will provide Nexus System the funding for a wireless broadband infrastructure for Jerome, Arkansas. The community center will be housed in a renovated two room school house from 1930. The school is owned by the town of Jerome, and is listed on the National Historical Registry. The Mayor's office, the Jerome Constable, and the community center will all be enjoying the benefits of free broadband access for two years.

PC One Cable, LLC.
Wilmar, Arkansas
Grant Amount: \$406,315
Contact: Jim Feeney, (201) 825-9090
County: Drew

Through Rural Development funds, PC One Cable, LLC will be providing broadband service to Wilmar, Arkansas. They are implementing a broadband coax infrastructure with a cable modem termination system for the broadband network. Many critical facilities will be enjoying the two (2) free years of broadband service they include: Township Hall, Police Department, Volunteer Fire Department, Volunteer Emergency Response Team, and the Wilmar Community Center. Wilmar children attend school in the neighboring town of Monticello; the availability of broadband will assist with daily homework assignments and research projects.

COLORADO
Southeast Colorado Power Association, Inc.
Aguilar, Colorado
Grant Amount: \$743,281
Contact: Richard Wilson, (719) 384-7320
County: Las Animas

Rural Development funding will be providing Southeast Colorado Power Association, Inc. the ability to provide wireless service to the residents and businesses in Aguilar, Colorado. The computers will be housed in the current Library/Community Center. It is centrally located in downtown Aguilar, and is the central hub for social activity in the town. The Aguilar Public Schools, library, and the fire department will all be receiving two years of free broadband access. There is currently no bank in the town, so residents may start to enjoy quick easy online banking access!

KENTUCKY

Liberty Communications, Inc.
Gratz City, Kentucky
Grant Amount: \$177,487
Contact: Vona Fuellheart, (858) 393-8995
County: Owen

Liberty Communications, Inc. will be deploying wireless broadband service in Gratz, Kentucky. The Gratz Store Diner is making room in their building to house the computers, indicating the high level of community support for this project. The Kentucky River and Rescue station will be receiving free broadband service for two years as a result of this grant.

LOUISIANA

Nexus Systems, Inc.
Hall Summit, Louisiana
Grant Amount: \$ 685,091
Contact: Mark Stevenson, (318) 340-0750
Parish: Red River Parish

Rural Development will provide Nexus System the funding for a wireless broadband infrastructure for Hall Summit, Louisiana. The town has provided a piece of land and a new community center is being constructed. Critical facilities participating in the two (2) free years of broadband access include: Hall Summit Police Station, Town Hall, the Mayor's office, and the volunteer fire department. Hall Summit was affected by Hurricane Rita, and lack of communications made it very difficult for emergency services to communicate properly. A wireless system may be able to help fill the gaps when other methods of communication fail.

PC One Cable, LLC.
Ramsey, New Jersey
Grant Amount: \$345,271
Contact: Jim Feeney, (201) 825-9090
County: Tangipahoa

PC One Cable, LLC owns the cable company in Tangipahoa, Louisiana. They plan to upgrade the analog system to provide broadband service in the community. The existing community center is owned by the town, and they have donated a room in the building to provide space for the ten computers with high-speed Internet access. Grant funding will allow for the necessary remodeling and upgrading of this room. Tangipahoa was hit by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The broadband service provided free of charge to the Police Department, Volunteer Fire Department, Volunteer Rescue Squad, and Town Hall will allow for quicker, better communications and real time updates of future storms.

MISSISSIPPI

Community Development Leagues of America, Inc.

French Camp, Mississippi

Grant Amount: \$761,000

Contact: Buck Flinn, (601) 954-6177

County: Choctaw

Rural Development funds will be used to build a wireless system in French Camp, Mississippi. The French Camp Town Hall will be renovated to provide 10 high speed internet connections using grant funds. The Volunteer Fire Department, the police department, and two schools will receive free high-speed Internet access as a result of this grant.

MISSOURI

PC One Cable, LLC.

Macks Creek, Missouri

Grant Amount: \$416,045

Contact: Jim Feeney, (201) 825-9090

County: Camden

PC One Cable proposes to implement a Broadband Coax infrastructure with a cable modem termination system as the backbone of its broadband network in Macks Creek, Missouri. Numerous critical community organizations will receive the broadband service free of charge. They include: Township Hall, Police Department, Volunteer Fire Department, Volunteer Rescue Squad, Elementary School, and High School. Grant funds will allow fire and rescue personnel the ability to receive virtual real time warnings bridging the digital divide between Macks Creek and the surrounding communities; allowing for faster requests for emergency medical crews and support. The Macks Creek Community Center will be built on an existing foundation slab owned by the city.

Texas County Rural Area Information Network

Village of Raymondville, Missouri

Grant: \$727,388

Contact: Brenda Bates, (417) 967-2900

County: Texas

Texas County Rural Area Information Network will be using a Fiber to the Premises network to provide to Raymondville, Missouri. Free access will be provided to City Hall and the Volunteer Fire Department. The community center will be housed in an existing building and made available to the public Monday through Saturday. Free web hosting, community calendar, community bulletin board, community directory, and classified ads are being provided by the applicant. In partnership with the University of Missouri Extension Service QuickBooks training will be offered as well.

OHIO

GMN Tri-County CAC, Inc.

Graysville, OH

Grant Amount: \$316,840

Contact: Gary Ricer, (740) 732-2388

County: Monroe

GMN Tri-County CAC, Inc., a nonprofit entity, will receive grant funds to provide wireless broadband service to Graysville, Ohio. The existing community center is handicapped accessible and will be used to provide free Internet access to the residents. GMN Tri-County will be providing two training sessions a month for the residents of Graysville. There are 2 critical community facilities located in the service area: the Graysville Volunteer Fire Department and the Bethel Ambulance Service; both are looking forward to the many benefits of having broadband service. This applicant had overwhelming community support, including over 50 signatures from a town of 113 people.

Chillicothe Telephone Company

Darbyville, Ohio

Grant Amount: \$603,200

Contact: William McKell, 740-703-8289

County: Pickaway

Rural Development funds will be given to Chillicothe Telephone Company to construct a fiber to the home network in Darbyville, 'leapfrogging' the town to the forefront of networking technology. Horizon and the Village Council also propose utilizing USDA funding to construct and equip a Community Center and associated computer lab by procuring a 1,500 square foot prefabricated building. The computer lab would provide critical access for residents unable to afford their own computers and broadband connections. The staff of the computer lab would also offer training programs to residents tailored to specific demographic and interest groups.

OKLAHOMA

Wichita Online, Inc.

Tatums, Oklahoma

Grant Amount: \$371,139

Contact: Dustin Hilliary, (580) 529-2700

County: Carter

Rural Development funds will be used to implement a Wi-Fi infrastructure for a broadband network in Tatums, Oklahoma. Many critical community organizations will receive the broadband service from Wichita Online: the public library, volunteer fire department, emergency medical, first response team, and the Tatums Town Hall. They will all enjoy the free broadband services being provided. The town lies within "Tornado Alley" and this allows the fire and rescue personnel to receive virtual real-time warnings of impending storms. In addition the citizens of Tatums, Oklahoma will be able to access high speed internet in the new community center being built with grant funds.

TEXAS

PC One Cable, LLC.

Fruitvale, Texas

Grant Amount: \$421,882

Contact: Jim Feeney, (201) 825-9090

County: Van Zandt

Rural Development funds will be used to upgrade the current cable system to provide broadband service to the community of Fruitvale, Texas. Free broadband service to the Town Hall, Police Department, Rescue Squad, and schools will allow for better communication increasing safety in the community.

UTAH

Smith Bagley, Inc. DBA CellularOne

Navajo Mountain CDP, Utah

Grant Amount: \$205,416

Contact: Brian Gilbert, (928) 537-0690

County: San Juan

Rural Development funds will be used to build a wireless network in Navajo Mountain, Utah. The ten computers will be located in the Navajo Mountain Chapter House, which currently houses public meetings, the Navajo Nation Land Administration, the senior center, Department of Employment and training, the Department of Behavioral Health, and the Boys and Girls Club.

VIRGINIA

Lenowisco, Inc. I

Town of St. Charles, Virginia

Grant Amount: \$594,400

Contact: Ron Flanary, 276-431-2206

County: n/a

Rural Development funds will be used to provide broadband service utilizing a fiber optic network. The project will provide service to seven (7) critical community facilities as follows: St Charles Community Center, St Charles Elementary School, St. Charles Fire Department, St. Charles Rescue Squad, St. Charles Community Health Clinic, St. Charles Respiratory Care (Black Lung) Clinic, and St. Charles Dental Clinic.

WASHINGTON

Ecliptixnet Broadband, Inc.

Northport town, Washington

Grant Amount: \$997,780

Contact: Jeff Tamietti, 509-954-2400

County: Stevens

Rural Development funds will be used to deliver Broadband Service in Northport, Washington using a wireless network. Many will benefit from such a project, including: Town Hall, Public Works, the Fire Station, Public School District #211, Public Library, and the Community Health Center will all be receiving two years of free broadband access as a result of this grant. In addition grant funds will be used to build a Community Center housing ten computers with Broadband access free for the community to use.

Ecliptixnet Broadband, Inc.

Marcus, Washington

Grant Amount: \$834,881

Contact: Jeff Tamietti, 509-954-2400

County: Stevens

Rural Development funds will be used to deliver Broadband Service in Marcus, Washington using a wireless network. Many will benefit from such a project, including: The Volunteer Fire Department and the Post Office in town will enjoy the benefits from two years of free broadband service. In addition grant funds will be used to build a Community Center housing ten computers with Broadband access free for the community to use.