



Community Connect Awards – Tennessee

2013 Grant Awards:

Scott County Telephone Cooperative

Community: Stanley Valley

Grant Amount: \$2,607,000

Contact: William Franklin, 276-452-9119

County: Hawkins, Tennessee

Congressional District: TN-01 (project); VA-09 (awardee)

RUS grant funding will be used to construct a broadband IP Ethernet network with one gigabyte of bandwidth for locations throughout Stanley Valley, Tennessee. The system will tremendously benefit the community by boosting the local economy and promoting long term economic development. All Critical Community Facilities in the service area will receive free service at the Broadband Grant Speed of 5 Mbps (upload and download speeds combined) for two years and a community center will be established in the community where local residents will also have access to free service for at least two years.

2008 Grant Awards:

Pinnacle Ventures Nanki Poo, Tennessee

Grant Amount: \$246,448

Contact: Christopher Young, (731) 286-6275

County: Lauderdale; 8th Congressional District

Pinnacle Ventures will use Rural Development funds to provide wireless Broadband service to the community of Nanki Poo, Tennessee. The Community Center will be housed in the current Rescue Squad facility. Internet training, career and opportunity courses, and online rescue squad classes will be made available at the center.