



Community Connect Awards – Kentucky

2013 Grant Awards:

Crystal Broadband Networks

Community: IdaMay, Kentucky

Grant Amount: \$480,420

Contact: Nidhin Johnson, 877-319-0326

County: Lee County, Kentucky

Congressional District: KY-06 (project); KY-06 (awardee)

The Community Connect grant funding from the RUS will be used to deploy high speed broadband internet services to the area of IdaMay, Kentucky using Hybrid Fiber Coax Technology. The project also calls for deploying video and voice services to the entire service area. The community of IdaMay is often threatened by severe weather conditions, including tornadoes. Having access to real time weather radar and national weather updates are critical to saving lives. Service at the Broadband Grant Speed of 5 Mbps (upload and download speeds combined) will allow the community's fire and rescue personnel the ability to receive virtual real time weather warning updates.

Crystal Broadband Networks

Community: Lambric/Rousseau, Kentucky

Grant Amount: \$704,600

Contact: Nidhin Johnson, 877-319-0326

County: Breathitt County, Kentucky

Congressional District: KY-05 (project); KY-06 (awardee)

Crystal Broadband Networks will deploy service at the Broadband Grant Speed of 5 Mbps (upload and download speeds combined) to the areas of Lambric and Rousseau using Hybrid Fiber Coax Technology. The project also calls for deploying video and voice services to the entire service area. The communities of Lambric and Rousseau are prone to severe weather conditions, including storms, floods and tornadoes. This project will enable these communities to have access to real time weather radar and national weather updates. A community center will be made available as part of the project which will provide free service at the Broadband Grant Speed to all residents in Labric and Rousseau for at least two years.

2012 Grant Awards:

Inter Mountain Cable, Inc.

McCombs, Kentucky

Grant Amount: \$1,059,704

Contact: Paul Gearheart (606-479-6254)

County: Pike County

Congressional District: KY-05 (project); KY-05 (awardee)

Inter Mountain Cable, Inc. will use Rural Utilities Service funds to provide broadband services to residents, businesses, and critical community facilities within the community of McCombs, Kentucky through a Hybrid Fiber-Coax (HFC) Network. By connecting this network with their other networks, Inter Mountain Cable will provide a full range of broadband services to the residences, businesses and critical community facilities within the McCombs, Kentucky area. Inter Mountain Cable will provide broadband service free of charge to the community's fire department, and provide and staff a Community Center. The Community Center will provide residents the use of at least 10 computer workstations with broadband Internet access, operational assistance and training, and technical support free of charge for two years.

2011 Grant Awards:

Inter Mountain Cable, Inc.

Endicott, Kentucky

Grant Amount: \$993,339

Contact: Paul Greenheart, (606) 479-6254

County: Floyd

Congressional District: KY5 (project); KY5 (awardee)

Inter Mountain Cable, Inc. will use Rural Utilities Service funds to provide broadband services to the rural community of Endicott, Kentucky through a hybrid fiber coax network. A community center will be established as part of the project where local residents can access the Internet for free and where the grantee will provide computer/internet training workshops. Free broadband Internet access will be provided to the community center and volunteer fire department for two years.

Crystal Broadband Networks, Inc.

Heidelberg, Kentucky

Grant Amount: \$576,400

Contact: Nidhin Johnson, (630) 206-0447

County: Lee

Congressional District: KY5 (project); IL9 (awardee)

Crystal Broadband Networks, Inc. will use Rural Utilities Service funds to provide broadband services to Heidelberg, Kentucky through a hybrid fiber coax network. A new community center will be established, providing the residents with continuing adult education through on-line courses and a meeting place for the community's private groups and clubs. The community center and local post office will receive broadband Internet service free of charge for two years.

Crystal Broadband Networks, Inc.
Yellow Rock, Kentucky
Grant Amount: \$583,400
Contact: Nidhin Johnson, (630) 206-0447
County: Lee

Congressional District: KY5 (project); IL9 (awardee)

Crystal Broadband Networks, Inc. will use Rural Utilities Service funds to provide broadband services to the small town of Yellow Rock, Kentucky through a hybrid fiber coax network. The community is often threatened by severe weather conditions, including tornados. Real time weather radar and national weather updates are critical in saving lives. Broadband Internet access will allow the community's fire and rescue personnel the ability to receive virtual real time weather warning updates which saves lives. The community center and local schools will receive broadband Internet service free of charge for two years.

2007 Grant Awards:

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

Rural Development funding will provide wireless broadband service to Gratz, Kentucky. The Kentucky River and Rescue station will be receiving free broadband service for two years as a result of this grant.

2006 Grant Awards:

Heartland Communications Internet Services, Inc. Columbus, Kentucky
Grant Amount: \$426,321
Contact: Brad Housewright, 800-203-1853
County: Hickman

Rural Development funds will be used to build a wireless system in Columbus, Kentucky. The computers available for free public use are being housed in an addition off of City Hall paid for by the grant. The Volunteer Fire Department, Part-time Police Officer, and the Mayor will all benefit from the addition of high speed Internet access.

Open World, Inc. Concord, Kentucky
Grant Amount: \$94,430
Contact: James Risner, 859-514-1800
County: Lewis

Rural Development funds will be used to provide Concord, Kentucky with a wireless broadband system. A small community of 28 people, Concord has no critical facilities of their own. Adding high speed Internet allows residents to connect with neighboring communities.

SouthEast Telephone, Inc. Berry, Kentucky

Grant Amount: \$209,891

Contact: Darrell L. Maynard, 606-432-3000 EXT 310

County: Harrison

Rural Development funds will be used to add a community center to City Hall; ensuring residents of Berry, Kentucky have free access to the Internet. The Broadband service will be deployed using DSL technology. Great community support was shown, 269/310 residents signed a petition in support of SouthEast Telephone Inc. application for the grant. The critical facilities served by the grant will include: Harrison County Fire Department, Berry Fire Department, Berry Post Office, and City Hall.

SouthEast Telephone, Inc. Monterey, Kentucky

Grant Amount: \$214,153

Contact: Darrell L. Maynard, 606-432-3000 EXT 310

County: Owen

Rural Development funds will be used to provide Broadband Service to Monterey, Kentucky and the surrounding area via DSL. The community center and free computers will be housed in the Baptist Church. Great community support was shown in preparation of this grant, with 81 out of 167 people signing a petition for broadband service.

2003 Grant Awards:

Kenergy Corporation Calhoun, Kentucky

Grant Amount: \$132,333

Contact: Dean Stanley, 270-962-4141

County: McLean

This project will establish a Community Center, located in the Health and Human Services Center providing 10 computers to be available to local citizens. In addition, the County Health Department, Adult Education/Literacy Program, Emergency Medical/Ambulance Service and the Sheriff Substation will be connected to the highspeed broadband service. Other McLean County school and government facilities will be connected through the use of fixed wireless equipment.

New Cities Foundation Bellefonte, Kentucky

Grant Amount: \$213,094

Contact: Ms. Sylvia Lovely, 859-977-3700

County: Greenup

Bellefonte, Kentucky is a small community with limited financial resources and no highspeed broadband service. The residents of the community have higher unemployment rates and lower educational levels than is the average in Kentucky. With the grant funds, the applicant will install an engineering base station and activation of wireless modems including one at the fire station/police station, one at city hall and ten at the church basement/community center located adjacent to city hall. The wireless service is available up to five miles for businesses and residences providing high-speed availability. The wireless Internet service works through the installation of a small fifteen-foot antenna placed on the local water tank.

New Cities Foundation Raceland, Kentucky

Grant Amount: \$276,920

Contact: Ms. Sylvia Lovely, 859-977-3700

County: Greenup

Raceland, Kentucky is a small community with limited financial resources and no broadband service. The community is challenged with above average unemployment rates and a large number of residents needing additional education and training. The grant will provide for an engineering base station installation and activation of wireless modems including two at schools, one at the fire station/police station, one at city hall and 24 at the Raceland Community Center located adjacent to city hall. Participating in this project will be the Campbell Elementary School, the Raceland Independent High School, the fire station/police station, and the community center.

SouthEast Telephone, Inc. Phelps, Kentucky

Grant Amount: \$215,183

Contact: Darrell Maynard, 606-432-3000 EXT 310

County: Pike

Phelps, Kentucky is in Pike County, deep in the mountainous heartland of eastern Kentucky. Due to poverty and unemployment rates, the Appalachian Regional Commission designates the county as an “economically distressed county”. Participants in this project will include the ARH Phelps Clinic, Good Shepard Nursing Home, Majestic Family Resource Center, Majestic Grade School, Phelps Ambulance Service, Phelps Area Technical Center, Phelps Army ROTC, Phelps Branch Library, Phelps Elementary and High School, Family Resource Center, Volunteer Fire Department, and the Presbyterian Health Center.