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# **Southeast Oklahoma/Choctaw Nation Promise Zone Workshop**

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- Rural Development's (RD) team is excited to join you today
- We plan to provide you with the tools and contacts to apply for RUS-Telecom and RD, programs loans and grants
- There continues to be much interest in RUS Broadband programs, which means the grant process has become more competitive.



This week's Workshop will provide you with information on:

- Application processes;
- Lessons learned from RUS awardees;
- Updates from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and others

You will have a chance to talk with State RD staff and the RUS General Field Representative Mike Becker.

We all look forward to working with you and answering your questions



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Bailey, Shekinah	KS	Hemen, Patrick	SD
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# Oklahoma RUS Telecommunications Funding

- 2009-2015: Approximately \$376 million in Loans and Grants awarded to Oklahoma
- 2009-2015: Community Connect Grants awarded to OK:
  - Almost 14% (\$10.6 million of all grants awarded and 80% benefiting Tribal Trust Areas)
- 2015:
  - Approximately 21% (\$23 million) of all Tribal investments awarded to Oklahoma



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# Recent Community Connect Awarded in OK

Program:	Community-Oriented Connectivity Broadband Grant Program
State:	OK
County:	Seminole
Congressman, District:	Steve Russell, OK-05
Senators:	Jim Inhofe, James Lankford
Grantee:	@Link Services, LLC.
Mailing Address:	13431 Broadway Extension Suite 120 Oklahoma City, OK 73114
Project Description:	<p>The proposal will provide broadband at speeds surpassing those required by the RUS Community Connect Grant program to all homes, businesses, and critical community facilities in the Seminole County Proposed Funded Service Area. The proposal will provide a free community center that will be open to the public, accessible on weekends and outside normal business hours. The center will be proctored by trained, knowledgeable staff that will be able to assist and train guests of the center.</p> <p>The project will connect the existing @Link network that currently service approximately 10,000 subscribers to two communications towers constructed in and near the PFSA.</p>
Other Funding:	\$246,900
Total Project Cost:	\$1,718,576

