



## Community Connect Awards – California

### **2011 Grant Award:**

#### **Karuk Tribe**

**Orleans, California**

**Grant Amount: \$1,141,870**

**Contact: Eric Cutright, (530) 493-1604**

**County: Humboldt**

**Congressional District: CA2 (project); CA2 (awardee)**

The Karuk Tribe will use grant funds from the Rural Utilities Service to provide wireless broadband services to the residents, businesses and critical community facilities in Orleans, California. The community will benefit from increased public safety, improved health care, additional educational opportunities, and other economic benefits. Free broadband Internet access will be provided to the local library, elementary school and volunteer fire department.

### **2009 Grant Awards:**

#### **ORCA Broadband Inc. Hornbrook, California**

**Grant Amount: \$550,950**

**Contact: Tom Wielert (541) 892-1894**

**County: Siskiyou; 2nd Congressional District**

ORCA Broadband Inc will use Rural Utilities Service funds to provide broadband Internet access to via a fixed wireless network to Hornbrook, a small town located in Siskiyou County in the Central part of California. Through funding provided by the Community Connect Broadband Grant, Hornbrook's fire and rescue personnel will now have the ability to receive virtual real time warnings, allowing for faster requests and response times.

#### **Yurok Tribe Yurok Reservation, California**

**Grant Amount: \$564,000**

**Contact: Maria Tripp, (704) 482-1350**

**County: Del Norte & Humboldt Counties; 1st Congressional District**

Yurok Tribe will use grant funds from the Rural Utilities Service to provide wireless broadband services to the Yurok Reservation. A community center will be established to provide free Internet access to tribal residents. Residents will be able participate in online education and training programs at the center. Free Internet access will also be provided to the tribal police and volunteer fire departments.

#### **Round Valley Indian Tribes of the Round Valley Indian Reservation Round Valley Indian Reservation, California**

**Grant Amount: \$474,886**

**Contact: Carlino Bettega, (704) 983-6126**

**County: Mendocino County; 1st Congressional District**

Round Valley Indian Tribes will use Rural Utilities Service funds to provide wireless broadband service to the Round Valley Indian Reservation in California. A community center will be established to provide residents free Internet access for two years. Education and career development programs will also be provided at the center.



## **2008 Grant Awards:**

**Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California Woodfords, California**

**Grant Amount: \$464,200**

**Contact: Debby Carlson, (775) 265-8629**

**County: Alpine; 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District**

Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California was awarded Rural Development funds to provide broadband services to the community of Woodfords, California. Broadband will be available to elementary and high school students, which will let them explore and appreciate their Native American heritage while at the same time developing a regional, national, and international outlook. In addition, Brigham Young University's long-distance learning will be available for students wishing to complete courses that enable them to graduate.

## **2005 Grant Awards:**

**Tule River Tribal Council Tule River Indian Reservation, CA**

**Grant Amount: \$795,630**

**Contact: Neil Peyron, 559-781-4271**

**County: Tulare**

The Tule River Indian Reservation is a very rural community of 566 people with limited employment, education and health care opportunities. A fiber network will link tribal members and key community resources to broadband services within and outside the reservation community. The Tule River Tribal Council will provide a community-based network of services to support the educational and social development of reservation residents and to provide a basis for further economic development activities. In addition, the project will provide an infrastructure to support telemedicine services at the Tule River Health Center and other medical facilities on the reservation and to improve public safety and fire prevention and control.



## **2003 Grant Awards:**

**Oacys Communications Inc. Richgrove, California**

**Grant Amount: \$454,507**

**Contact: Ted Olson, 559-781-4123**

**County: Tulare**

Richgrove, California is an agricultural community with a per capita income of only 68 percent of the national average and unemployment of over 15 percent. Poverty among families with small children can range as high as 30-60 percent. A unique blend of citizen and community organization leadership, such as the local irrigation district, all businesses and local essential community services, have brought this project together. The community will benefit from economic, educational and public safety opportunities.