



Community Connect Awards – Ohio

2011 Grant Awards

Crystal Broadband Networks, Inc.

Stafford Village, Ohio

Grant Amount: \$570,800

Contact: Nidhin Johnson, (630) 206-0447

County: Monroe

Congressional District: OH6 (project); IL9

Crystal Broadband Networks, Inc. will use Rural Utilities Service funds to provide wireless broadband services to the rural community of Stafford Village, Ohio. The community often experiences severe weather conditions. Broadband Internet access will provide the town of Stafford with the ability to receive virtual real time weather warning updates. This will allow for faster requests for emergency medical crews and support as well as speed the communications within the community itself. The community center and volunteer fire department will receive broadband Internet service free of charge for two years.

2007 Grant Awards:

GMNTri-County CAC, Inc. Graysville, Ohio

Grant Amount: \$316,840

Contact: Gary Ricer, (740) 732-2388

County: Monroe

Rural Development funds will be used to deploy a wireless broadband system to Graysville, Ohio. The Graysville Volunteer Fire Department and the Bethel Ambulance Service; will receive free access.

Chillicothe Telephone Company Darbyville, Ohio

Grant Amount: \$603,200

Contact: William McKell, 740-703-8289

County: Pickaway

Rural Development funds will be used to deploy a fiber to the home system to Darbyville, Ohio. A new computer lab that offers free access to those who can't afford computers or broadband access will be made available using grant funds.

2003 Grant Awards:

GMN Tri County CAC, Inc. Woodsfield, Ohio

Grant Amount: \$383,284

Contact: Gary M. Ricer, 740-732-2388

County: Monroe

This project will be a wireless broadband service including a community center with 26 computer terminals for the public to use. Training classes will be offered twice a month. Participants include the county commissioners, critical community facilitators, and the Monroe County Office of Economic Development. All critical community facilities will be connected, including schools, sheriff's office, emergency squads, volunteer fire departments, libraries, and city governments.